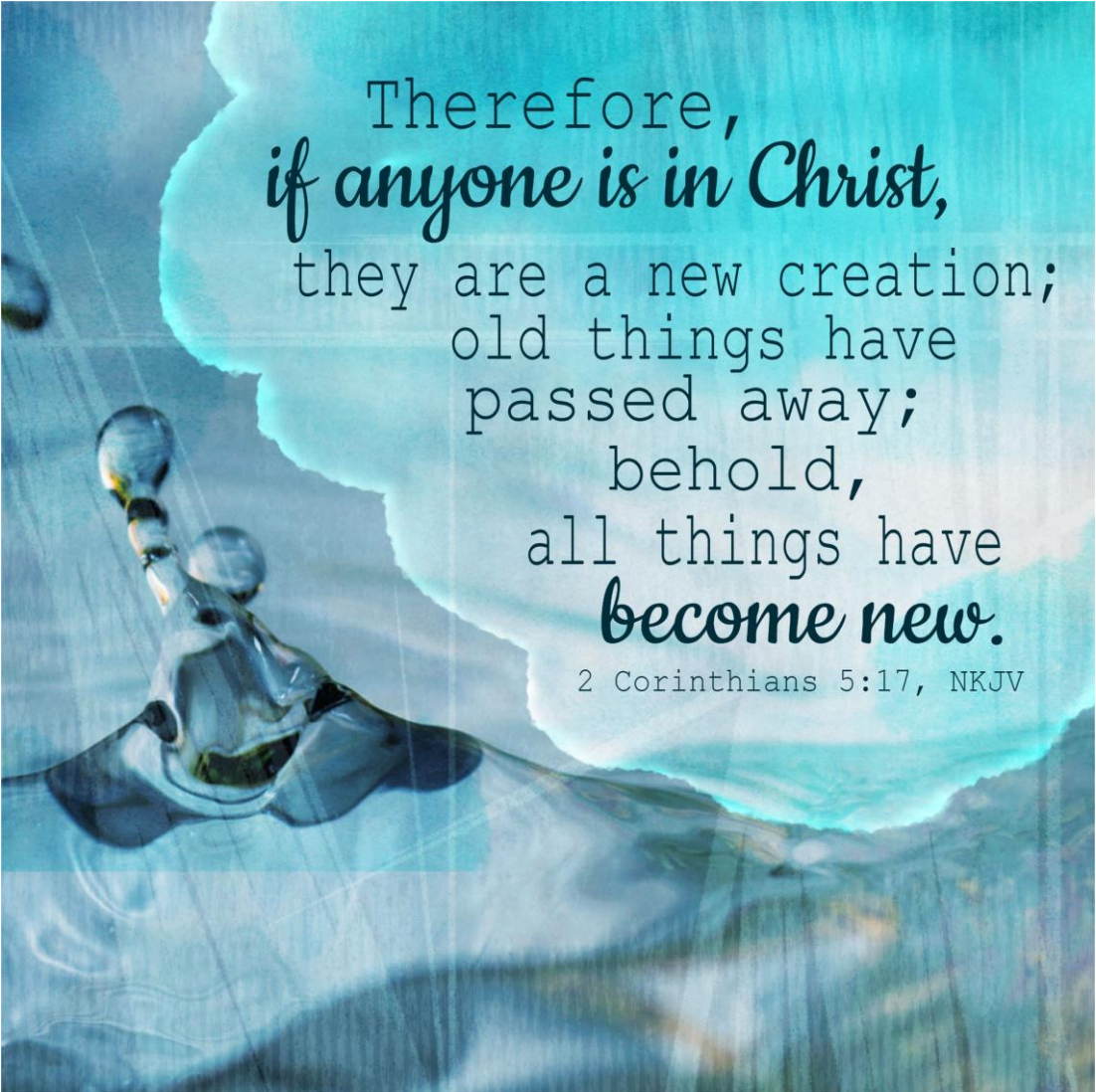


*Welcome to*  
***Brick Presbyterian Church***



Therefore,  
*if anyone is in Christ,*  
they are a new creation;  
old things have  
passed away;  
behold,  
all things have  
*become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 8, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brian Aldrich, Liturgist

PRELUDE

*"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

arr. Mark Edwards

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>

The world belongs to God,  
**The earth and all its people.**

How good it is, how wonderful,  
**To live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together,  
**Justice and peace join hands.**

If Christ's disciples keep silent  
**These stones would shout aloud.**

Open our lips, O God,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

\* HYMN

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

# 39

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

## CALL TO RELEASE

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a time and a season for all things under heaven. There is a time to hold on, and there is a time to release. Each week we confess, individually and as one body, the sins that we want God to release us from and we are reminded that God has let go of them and therefore we can too. Our *Prayer of Confession* is not only for releasing of our sins, but it is a time to release all of those *things*, those *patterns*, those *relationships*, that no longer serve the greatest good at this time. Today, we will release one another from our Pastoral Relationship, not because we are bad or irredeemable people, but because God calls us to new things. In order to be receptive to those new things, we must let go of the old.

