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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 29, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Judy Gavan, Liturgist

PRELUDE

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Cindy Dwyer

Charles Converse arr. by Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 124*

If it were not for the Lord, who is for us?

**Could we be left with no one?**

**Would we risk being swallowed up alive?**

**Could the flood waters sweep us away?**

The Lord, who is for us, saves us.

**We are saved from enemies and their anger;**

**saved from the torrent of raging waters!**

Blessed be the Lord!

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

the snare is broken!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!**

**Come! Let us worship our Lord!**

\* HYMN

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

#408

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and Sisters, we are each a child of God. And yet in our becoming grown, we have often failed to love ourselves and our neighbors. Let us confess our sin before God:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, I have forgotten how simple, how easy and freeing love is. It seems that in my confusion, I make loving too complicated and feel separate from others, and even myself. After this happens, I cease trying to love.

**God of Mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves, and still, you love us.**

God, I am confused by all the mixed messages I hear. What is it to live faithfully? How can I walk in right paths?

**God of Redemption, wash us from all our sins, create in us clean hearts, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we might give you praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Ann Schoonover

Friends, Jesus said "let the little children come to me". Remembering that we are God's children, we are always welcomed home. Once we were far off, but now we are no longer distant. Once sinners, we are now made new creations in Christ. God's love and mercy are steadfast; our sins forgiven.

**Thank 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.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE     *"Have Mercy God, Upon My Life"*     #421 vs. 1 & 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:  
pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.  
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Gavan

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.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20  
Pew Bible p. 1056

Judy Gavan

ANTHEM

*"Great Are You Lord"*

Leonard, Ingram & Jordan

Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50  
Pew Bible p. 877

Rev. Ann

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

MESSAGE

*"What Are the Options?"*

Rev. Ann Schoonover

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Holy Spirit"*

by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Soloist: Sharon Thomas | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

\* DOXOLOGY

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*(unison)*

**God of new life, we give of the first fruits of our labors, so that we can provide ministries of material help to all who have need. May the care we provide to others reflect the new hearts we have been given in our ourselves.**

**We pray that those in need of water will be given a full cup; that those in need of food will be fed, that those in need of clothing will be clothed, and that those needing shelter will be welcomed in.**

And we pray that the Good News of the Gospel is made known to all who seek your life-changing love. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

#547

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Cindy Dwyer

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. by Fred Bock



*The Nursery, in classroom #1, is available for young children.*

Worship Notes

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<sup>1</sup> <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>



## **Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive!**

If you are feeling healthy and well, please consider donating.

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Brick Presbyterian Church Family Life Center**

Blood donation is a safe process, and people should not hesitate to give and receive blood. At each blood drive, Red Cross employees follow extensive safety protocols.

To schedule an appointment:

Visit [rcblood.org/appt](https://rcblood.org/appt)

Sponsor code: Brick Presbyterian Church

or

call/text Tracey Podolsky at 732-300-0886

**Please Tell a Friend!**



## **BPC Holiday Food Drive Has Begun**

**As the holiday season quickly approaches,** the Deacons would like to stock the shelves of our food pantry to provide those in need with all the food items necessary to enjoy a nutritious home-cooked meal. **We are asking** all those who are able, to fall into the spirit of giving by **donating mashed potatoes, cranberry, gravy, and stuffing** to the Brick Presbyterian Church's Food Bank during the month of October.

### ***Strength Club for Brick Residents - Ready to Get Stronger Together?***

**Strength Club is for everyday adults looking to build strength for life.** Whether you're new to fitness or have some experience, this class meets you where you are, with exercises that are fully adaptable to your level. My goal is to help you feel stronger, more mobile, and less stiff, so you can live an empowered life. Join us and work toward longevity and strength in a supportive community environment.

\*\$10 suggested donation, \$1-20 sliding scale. **Classes are on Monday and Wednesday at 6pm and Saturdays at 9am** in the Family Life Center.



**Seated Strength & Stretch is an adaptable 30-minute class perfect for those who need a little extra support.** If standing for long periods or balance is a challenge, this class offers a safe way to build strength and flexibility from the comfort of a chair. While it's great for seniors, anyone who can benefit from a seated workout is welcome. Together, we'll move toward better mobility and well-being, one step at a time.

\*\$10 suggested donation, \$1-20 sliding scale. **Classes are on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm** in the Family Life Center.

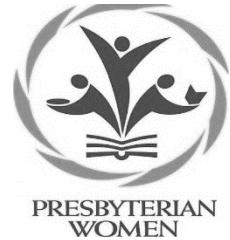
***For more info, speak with Geoffrey Blake.***



## ***Calling All Women of the Church!***

The first gathering of Presbyterian Women's (PW) Circle at BPC is **October 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in the FLC!

Please contact **Elaine Salto** at: [sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com](mailto:sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com) or 732-477-6332 for more information.



## ***Boscov's Coupon Sale***



**Coupons are on sale now for \$5.00**, and that will entitle you to 25% off most items. **October 22, 2024, is the day of the sale**, and you can shop from 8am – 11pm. There are a few restrictions, *such as*, some items have 15% or 10% off, but everything is listed on the back of the coupons.

***Stop by the fundraising table to purchase your Boscov's Coupon.***

## ***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

Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River

Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold



<b>Monday, Sept 30</b>	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Bells Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct 1</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>	<b>1:00-6:00PM</b>
	<b>PB&amp;G Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct 2</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM - 2:00PM</b>
	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Junior Praise Team Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
	<b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Stewardship &amp; Benevolence</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct 3</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct 5</b>	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 6</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Worship – World Communion</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

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*Annemarie Gilman, Clerk of Session - Pro-Tem*

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

**Session**

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*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*

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*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*

*Lauren Dyke, Christian Education Leader*

*Cindy Dwyer, Pianist*

*Bonnie Luton, Handbell Choir Director*

*Edmond Murphy, Director of Vocal Music*

*Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader*

*Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus*