

Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD
Sacrament of Holy Communion / Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Gary Tutzauer

PRELUDE

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Arr. John H. Hopkins Jr.
Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

2 Chronicles 15:12, 14-15

L: They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors,
with all their heart and soul.

**P: They took an oath to the Lord with loud acclamation, with shouting and
with trumpets and horns.**

L: All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it
wholeheartedly.

P: They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them.

L: So the Lord gave them rest on every side.

* HYMN

"The First Nowell"

#147 vs: 1, 2, 3, 6

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy Tompkins

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Isaiah 55:6-7

Gary Tutzauer

L: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the
wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them
turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he
will freely pardon.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

James 2:14-17, 26

L: What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

P: If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

L: In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

P: As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Romans 6:22-23

Rev. Wetzel

L: Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

P: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sharing God's love begins here and now. Let us offer a sign of God's welcome and Christ's love for all, as we share these words, "The peace of Christ be with you." **And also with you.**

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

#119 v. 3

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,**

**Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Tutzauer

Prepare us, O God, to hear your word. Confront us with your claims on our lives. Clarify the choices we must make. Help us respond to the One who has come to us and shows us the way to go into the world.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 6:19-21 and Matthew 16:27

p. 839

ANTHEM

"Carols Around (And a Around)"

arr. Carl J. Nygard

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 p.1037

Rev. Wetzel

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE:

"How to Increase Your Reward in Heaven" Rev. Dr. Gary Wetzel

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

#150 vs: 1, 2, 3

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

“African Noel”

arr. Victor C. Johnson

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

*** DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(unison)

As your people, our God, we commit ourselves to living our lives so that instead of building up treasure on earth, we will build up treasure in heaven. And we will do this by living our lives for you according to what you say is the most important way for us to do this. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE 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.

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

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

"We Three Kings"

#151 vs: 1, 2, 3, 5

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION:

Romans 1:7

POSTLUDE

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Traditional French Carol

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



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

We will be undecorating the Sanctuary after worship, would you help?

Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



Cadence Thomas and Zayden Voegborlo

Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Gary Wetzel

Rev. Dr. Gary Wetzel served as the pastor of the Garwood Presbyterian Church in Garwood, NJ, for 26 years and is currently a retired member of the Presbytery of the Coastlands. Dr. Wetzel lives with his wife Joan in the Fairways adult community in Lakewood where they lead a Bible study in their home for that community each week. He has also put a reference work for pastors on its own free internet site at worshippingwithgodsword.com (or by using wwgw.us) that enables them to quickly and easily find the best scriptures from the Bible that they want to use in their worship services. And he helps lead worship services and does preaching as a substitute pastor for the churches of our presbytery.



Some of our members have expressed a desire to create an **informal grief sharing group**.

I am happy to host these gatherings in my home once a month, if there is sufficient interest.

Please text me, **Paulette Auriemma**, at **732-925-5944** if this sounds like something you want to be a part of.

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**.



The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Kraynick family in memory of beloved father & Pop Pop,
Michael Kraynick

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, Judy Willbergh



And Our Homebound:

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



Committee Reports are Due by Wednesday, January 15

If you are the Chairman of a Committee/Group that usually has a report in the Annual Meeting Packet, please send your reports via e-mail to: brick.presbyterian@verizon.net



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** on **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 mark your calendar now and make Sunday, January 26, 2025, a must - attend date.

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.



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.

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For more info, speak with Geoffrey Blake.

what's happening
this week

Monday, Jan 6	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Bells Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
Tuesday, Jan 7	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, Jan 8	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	<i>Blood Drive</i>	3:00PM - 8:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Stewardship/Benevolence Mtg	7:00PM
Thursday, Jan 9	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday, Jan 10	Strength Club	9:00AM
Sunday, Jan 11	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM

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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

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