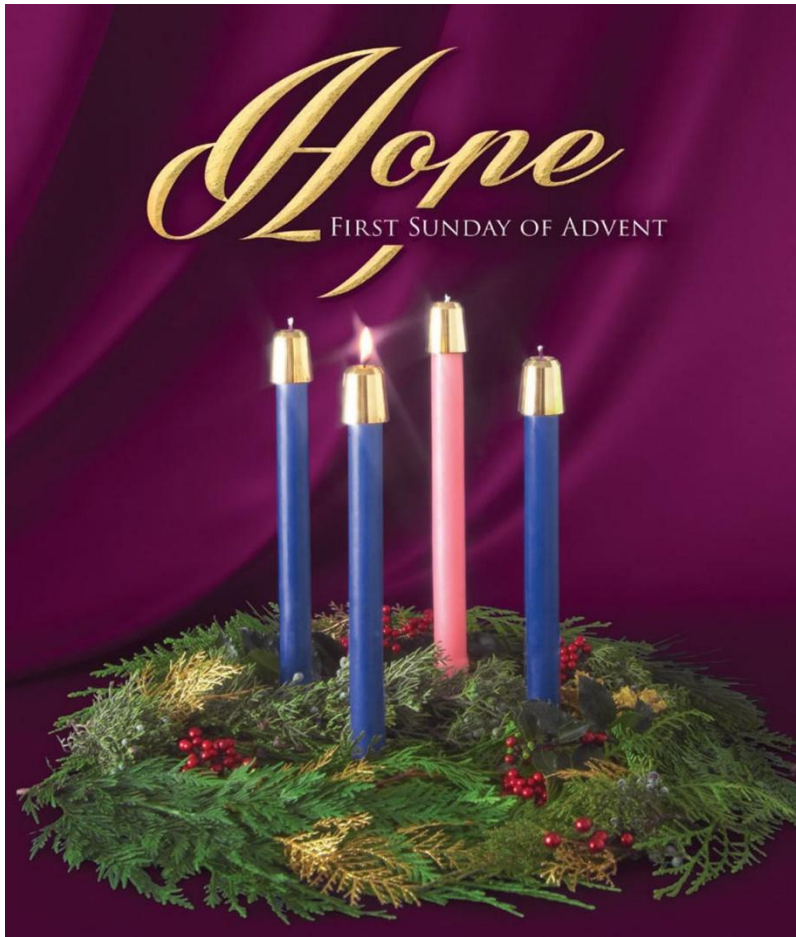


Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

1st Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Rowland Hugh Pritchard
Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AT THE ADVENT WREATH

Christy Tompkins

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Thomas Family

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. We light this candle in hope.

Light the first candle.

Hear God's promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16 ...

L: Let us pray: Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us.

P: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER:

(unison)

God of promise, as we light this first candle, we remember the hope that shines in the darkness. May its flame remind us of your faithfulness and the light of Christ that guides our path. Help us to be bearers of hope in

our world, sharing your love with all we encounter. God of hope, we invite your light to shine in us!

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: *"People Look East"*

**People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Thomas

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, & resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again, the words of the prophets, and the gospel of Christ.

Let us worship God. Glory to God in the highest!

* HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Eileen Lindner

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness, we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope. But we are frightened by your call. We are afraid of

taking chances; we are afraid of following your light, because it leads us unto the places where you need us. We don't want to see how your people hurt.

We don't want to see your light shining in the eyes of our neighbor. Yet we know that in those places your grace shines; help us seek your light. Help us make a space for grace. Guide us in your way that we may be the people you intend for us to be. In the name of the Christ who is coming among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Eileen Lindner

God's abiding love grants us mercy and grace. God makes all things new.
By these promises we know that we are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As forgiven people, we are invited to share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Eileen

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible p. 683

ANTHEM

“Advent Hope”

by Joseph M. Martin

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-33

Pew Bible p. 915

The Words of Holy Scripture for the People of God;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“In the Waiting Room”

Rev. Eileen Lindner

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

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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

Rev. Eileen

L: Let us take a moment to silently thank God for the blessings in our lives, acknowledging all we have received through His grace.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Eileen

L: As we present our offerings, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude,
trusting that God will use these gifts to bless others.

I invite the ushers to come forward.

OFFERTORY

"Bring Us Hope"

by Ruth E. Schram

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY

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**Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

(unison)

We give you thanks, O Holy One, that you have fed us in this sacrament, anticipating together the feast at your welcome table on that Great Day. Fill us with a hunger to live and serve so that all may taste and see your goodness to us in Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

17th Century French Carol



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

Worship Notes

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Chelsea Britton and Cadence Thomas



The Worship Committee Is Asking for Your Help!

There are envelopes placed in the church pews now until **December 15, 2024**, to donate Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. Please consider donating to beautify our church for Christmas. *Thank you.*

Christmas Eve Worship Service



This year Christmas Eve is on Tuesday. Our candlelight service will be at 7:00 p.m.



Calling All Christmas Cookie Bakers - We Need Cookies!

We are **calling on all our wonderful BAKERS** for the annual cookie sale. Last year we **sold out in less than 3 hours!** This is a wonderful opportunity for BPC to make extra money for those things we need very soon. *Air Conditioning in the sanctuary is one, for example.*

If possible, please think about doubling your generous donation this year. The **Cookie Sale** will be held **December 14th**, so start digging out those recipes. *It will be greatly appreciated.*



BPC Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for the Youth Group

December 15th from 11am -3pm

Bring your gifts and we'll wrap them for you in the BPC Family Life Center. Drop off and pick up service available. For more information, contact Sharon @ 732-858-4340. 1-5 gifts \$5. 5-10 gifts \$10. *Free will offerings accepted.*

Prayer List

Gary Baker, Donovan & Family, Carol Chandler, Figueroa family,
Lori & Harold Fisher, Kiernan Holster, Rich Irwin,
Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli, Michael Toth, Judy Willbergh



And Our Homebound:

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

Monday, Dec 2



Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
Strength Club	6:00PM
Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
Bells Rehearsal	7:00PM

Tuesday, Dec 3

PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM

Wednesday, Dec 4

Food Pantry Open	10:00AM - 2:00PM
Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
Strength Club	6:00PM
Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
Stewardship Meeting	7:00PM

Thursday, Dec 5

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
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Saturday, Dec 7

Strength Club	9:00AM
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Sunday, Nov 24

Christmas Pageant

Sunday School	9:00AM
Worship	10:00AM

Christmas Gift Wrapping at Boscov's

We have the opportunity again this Holiday Season to wrap Christmas gifts at Boscov's in exchange for donations to BPC. A sign-up sheet is available with select dates and times during November and December.

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

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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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Edmond Murphy, Director of Vocal Music

Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader

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