

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church

As for me
and my
household,
we will serve
the Lord.



Joshua 24:15

ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

HEALING SERVICE

August 25, 2024

* Please stand as you are able Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Abby Alino, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

arr. Melody Bober

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in your presence, God,
In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
And you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you have invited us;
And you have promised never to turn us away.

* HYMN

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

619 vs 1, 2, 4

PRAYER

Loving God, You gather us here today, here, where many have come before us seeking your healing, strength, and love.

**You know us, God:
You understand who we are,
You know what troubles and puzzles us,
What makes us smile and what makes us sad.
You listen to our questions and our prayers.
You know the people we love, God,
And the people we struggle with.
Sometimes we hurt others;
Sometimes we hurt ourselves.
So, we bring our own hurt
Asking for your healing;
And we bring the hurt we have caused others,
Asking for forgiveness.**

(pause)

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

"Don't be afraid."

"I love you."

"Your sins are forgiven."

"I will be with you always."

(pause)

**Write these words in our hearts, loving God,
Let them take root in our living. 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

"Amen"

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ²

Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud as they walked together in the wilderness. Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 p. 206 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Messages"* by Marcia Hendron
Soloist: Lori Evans | Flautist: Susan Gargano

2nd SCRIPTURE READING John 6:56-69 p. 929 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;
Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967, 9.55

With an urgency born of [the hope that God's redemptive work is already present in the world], the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

THE INVITATION

At the end of the next hymn, you are invited to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a situation in the world, by taking it in turn to sit in one of the seats in the front of the sanctuary. Also, if you wish to share in providing the gift of the laying-on of hands, please come forward and place a hand on the shoulder of the person in front of or next to you.

Whatever your participation, you are invited to speak the words of our prayer below.

* HYMN

“For You, My God, I Wait”

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LAYING ON OF HANDS AND HEALING PRAYER

**Spirit of the Living God,
Present with us now,
Heal you in body, mind, and spirit,
And free you from all that harms you,
In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(unison)

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.

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OFFERTORY *"On Eagle's Wings"* arr. Mark Hayes
Virtual Trio with Flautist, Susan Gargano

* DOXOLOGY *"Gloria Patri"* # 581
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* # 291

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Victory in Jesus"* arr. Melody Bober
Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

Worship Notes

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¹ Portions of today's liturgy come from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Wild Goose Publications: Glasgow, Scotland. 2017. P. 109-128.

² Amy Loving <http://worshipcloset.com/words-for-worship-18th-sunday-after-pentecost/>



**Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In Loving Celebration of Henrik's 10th Birthday
by Nana & Grampy Ellis.**

Children and Families Have Options in Worship! At the front of the sanctuary on the left-hand side, we have a "PrayGround area." This space is for children to sit together and do quiet activities while being present for the worship service. Children's bulletins, lap desks, crayons / colored pencils, puzzles, soft toys, and children's Bibles are available in the narthex. ***The Nursery, in classroom #1, is also available for young children.***

Prayer List:

***The church was informed of the passing of Dot Jones on Friday, August 16.
Please pray for her family.***

Gary Baker, Donovan & Family, Figueroa family, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Kiernan Holster, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillon Kearns, John Kearns,
Luke Meli, Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli, Michael Toth, Judy Willbergh

And Our Homebound:

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



Tuesday, August 27

**Worship Committee Mtg
Special Session Mtg**

**5:45PM
7:00PM**

Wednesday, August 28

Food Pantry Open

10:00AM-2:00PM

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Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*
Tim Towlen, *Moderator of Deacons*; Michael Candeloro, *Vice-Moderator*

Session

Class of 2025

Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, 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

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