

*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church*



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Brick NJ, 08723

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Judy Gavan

PRELUDE

*"Amazing Grace"*

arr. by Fred Bock

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. Amen.

**We have come together today to hear God's great story of Love.**

We have come together today to give voice to our desires for justice and for healing.

**We have come together today to reflect upon God's great plans for our lives.**

We have come together today to discover the new purposes God has for our lives, together and apart.

**We have come to be with God and one another.**

May God's grace and peace be with you.

**And with you also. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"O Worship the King"*

# 41 vs. 1, 2, 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judy Gavan

The invitation to be forgiven by God is the key to hearing God's word clearly, and to live faithfully the lives of peace and love, for which we have been created.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

**Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to fully place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction and despair.**

**Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans and our own devices, rather than trusting in your arms to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Help us turn to you when we are lost, so that we find our way back home. Help us navigate through the problems of this world, letting us experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love.**

**Help us put our trust in you, so that the love found in Christ Jesus, will shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Israel

Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy — gifts that leads us to new life! Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**Amen!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Like a waterfall that descends down the mountain, open your hearts to receive God's faith and love.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE     *"Take, O Take Me As I Am"*

# 698

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;**

set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

**THE WORD**

\* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Gavan

Help us, O God, to focus with our minds, hearts and souls; so that we hear and understand what you have to say to us today. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING     Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Pew Bible p. 651

ANTHEM

*"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"*

arr. John Wasson

Soloist: Sharon Thomas | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Israel Gwatana

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;     Pew Bible p. 908  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

*"The Relentless Pursuit of Grace"*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

PRESENTATION

Mike Kraynick

On behalf of the session, I present Johanna Harvey and Madeline Latshaw, who have been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

Rev. Israel Gwatana

Johanna and Madeline, in baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as a stranger, but as our friend in Christ and a member of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

Hear these words from scripture:

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all”  
(Eph. 4:4-6).

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

As a member of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized, using the words of the Apostle’s Creed:

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Johanna and Madeline, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?  
***I will, with God’s help.***

## BLESSING

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ’s body, the church. We praise you for leading Johanna and Madeline to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring you in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Johanna and Madeline, remember your baptisms and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you. ***Thanks be to God.***

## WELCOME

Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

# 802 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

## 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

*"Spirit Song"*

by John Wimber

Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

\* DOXLOGY

*"Doxology"* (Duke Street)

arr. W. Myers

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*(unison)*

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help those in need in our community and throughout the world.**

**As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we will transform this world with your grace and love. Amen.**

**RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* HYMN**

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

# 260 vs. 1, 2, 4

**CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH**

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"We Have Come Into His House"*

arr. by Fred Bock

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



**Worship Notes**

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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

**Jacob Gibis**



**Penelopi Weaver**



## YOUTH GROUP PARTY ON TUESDAY!

*Sign Up and Join the Youth Group  
Pick Up a Flyer on the Narthex Table*

The **1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group Meeting** of the new season will take place **this Tuesday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** from **6-8pm** in the FLC and ***dinner will be provided!***

**Saturday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8am – 12:00pm**

**Donuts & Coffee Will Be Provided.**

**We have jobs for all skill sets.**

**Thank You for Your Help!**



**American Red Cross  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Give Blood • Give Life**

***TUESDAY, SEPT 30<sup>th</sup> 1-6pm at  
Brick Presbyterian Church***

**To schedule an appointment:**

***Visit: [rcblood.org/appt](http://rcblood.org/appt)***

***Sponsor Code: Brick Presbyterian Church  
or Call/Text: Tracey Podolsky at  
732-300-0886***



Boscov coupons are now available for sale. For \$5.00, you will be able to shop all day and save. The sale date is October 22, 2025.



Also, a sign-up sheet to sell coupons at the Boscov's store is at the fundraising table. *The dates are - Sat. Sept 27, Mon. Oct 13, Sat. Oct 18, Wed. Oct 22 (Day of the Big Sale)*

*Please stop by and find out about this exciting way to save money and help support the church's fundraising efforts.*

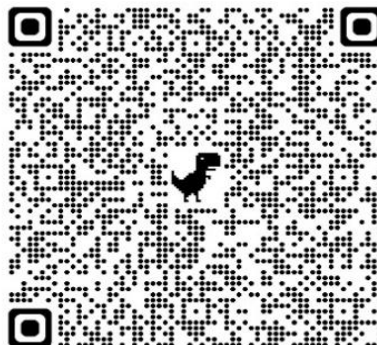
### *Prayers of Healing*

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

### *Our Homebound*

Christine Meiselman – Hampton Ridge, Toms River

To donate online to BPC,  
Please scan the QR code:



## **This Week in Our Church**

|                           |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday, Sept 15</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>Tuesday, Sept 16</b>   | <b>Girl Scouts</b>                    | <b>6:00PM</b>           |
|                           | <b>Youth Group</b>                    | <b>6:00PM - 8:00PM</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept 17</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>Junior Praise Team Rehearsal</b>   | <b>6:30PM</b>           |
|                           | <b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b>          | <b>7:00PM</b>           |
|                           | <b>Boy Scouts</b>                     | <b>7:00PM</b>           |
| <b>Thursday, Sept 18</b>  | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>                | <b>7:00PM</b>           |
|                           | <b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b> | <b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>  |
| <b>Friday, Sept 19</b>    | <b>Seafood Dinner</b>                 | <b>5:00PM- 7:30PM</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, Sept 20</b>  | <b>Strength Club</b>                  | <b>9:00AM</b>           |
|                           | <b>Church Workday</b>                 | <b>8:00AM -Noon</b>     |
| <b>Sunday, Sept 21</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**

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| <b>AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall</b>        | <b>Daily – 7:00AM</b>    |
| <b>Friday – 12PM, 8PM and Saturday – 7PM</b> |                          |
| <b>NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall</b>         | <b>Thursday - 6:30PM</b> |



**COME JOIN US  
THIS FRIDAY EVENING  
FOR A  
SHRIMP AND SCALLOP  
DINNER!**

*\*Chicken Available for Land Lovers!*

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

**5:00pm – 7:30pm**

**\$25/Per Person**

**For Tickets Call:  
Lynn 732-966-6240**

*or*

**Linda 848-333-5119**



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Available with Ticket**

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*Rev. Jack Cherry, Moderator of the Session; Michael Kraynick, Clerk Pro-tem*  
*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 Lehnese, 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**

*Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor*

*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*