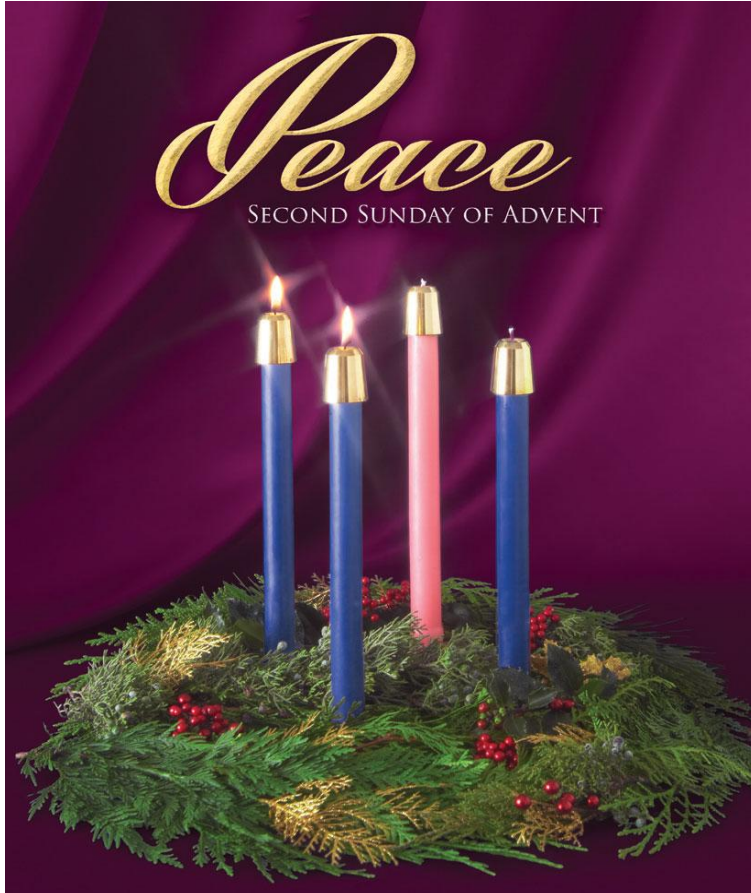


Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

2nd Sunday in Advent - Peace

December 8, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Hanson Voegborlo, Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

Elaine Salto

PRELUDE

"Shine"

by Angie Killian

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Banini/Voegborlo 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

We light this candle for peace.

Light the second candle

Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child. A reading from Luke 1:76-79 ...

L: Let us pray: God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God.

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

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER:

(unison)

God of hope, Prince of peace, you speak peace into the world in the way of the Christ child.

Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers, so that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness, come!

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN:

“People Look East”

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth,
Christ who brings new life to earth.**

**Set every peak and valley humming with the word,
the Lord is coming.**

**People, look east and sing today
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hanson Voegborlo

Hear the angel voices!

Saying, “Do not be afraid!”

They come to bring the Good News,

of great joy for all people.

Let us join with all the angels,

and bring all our praise to Jesus our Savior

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus proclaimed his mission to seek and save the lost. As we anticipate the celebration of our Lord's birth, let us confess and repent and draw near to the One who brings salvation.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God's peace is ours, and we are restored to live in that peace with God and one another.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GRACE

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive 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.

BPC Church School Pageant

"Joy to the World"

SONG:	<i>"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"</i>	Go Fish Kids Music CCLI Song #7050420/CCLI License #1853779
HYMN	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	Chris Tomlin
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"The Friendly Beasts"</i>	arr. Garth Brooks
HYMN	<i>"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	Kids Christmas
HYMN	<i>"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"</i>	Chris Tomlin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(unison)

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for your gifts of peace and hope in this season of Advent. As we await the coming of Christ, we lift up the needs of our world.

Guide your church to be a light of peace for all people.

Heal those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, and be with those who feel lonely or burdened.

Give us the strength and courage to follow you and to bring peace to our community and the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Now, let us join together in the prayer our Lord taught us, saying 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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

L: Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Chorus:

**Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.
Come and adore Him, Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah, to the Light of the World.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

Lord, we give you thanks that you take what is lowly and do great things. Receive the humble sacrifice of our lives and resources which we now present to you. Use our offering to proclaim your love in Jesus Christ, and so redeem our world, longing for your salvation in Jesus. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and as you go, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen.

RESPONSE

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

(Reprise)

**Light of the World, soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us, straight into glory
And there He shall reign, forevermore, forevermore.**

**Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah, for the things He has done.
Come and adore Him, Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah, to the Light of the World.**



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

Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



William Alino and Zayden Voegborlo



This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of
God by Craig & Patrice Law,
in celebration of their granddaughter's 4th birthday.

Happy Birthday Ella Patricia Law!



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 **this Saturday, December 14th**, so start digging out those recipes. *It will be greatly appreciated.*



BPC Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for the Youth Group

Next Sunday, 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 9	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Finance Meeting	6:00PM
	Bells Rehearsal	7:00PM
Tuesday, Dec 10	Session Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, Dec 11	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
Thursday, Dec 12	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday, Dec 14	Strength Club	9:00AM
	COOKIE SALE	12PM-4PM
Sunday, Dec 15	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	GIFT WRAPPING YG - FLC	11AM-3PM

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. See the sign-up sheet on the narthex table.

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