

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

June 2, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Miles

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Don Hustad

Organist: Jan Niemann

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
The hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
The love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day
Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

* HYMN

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ^k

(we begin with a moment of silence for personal confession)

Holy and Merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that at times we sleepwalk through life. We would like to close our eyes to our own sin and to sin around us. We would like to remain unaware of the ways in which we contribute to the brokenness of your good creation.

In Jesus' name we pray, wake us up to your calling and enliven us with your Spirit. Forgive our sinfulness and enable us to live according to your Way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Don't hit the snooze button on this life-giving announcement! I proclaim to you today that in Jesus Christ, forgiveness is real and available now to all who turn from sin. **Hallelujah, amen!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE

"Glory Be to the Father"

Margaret Jenkins Harris

Glory, glory to the Father!

Glory, glory to the Son!

Glory, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to the Three in One!

Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!

Praise our God, the Three in One!

Give Him glory, all ye people!

Wondrous things for us our God has done.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, awaken our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

"I Want to Be More Like You" arr. Brad Nix
BPC Choir | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

MESSAGE

"How to Sleep Through a Sermon" Rev. Kristie Miles
1 Samuel 3:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13; Acts 20: 7-12

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As a member of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized, using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ginger, Janet, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

BLESSING

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Ginger and Janet to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Ginger, Janet, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you. **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME

Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me"

722, vs. 1,4,5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

You are invited to silently thank God for one of your recent blessings.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD ®

OFFERTORY

“Speak, O Lord”

arr. Lloyd Larson

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* DOXOLOGY

“Doxology”

by Jimmy Owens

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ²

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ’s work of love in the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

You are invited to come to the Communion Table in groups of 8 to receive the Communion elements.

The servers will hand the elements to you. Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the stations and from the server in the aisle.

The Bread of Heaven; **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *“O Living Bread from Heaven”*

BPC Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD’S NAME

* HYMN

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

“Triumphal March”
Organist: Jan Niemann

by G. F. Handel

Worship Notes

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¹ Iona Abbey Worship Book.

² By Joanna Harader <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

Cover Art:

“My Second Sermon” by John Everett Millais. 1864. Oil on canvas. Guildhall Art Gallery (702). This companion piece to *My First Sermon* might not have pleased the Archbishop of Canterbury quite as much as the earlier painting did, but he gamely resolved that he and his brethren in the church should profit by the lesson it imparted.

The artist's son and biographer, John Guille Millais, writes, "with a view to the well-known picture, *My First Sermon*, my sister Effie, then [in 1862] a child of five years, was selected as the model. She also sat two years later for the companion picture of *My Second Sermon*, and from that time onwards all the children in turn were enlisted as models for different pictures" (371-72). Effie had been five in the earlier portrait; despite being a little older now, she is shown as having been lulled to sleep by the sermon. This was, after all, no longer a novel experience for her. Everything about her, from her curly hair freed from her Sunday hat, to her little dangling legs, suggests the "sweet and peaceful slumber" referred to in the long quotation below.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who had been so enthusiastic about the earlier painting, referred to this one too when he spoke at the Academy banquet of 1865, and this was reported in the newspapers as well:

“I would say for myself that I always desire to derive profit as well as pleasure from my visits to these rooms. On the present occasion I have learnt a very wholesome lesson, which may be usefully studied, not by myself alone, but by those of my right reverend brethren also who surround me. I see a little lady there (pointing to Mr. Millais' picture of a child asleep in church, entitled *My Second Sermon*), who, though all unconscious whom she has been addressing, and the homily she has been reading to us during the last three hours, has in truth, by the eloquence of her silent slumber, given us a warning of the evil of lengthy sermons and drowsy discourses. Sorry indeed should I be to disturb that sweet and peaceful slumber, but I beg that when she does awake she may be informed who they are who have pointed the moral of her story, have drawn the true inference from the change that has passed over her since she has heard her "first sermon," and have resolved to profit by the lecture she has thus delivered to them. [qtd. in Millais 379].” Bibliography: Millais, John Guille. *The Life and Letters of John Everett Millais, President of the Royal Academy*. 2 vols. Vol. 1. London: Methuen, 1899. *Internet Archive*. Web. 15 February 2015.

<http://victorianweb.org/victorian/painting/millais/paintings/44.html>



This Week in Our Church June 3 - 9

MONDAY	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
	Bells Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Fundraising and PB&G Meetings	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	Jr. Praise Team	6:30PM
	Stewardship/Benevolence	7:00PM
	Praise Team	7:30PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	CHURCH FUNDAY!	
	*Church School	9:00AM
	<i>for children & adults</i>	
	Worship	10:00AM
	Rise Up Against Hunger @ St Thomas	2:00PM-4:00PM

Prayer List

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher, Marlene Hirt,
Kiernan Holster, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillon Kearns, John Kearns,
Bob Mahns, Andy Meehan, Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli,
Rev. Larry Stoess, Michael Toth, Rich West

And Our Homebound:

Don Bertrand, Jack Macaluso,
Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River
Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold

SPECIAL SURPRISE EVENT NEXT SUNDAY



Hey folks, we've got a very special lineup for Sunday, June 9. **ALL kids will meet in the FLC @ 9:00AM.** At 9:00, the Christian Ed department and children will be enjoying games and fun in the FLC.

During the worship service, we will recognize our Christian Ed teachers/staff, our high school graduates, and scholarship recipients. At the end of the worship service (*in the sanctuary*), we will do a blessing. We will then invite everyone to move outside to enjoy fellowship, games, and cookies & lemonade. *Make sure to have comfortable shoes.* If the weather is not amenable to our plans, we will conduct that time of fellowship & fun in the FLC. *If anyone has yard games that you're willing to share for the day, please do!*



A Meal Packaging Event – We plan to pack over 10,000 meals to be sent to those who need it **NEXT Sunday, June 9th from 2:00PM – 4:00PM** at **St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 135 Salmon Street, Brick NJ**. For general information about Rise Against Hunger, visit **www.RiseAgainstHunger.org**.

All are Welcome to Participate in this Event – We will be **carpooling** to St Thomas and will **meet** in the **parking lot** by the *BPC Prayer Garden* at **1:45PM**.

SAVE THE DATES FOR BPC'S 2024

CAMP FIRELIGHT ADVENTURES!

Planning Is Underway!

More Details to Come



You could be the camp volunteer that changes a child's life, becoming a memory they hold onto for years to come, and did I say, IT IS FUN!

Dust off your camp gear and get involved!

It all begins Sunday, July 21st after the worship service, as we kick off VBS with the Annual BBQ!

Camp continues Monday, July 22nd to Thursday, July 25th from 5:30-7:00.

Interested in being a Camper??
call the church office 732-477-0676 or
email: bpcsundayschool11@gmail.com

Interested in Volunteering?? Contact
Christie Tompkins, 732-691-5921.

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Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*

Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*

Tim Towlen, *Moderator of Deacons; Michael Candeloro, Vice-Moderator*

Session

Class of 2025

Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, Patrice Law, Christy Tompkins, Craig Trautweiler

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Marty Haluza, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis

Board of Deacons

Class of 2025

Dorothy Aldrich, Carol Orbann, Elorm Banini, Sharon Thomas, Lauren Towlen

Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

Staff

Karen Ellis, *Financial Secretary*

Mike Kraynick, *Treasurer*

Patricia Loboda, *Administrative Assistant*

Lorrie Haluza, *Interim Christian Education Coordinator*

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Edmond Murphy, *Director of Vocal Music*

Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*

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