

Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD
Service of Holy Communion / Scout Sunday
February 2, 2025

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Helen Upperman

PRELUDE

"Blessed Quietness"

arr. by Ron Loree

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God. Bless God's name.

For the LORD is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

515 vs. 1,3,5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy Tompkins

CALL TO CONFESSION

Helen Upperman

Scripture tells us that "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness. Let us confess our sins.

We begin with a moment of silence for personal confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

**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 and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Walter

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

#673 (adapted)

**Jesus, light of Joy, surround us;
Let your brilliant light abide.
Guide our searching, cleanse our sorrows;
teach us, Lord, to seek your side.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Helen Upperman

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.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible p. 647

ANTHEM

"O Love"

by Elaine Hagenberg

BPC Choir | Flautist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Walter De Gunya

Pew Bible p. 1000

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

MESSAGE

"Litmus Test"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit: They'll Know We Are Christians"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and loving God, we come before you in humility and gratitude, lifting up the concerns and joys of our hearts.

For your church, that we may be a light in the darkness and a witness to your love, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, lonely, or grieving, that they may know your comfort and healing, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who serve others—teachers, caregivers, and volunteers—bless their efforts and renew their strength, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love as followers of Christ, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together:

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

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

L : In response to God's generous blessings, we are called to offer our lives and gifts as an act of gratitude and worship. Through our giving, we participate in the work of God's kingdom, sharing hope and love with the world. Let us now present our tithes and offerings. I invite the ushers to come forward.

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love" arr. Hal H. Hopson
BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY

"Glory Be to the Father" # 581
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

Lord, we thank you for the blessings that you have given us. We pray that as you have blessed us, may you use the offerings of our resources, time, and talents to bless all those in need to work with you in bringing heaven to earth. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people,
and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Leading his followers, he guides us.

Dying on the cross, he rescues us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

**With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim his death
and resurrection. Receive our sacrifice of praise.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend
upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy
gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Unite us in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with hope, that we may
receive Christ as he comes to us in this holy banquet. We praise you,
almighty Father, through Christ, your Son, in the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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 *“What Feast of Love”* (Tune: LAND OF REST)
Sung by the Choir as members come up to receive Communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Christ Jesus, born among us, as a mother feeds her child with her body, so you feed us with yours, giving us the bread to eat and the cup to drink. May these gifts of grace nourish us deeply, that we may become your body in the world and live as instruments of your great love. **Amen.**

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD’S NAME

* HYMN *“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)”* #192

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“A Wonderful Savior”* arr. by Robert J. Hughes
Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer



Worship Notes

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Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church Rev. Walter De Gunya

Hello! I bring greetings from Ann Klein Forensic Center, a NJ state psychiatric hospital, where I serve as a chaplain. God has slowly brought me eastward. I grew up in Hawai`i, went to college and then taught as an elementary school teacher in Colorado. I finally moved to New Jersey to attend seminary when I stopped resisting God's call to ministry. I've been working as a chaplain in psychiatric hospitals for 10 years and served as a part-time interim pastor at West Trenton for 2 years. I enjoy walking on trails/hiking, going to amusement parks, and expressing my spirituality through the creative arts. I'm currently in a pottery and macrame phase and create pieces that depict Bible passages. I am excited to worship alongside you all today!



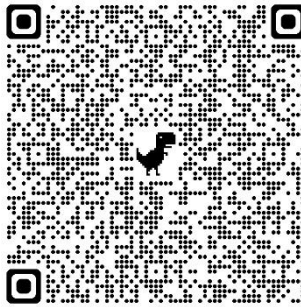
**Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Ronald W. Howell, Jr.
Organist, Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

SCOUT SUNDAY is celebrated today. This special day honors the dedication of youth and adult members to the Scouting program. Thank you for joining us in worship. **Troop #38 will be having a delicious Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 4:00PM – 8:00PM in the FLC. Sit down & Take-out available. Tickets are \$10.00. *Please support BPC's troop.***

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

The Elder and Deacon Orientation class will be held in the parlor, following this morning's worship service and the Installation and Ordination of the Class of 2028 will take place next Sunday.

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Prayer List

Gary Baker, Donovan & Family, 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

*what's happening
this week*

Monday, Feb 3	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
	Bells Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
Tuesday, Feb 4	Girls Scouts	6:00PM
	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, Feb 5	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Boy Scouts	6:00PM
	Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Stewardship/Benevolence Mtg	7:00PM
Thursday, Feb 6	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday, Feb 8	Strength Club	9:00AM
Sunday, Feb 9	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship – Ordination & Installation	10:00AM

AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall

Daily – 7AM

Friday – 12PM, 8PM

Saturday – 7PM

NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 6:30PM

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

Session

Class of 2025

Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, Christy Tompkins, Craig Trautweiler

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, 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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