

Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Ascension Sunday / Communion Sunday

June 1, 2025

Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jean Reilly

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering

PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Cindy Berry

Keyboardists: Cindy Dwyer and Anna Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place of prayer,
for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

We come to this place of grace,
for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.

We come with these people called the church,
to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to live as one for our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(unison)

**In your presence, Creator of the Universe, mountains melt into muddy puddles
and stars whisper your name to us. Faithfulness and justice are the scuffed shoe
you put on each morning; clouds are your prayer shawl in the evening.** *(cont)*

When you could have kept God's glory in your pocket, Servant of the poor, you took it out and spent it on us. Confident in that love, which was yours before the world began spinning, you came to walk the dusty path of death.

Spirit of Blessing, like a crossing guard you keep your eyes on us as we cross the busy streets of life, ready to pull us out of the way of oncoming sin. You take us by the hand to lead us to the shade of the tree of life.

God in Community, Holy in One, make us one Body from many individuals, as we pray, Amen.

* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

321 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

CALL TO CONFESSiON

Plastic cards, shiny cars, brick and glass homes - what idols we fashion with our hands, how much energy and time serving them occupy our hearts! Let us confess how we have misplaced our priorities and seek the One who asks us to be first in our lives.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSiON

(unison)

Enslaved to sin, we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience.

We come asking forgiveness for our foolish lives, Eternal Blessing. Deliver us and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer and give us the gift of the Spirit so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Alice

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

And through Christ, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with those around us. Thanks be to God. **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 *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* # 260 vs 1

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood**

THE WORD

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Reilly

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47

Pew Bible p. 490

ANTHEM

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

arr. H. Helvey

BPC Choir | Featuring: Sharon Thomas

Keyboardists: Cindy Dwyer and Anna Schwartz

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible p. 947

Rev. Alice Batcher

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"Where Did Jesus Go?"

Rev. Alice Batcher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

353 vs 1, 3, 4

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

"The Time for Praying"

arr. H. Helvey

BPC Choir | Featuring: Sharon Thomas

Keyboardists: Cindy Dwyer and Anna Schwartz

* DOXLOGY

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

675 vs 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

We cling so tightly to our worthless idols, Holy God, and so have trouble sharing from the abundance with which you have blessed us. Unclench our hands, our hearts, our spirits, so we may be as generous with those who need healing, feeding, loving, caring, far more than we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of wonder be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who invites you to this Table, calling, "Come, Come!"

Thirsty for life and hope, we bring our hearts to this feast.

Rejoice in the Lord, all you people!

We sing glad songs of thanks to God's holy name!

Disturbing chaos at the very beginning, Dawn for the righteous, you created wonder and beauty.

Coastlands were filled with life's abundance,
clouds scudded across the skies,
justice became the foundation for hope.

Crafted in your image to behold your glory,
we believed the boasts of worthless idols,
bowing down to worship sin and death.

Prophets came, speaking your word,
but we accused them of disturbing our peace.

When you saw no hope of our returning on our own,
you sent Jesus, who came,
not only on behalf of those who knew him,
but also for all who would believe in him.

So with those who thirst for righteousness,
and with those who hunger for justice,
we lift our voices to you:

**Holy, holy, holy,
Joy of the upright in heart.
All creation beholds your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

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

"Panis Angelicus"

arr. Stan Pethel

Keyboardists: Cindy Dwyer and Anna Schwartz

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

Then, when the Lamb gathers those of every time and place for the Supper of Joy in eternity, we will fall down and worship you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Keyboardists: Cindy Dwyer and Anna Schwartz



Worship Notes

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1 <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

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

Chelsea Britton



Cadence Thomas



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by the Kraynick family
in memory of their beloved grandfather,
Michael Kraynik



One of the ways in which you can share your gifts with our church is to consider serving as a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. This is an exciting opportunity to work with other members of our church on a search committee to review candidates and recommend a prospective pastor for our congregation.

You will play an important role in discerning the direction for the future of Brick Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or serving on this committee, please speak to any Session member.

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost

PENTECOST SUNDAY
IS NEXT SUNDAY



Please Support the Annual Drive for

JERSEY SHORE
ANIMAL CENTER

AND





This year's Meal Packaging Event will take place *next Sunday, June 8th* from 2-4pm at the **Church of the Visitation**. Come be a part of this event, as we team up with our community brothers and sisters of faith, to reach the goal of packaging 10,000 meals!

May Breakfast Food Pantry Collection

We extend our deepest gratitude for your continued outpouring of generosity towards our food bank. Your compassionate response to our call for breakfast item donations has been truly inspiring! These items were lovingly packed and distributed to local families in need at Herbertsville School and Ladacin. *Thank you again!*



Ready for a night of fastballs, fun, and fellowship? The Fellowship Committee has reserved a group of seats for *Jersey Shore Blueclaws' Faith and Family Night* game on **Thursday, August 7th at 7pm**. Family and friends are all welcome!

Tickets are \$13 each and will be on sale through July 17th.

The supply is limited so mark your calendars and get your tickets! If interested in buying tickets, contact Michael Auriemma via email at michaelcauriemma@gmail.com, call or text 848-333-3625, or find him at church on Sunday! See you at ShoreTown Ballpark!

Prayer List

Gary Baker, Bill Bixenman, Donovan & Family,
Figueroa family, Lori & Harold Fisher, Kiernan Holster,
Rich Irwin, Greg Morrison, Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Michael Toth,
Bob & Sue Towlen, Judy Willbergh



Prayers of Sympathy

The church was contacted by Bobbe Biles, who wanted to let her church family and friends know of the passing of Bill, her beloved husband of 69 years, last Sunday. Please keep Bobbe & her family in your prayers.

Cards of sympathy may be sent to:

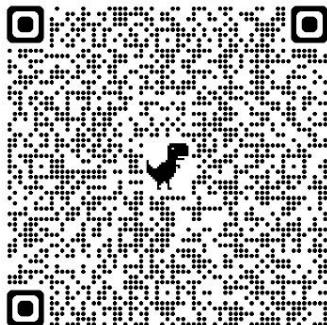
Mrs. Barbara Biles
1264 Branchlands Drive
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901



And Our Homebound:

Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River

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This Week in Our Church

Monday, June 2	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
	Deacons Mtg	7:00PM
 Tuesday, June 3	<i>Family Tavola Day</i>	
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
	Fundraising Mtg	7:00PM
	PB&G Mtg	7:00PM

Wednesday, June 4	<i>Family Tavola Day</i>	
	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 & Benevolence Mtg	7:00PM
	Boy Scouts	7:00PM
Thursday, June 5	Choir rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Saturday, June 7	Strength Club	9:00AM
Sunday, June 8	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Pentecostal Church Worship	12:00 – 3:00PM

Recovery Meetings @ BPC

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Michael Kraynick, *Clerk Pro-tem*; Jim McGuire, *Moderator of the Session*
Michael Candeloro, *Moderator of Deacons*; Sabrina Nagy, *Vice Moderator*
Tracey Podolsky, *Secretary*

Session

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis

Class of 2028

Sandra Alho, Diane Lehnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins

Board of Deacons

Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

Class of 2028

Elorm Banini, Lance Erikson, Elaine Salto, Sofia Thalheimer

Staff

Cindy Dwyer, Pianist

Lauren Dyke, Christian Education Lead

Karen Ellis, Financial Secretary

Mike Kraynick, Treasurer

Patricia Loboda, Administrative Assistant

Bonnie Luton, Handbell Choir Director

Edmond Murphy, Director of Vocal Music

Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader

Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus