

*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church*



**111 Drum Point Road  
Brick NJ, 08723  
732 477-0676**

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

---

\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Scott Alino

PRELUDE

*"Breath of Heaven"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Flautists: Susan Gargano & Kris Murphy

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Amen.**

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light;

**We who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on us light has shined.**

You have increased our joy;

**We rejoice before you with joy at the harvest.**

Grace to you, and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

# 82

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Voegborlo Family

Lighting a candle in the darkness helps us find our way.

**In the darkness we lose direction, we cannot see where we have been or where we are going.**

Today we light a single candle of hope, knowing that when all seems lost God will lead us home again.

***All: On This First Sunday of Advent, let this light shine brightly, so that as the days grow shorter, we will be ready for God's light to shine brightly in our darkness, transforming tools of war into tools of prosperity during this Sacred Season. Amen.***

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE    *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

vs. 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scott Alino

On this First Sunday of Advent, we pause to recognize the darkness in our world, in our Church, and in our own families and lives. Allow us, in each day of this season, to bring more light into the dark corners that we encounter and let us start today as we seek God's Hope-filled light in our lives.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(*unison*)

**God of all time, once again you remind us that you come to our world of time with the power and desire to bring nations and individuals under your rule.**

**We confess that we have become discouraged, not expecting to hear your angels or to see the signs of your kingdom.**

**Rather than living with hope, we have allowed cynicism to shape us as we use biting humor and faithless panic to protect our hearts and our hurts.**

**Forgive us and prepare us to hear, to see and to enjoy the signs of your presence with us, today and throughout this season.**

**In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jack

Our God is good and gracious. The prophet Isaiah promises us that God “shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;”

We look forward with hope because, in Christ, new life grows from what was dead; in Christ, the world will be renewed. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF GOD’S HOPE

Those who confess their sins are forgiven; those who are forgiven are given the gift of Hope in their lives and those who are given the gift of Hope are called to share that Hope as freely as they have received it.

With joyous hearts and smiles, please stand as you are able and offer God’s Hope to one another.

May the Hope of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE

*"Glory to God"*

# 583

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **THE WORD**

\* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scott Alino

In familiar words you invited us back into the story of your presence in human life, O God. Let us remember all that we have known, so that we might hear new truths and dream new dreams of Hope this day.

**Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Scott Alino

Pew Bible p. 587

ANTHEM

*"Midwinter Snow"*

arr. Mary Donnelly

Vocalists: Edmond Murphy & Gene Murphy  
Flautist: Kris Murphy | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Jack Cherry

Pew Bible p. 835

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

MESSAGE

*"An Advent of Hope"*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN

*"Watchman Tell Us of the Night"*

# 97

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*"All On A Silent Night"*

by Becki Mayo

Vocalists: Edmond Murphy & Gene Murphy

Flautist: Kris Murphy | 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)*

**You continue to bless us O God, with your gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love surrounding us daily.**

**Help us to recognize all your gifts and use them; and by using these gifts that we return to you, let us draw others closer to you and your love. Amen.**

## RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN

*"People Look East"*

# 105 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go out into a world that has tried to limit Advent and Christmas to children as commerce and show them all that they are missing!

**We will look for opportunities to shine the light of God's Hope into the darkness of despair, greed, fear and hatred.**

May the God of hope fill you - each and all - with joy and peace and love in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!

**Amen and Amen!**

POSTLUDE

*"Carol of the Bells"*

arr. Kristin Campbell

Flautists: Susan Gargano & Kris Murphy

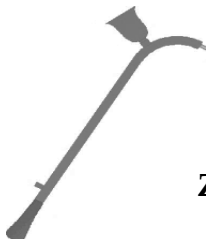
Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



### Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146  
cover word press

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



**Acolyte:**

**Zayden Voegborlo**



### ***Christmas Poinsettias \$20.00***

Today will be your **last chance** to place an order for **8" red poinsettias**. *The delivery date is December 7<sup>th</sup>.*



### **CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The envelopes for the Christmas Sanctuary Flowers are now in the church pews until **December 14, 2025**, to donate for Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. *Please consider donating to beautify our church for Christmas. Thank you.*



### ***Christmas Gift Wrapping at Boscov's***

We have the opportunity again this Holiday Season to wrap Christmas gifts at Boscov's in exchange for donations to BPC. *A sign-up sheet is available* at the fundraising table with select dates and times during November and December.





## A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS!!

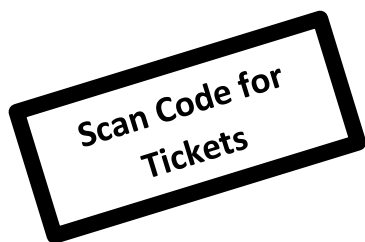
A musical celebration of Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, will be performed on **Friday, December 5, 2025, 7:00PM** in the Family Life Center at Brick Presbyterian Church. *"A Dickens of a Christmas"* show is being led by Cindy Dwyer. Doors open at 6:30 PM. *Tickets \$10 at door* - Refreshments available for purchase.

*All proceeds benefit BPC Christian Ed.*

For tickets and more info contact:

Lauren Dyke, [bpcsundayschool111@gmail.com](mailto:bpcsundayschool111@gmail.com)

Cindy Dwyer, [cindyjdwyer@gmail.com](mailto:cindyjdwyer@gmail.com)



## Christmas Eve Worship Service



*Please join us Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our candlelight service.*

## Calling All Christmas Cookie Bakers - We Need Cookies!



We are **calling on all our wonderful BAKERS** for the **annual cookie sale**. We ran out early last year and this is one of our biggest fundraisers. If possible, please think about doubling your generous donation this year. The **Cookie Sale** will be held **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-3pm, fill a container for \$25.00;** so, start digging out those recipes. *All donations will be greatly appreciated.*  
**THANK YOU!!**

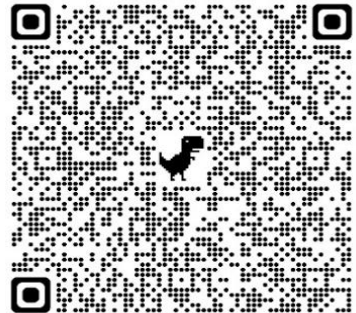
### *Care and Nurture List*

**Our deacons are dedicated to caring for our church family.** We'd love to know of any church members who might be homebound, sick, or simply in need of a visit. If you know of someone who would benefit from being added to our care and nurture list, please let any of the deacons know. We are committed to reaching out and providing support and connection to those who need it most.

### *Prayers of Healing*

**Gary Baker, Anne Chambers, Donovan & family,  
Figueroa family, JoAnne Habenicht, Marlene Hirt, Kiernan Holster,  
Bonnie Lutton, Greg Morrison, Penelopi's Grandmother Chris,  
Brooklyn Orlofsky, Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Doug Tompkins,  
Michael Toth, Bob & Sue Towlen, Judy Willbergh**

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



### *This Week in Our Church*

#### **RECOVERY MEETINGS:**

**AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall**

**Daily – 7:00AM**

**Friday – 12PM, 8PM and Saturday – 7PM**

**NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday - 6:30PM**

## This Week in Our Church

<b>Monday, Dec 1</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 Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 2</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00PM</b>
	<b>PB&amp;G Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 3</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>Stewardship/Benevolence Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec 4</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 5</b>	<b>BPC Girl Scouts (<i>Lounge</i>)</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
	<b>A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS!!</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>- Doors open at 6:30pm!</b>	
<b>Sunday, Dec 7</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>