

*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church*



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**ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**  
**Third Sunday after Easter / Communion Sunday**  
**May 4, 2025**

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Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Tom Fortier

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Share Warmth, Hope, and Love with CWS Blankets*

PRELUDE

Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is the time to sing!  
to sing the good news of God:

**who awakens us with dawn's embrace,  
who surrounds us with joy and life.**

Now is the time to offer praise to God,  
in every place, with every voice:

**to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment  
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,  
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**We will sing the good news of Easter!  
We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

\* HYMN

*"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"*

# 314 vs. 1,2,3,5

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We can hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp and keep holding. Though they bow our back, we refuse to set our grudges down, because we don't know what it would feel like to have that weight off us. And we think that is the way God operates as well. But God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

Now let us pray:

**Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done.**

**Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

**We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others. Thanks be to God, 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 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"*

# 245 v. 2

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

## THE WORD

\* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Fortier

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.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

Pew Bible p. 479

ANTHEM

*"The Risen Christ"*

arr. Tom Fettke

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

Pew Bible p. 945  
Rev. Alice Batcher

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

MESSAGE

*“Jesus, at the Beach”*

Rev. Alice Batcher

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* HYMN

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

# 720 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

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

arr. John F. Wilson

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

\* DOXLOGY

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

# 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*(unison)*

**May the gifts we offer this day, Kind God, bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless, feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger, and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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

*"This Is the Feast of Victory"*

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

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

# 451

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cindy Dwyer



**Worship Notes**

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

Cadence Thomas



Zayden Voegborlo

## Blanket Sunday



On May 11th, we will celebrate **Blanket Sunday**. Join us as we blanket the world in love! Through your donation of \$10, Church World Service (CWS) will provide a blanket to be given to a person facing a challenging time.

**P.S. May 11th is Mother's Day!** Cards are available today in the narthex for a donation to honor or remember a special person with the gift of a blanket to be distributed by CWS to someone in need.

We will also feature a **display and blessing on May 11th** of the beautiful blankets made by loving hands in our congregation to be distributed to folks in our community.

## It's an Ease to Learn Breeze!

Come join us for a **coffee hour on May 18th after worship in the FLC**. We will have several of our wonderful Stream Team members and other tech savvy individuals to help you learn and navigate Breeze.



*Breeze ChMS is a user-friendly, cloud-based Church Management Software designed to simplify church tasks.*



Please Support the Annual Drive for the

JERSEY SHORE  
ANIMAL CENTER





We will be selling our beautiful Mother's Day flowers on May 10 and 11, displayed on the front lawn (weather permitting) or in the entry of the FLC. Come visit us -- the hours are Saturday 10am - 2 pm, and Sunday before and after the service. To get the best selection, come early on Saturday, as for the past few years we have had a limited supply left on Sunday.



**The Food Pantry** is in need of breakfast foods for the rest of **May**. *Specifically, the following:*

*Black Tea & Coffee*

*Oatmeal*

*Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup*

*Corn Muffin Mix*

*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

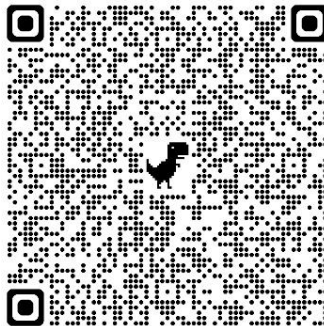


*And Our Homebound:*

Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River



**To donate online to Brick Presbyterian Church,  
please scan the QR code below:**



## This Week in Our Church

<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Bells Rehearsal</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Deacons Mtg</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	<b>Girls Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Fundraising Mtg</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>PB&amp;G Mtg</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM - 2:00PM</b>
	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Stewardship/Benevolence Mtg</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Mother's Day Flower Sale</b>	<b>10:00AM - 2:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Worship</b>	<b>12:00 - 3:00PM</b>

### Recovery Meetings @ BPC

**AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall** **Daily - 7:00AM**  
**Friday - 12PM, 8PM and Saturday - 7PM**

**NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall** **Thursday - 6:30PM**

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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**

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*Katie Candeloro, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly*

***Class of 2027***

*Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis*

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*Sandra Alho, Diane Lehnnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins*

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