

ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 1, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brian Miles, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Mark Edwards Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Let us worship God together!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF PENELOPI WEAVER

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ...

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

* HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in individual, silent prayer, then together in our common prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live into your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Chronicles 16:34

O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endures forever." I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God, 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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. **Amen**.

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

p. 536 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Change My Heart/Lord, Be Glorified"

arr. John F. Wilson

Flautist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:36-47

p. 948 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE

"The Church at Its Best"

Rev. Kristie Miles

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.

Dennis and Bill, 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

. . . Dennis and Bill, 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

"One Bread, One Body"

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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 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Brent Olstad Flautist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.

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**.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And forget not all God's benefits. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN "Let Us Build a House"

301, v. 1-4

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Mark Edwards

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



Worship Notes

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Children and Families Have Options in Worship!

At the front of the sanctuary on the right-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*.



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,

In Memory of Catherine Idarola,

by Terri Idarola-Harley.



Good Morning

Today is a joyous day at BPC as **Penelopi Weaver** is baptized and the church welcomes new members, **Dennis Jenzer** and **Bill Watson**. **Welcome to the House of the Lord!**

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER



Rt. 70 in Lakewood, across from Costco

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17 & 18

Available all day, Dine-in only. 10% of all food purchases will be donated to BPC. Please pick up the necessary flyer in the Narthex.



Bell Choir - Bell Ringers are needed. Practices are held weekly on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., and the Bells play during Worship on the 4th Sunday of each month.

If interested in joining this music ministry, see **Bonnie Luton** or call the church office at 732-477-0676.





Saturday, September 21 from 10-2 and Sunday, September 22 before & after worship Prepaying is Available!

If prepaid, we can reserve your mums, so you don't miss out. We ran out of certain colors last year, so make sure you prepay and reserve the colors you want. Visit the fundraising table to reserve your mums.

Prayer List:

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



Monday, September 2	Holiday, Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Tuesday, September 3	Fundraising Com. Meeting PB& G Com. Meeting	7:00PM 7:00PM
Wednesday, September 4	Food Pantry Open Stewardship/Benevolance N	10:00AM-2:00PM 7:00PM
Sunday, September 8	Special Fellowship for Pastor Kristie after Worship	

NOTES

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Rev. Kristie Miles, Pastor

Annemarie Gilman, *Clerk Pro-Tem*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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