## THE LETTING GO

*(Please take a moment of silence to reflect on what you would like to let go of)*

As Peter laid down his nets and the security of the family business,

**So we lay down what is past and look to the future.**

As the Good Samaritan, with oil and wine, cloth and coin, comforted a wounded stranger:

**So we take into daily life signs of hope and healing.**

As the Tax Collector and the Woman at the Well were forgiven their sins by Jesus,

**We let go of sin and embrace the freedom in God.**

As the Israelites trusted God's lead and women named Mary served the Christ,

**So we reach beyond ourselves to the source of life, redemption, and love.**

## PROCLAMATION OF RELEASE

Hear and claim these words from Romans 8: "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."

**Thanks be to God, Amen!**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE

*"Gloria Patri"*

# 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S 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.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:4-14

p. 676 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

*"Open My Eyes"*

arr. Douglas Nolan

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 4:11-16

p. 1035 in pew Bible

*These are the words of Holy Scripture for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*"The Gift in the Vacancy"*

Rev. Kristie Miles

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

DEDICATION

*You are invited to take this moment of silence to meditate on God's word to you today and ponder how God is calling you to dedicate or re-dedicate your life.*

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

# 69

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *"A Brief Statement of Faith"* section 1

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND CONCERN

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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* arr. Victor C. Johnson  
BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

\* RESPONSE

*"Doxology"*

# 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, 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.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\* HYMN

*"Shalom Chaverim"*

# 540

*Sing first in English, then in Hebrew.*

## PARTING BLESSING

The Creator's blessing be yours: on the road, on your journey, guiding and cherishing you.

**The Son's blessing be yours, wine and water, bread and stories, feeding you, challenging you.**

The Spirit's blessing be yours: wind and fire, joy and wisdom, comforting you, disturbing you.

**The Angels' blessing be yours: on your house, on your living, guarding you, encouraging you.**

*(pause)*

**God's blessing be ours; the blessing of pilgrims all the nights and days of our journey home.**

POSTLUDE

*"Blessed Assurance"*

arr. Fred Bock

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



**Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
*In Memory of Arthur & Muriel Best,*  
by Joan Horan**

### **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.*

#### **Worship Notes:**

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## Christian Education Update from Lauren

**Another year of Sunday School is upon us.** I am so excited to be kicking off this year as the Christian Education Leader. As I settle into this new role, I cannot wait to shake things up and make Sunday School bigger and better than it ever was before. This year is going to look a little different than those that came before us. We are still going to hold Sunday School at 9am (*for all ages, k-12*). However, we are also bringing back Sunday School during the 10am worship for any students in grades k-3.

All Sunday School students be called at 9am to the FLC. We will begin the morning with coffee/light refreshments and family spiritual practices such as bible time, prayer journal, gratitude jar, etc. Families of the students are more than welcome to join us during this time, and then they may enjoy some fellowship with the other families/adults while the students move on to their next activity. Students will then participate in Story Telling/Christian Action. The content of these activities will depend on the themes during that time of year. For example, from mid-October to December, the students will primarily be working on their Christmas Pageant performances (scheduled to happen the morning of Sunday, December 8th). There will be several major units throughout the year that will each end in some sort of presentation for the congregation to show off everyone's knowledge and hard work. We also intend on having guest speakers come in on certain Sundays throughout the year to teach our students about our church and how it runs.

When it is time for worship at 10am, everyone will be encouraged to attend the service and children's moment. After the children's moment, students in grades k-3 will depart to their Sunday School class for a lesson and action relating to the lectionary. Students in 4th grade or above will remain in worship with activities relating to the sermon or lectionary scripture reading of the day. Students that turn in their completed activities outside the sanctuary after worship may receive a prize!



Doesn't all of this sound fun for both you and your kids?! Fellowship, food, and Christian Education - how much better can it get? **Registration for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year is now open, and Registration forms are in the Narthex.**

**The first day of Sunday School will be September 29<sup>th</sup>.** We will be **hosting a pancake breakfast at 9am on September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, to meet the teachers and students while we discuss the Sunday School calendar for the next three months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can also reach me at **732-703-3145** or **bpcsundayschool111@gmail.com**. I look forward to working with everyone this year. God bless!

*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

## 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.



### **BPC Annual Mum Sale**

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.*



<b>Monday, September 9</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	6:00PM
	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	7:00PM
	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00PM
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	<b>Session</b>	7:00PM
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	10:00AM-2:00PM
	<b>C &amp; T Meeting</b>	11:30AM
<b>Saturday, September 14</b>	<b>Church Workday</b>	8:00AM – 12:00PM
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>	<b>Worship</b>	10:00AM

**NOTES**

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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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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*