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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Alex Brino

PRELUDE

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

BPC Praise Team

by Brian Doerksen

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in these endless days, Precious God, people in need of the constancy of your love:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of life; may we continue to be guided by your Light.

We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God, people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of grace; may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.

We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God, people, who try to point others to Jesus:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of joy; may our life be strengthened by your Life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

With you, Enduring Joy, we find our refuge, in these worrisome times. In the

shelter of your compassion, we are made whole from brokenness of these times. In the abundance of your grace, we are fed, strengthening us to persevere. In the depths of your living waters, we are transfigured into the fragrant wine of compassion.

With you, Revealer of Glory, we are filled to the brim with the deep flavor of justice. Our lips cannot contain your praise but will sing your hopes to all. Our hearts overflow with your spirit as we are poured out for others.

Activating Spirit, we find our common life in this community of faith both in person and online. Made one by our common confession, we will take our uncommon gifts so we can share them with all.

Same in love, same in grace, God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us. **Amen.**

* HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

475 vs 1-2

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jill Moberg

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ignorance is no excuse, we know how our lives do not reflect God's grace, God's hope, God's justice. But God will not give up on us but is waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have

shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Alice

God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent but will call you by name: 'My Delight.'

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God, who forgives and saves us! 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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#475 vs. 3

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alex Brino

O Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. **Amen.** 1st SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 62:1-5 Alex Brino

Pew Bible p. 641

ANTHEM "Love Moved First" by B Herms, M West, J Hall

BPC Praise Team

2nd SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11 Rev. Alice

Pew Bible p. 923

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

MESSAGE "Water and Wine" Rev. Alice Batcher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN "Way Maker"

Verse 1 You are here moving in our midst

I worship You I worship You You are here working in this place

I worship You I worship You.

Chorus (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God that is who You are.

Verse 2 You are here touching ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You You are here healing ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You. Chorus

Verse 3 You are here turning lives around

I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart

I worship You yeah I worship You Lord. Chorus

Tag That is who You are, That is who You are.

That is who You are, That is who You are.

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

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

OFFERTORY

"Goodness of God"

BPC Praise Team

by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

* DOXOLOGY

"Goodness of God"

(reprise)

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so so good.
With every breath that I am able.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your

heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Paul Baloche # 263 vs. tba

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (reprise)



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

Worship Notes

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SPREAD THE NEWS!

As a nonprofit partner in the **Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program**, the *Brick Presbyterian Church Food Pantry* will receive a \$1 donation for every specially **marked \$10.99** Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold **during January 2025** at the Stop & Shop located at **55 Brick Boulevard**, **Brick NJ**.

Prayer List

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



And Our Homebound:

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



Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Brick Presbyterian Church will be held at **11:15am NEXT Sunday**, **January 26, 2025**, in the church Family Life Center following the 10:00am worship service. The meeting will begin with prayer and a light lunch offered by our amazing Fellowship Committee.

The business to be conducted will include: receiving committee and organizational reports, the nomination and election of officers to serve on the Board of Deacons and the Session, and a review of the church's financial reports and audit.

Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Standing Nominating Committee. We will be seeking to fill these positions at the Annual meeting.



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.



<u>Seated Strength & Stretch</u> 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.



Monday, Jan 20	Seated Strength & Stretch Strength Club Bells Rehearsal	5:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM
Wednesday, Jan 22	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, Jan 23	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday, Jan 25	Strength Club	9:00AM
Sunday, Jan 26	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	ANNUAL MEETING	11:00AM

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Tim Towlen, Moderator of Deacons; Michael Candeloro, Vice-Moderator Jim McGuire, Moderator of the Session

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Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

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