

*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church*



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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

*Christmas Joy Offering*

Jean Reilly

PRELUDE

*"Sing Noel" (A Christmas Fanfare)*

arr. Jay Althouse

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the words of the prophet calling out to us;

**Prepare, in the wilderness, a highway for God!**

Hear the words of the disciple calling out to us;

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life!**

Hear the words of the angels calling out to us;

**Be not afraid, for unto you is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord!**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And with you also!**

*All: Amen!*

\* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

# 96

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brino Family

Lighting two candles reminds us that the coming of Christ can have many meanings in our lives.

**We know that in this season God is both coming to us and bringing us home, to each other and to him.**

Lighting two candles reminds us to prepare for Christ's Peace, both here and in our homes.

**On This Second Sunday of Advent, let these lights shine so brightly that we can see clearly where our preparations need to be, where our priorities need to be rearranged, where our valleys can be lifted and our hills lowered. Amen.**

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

vs. 2

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tom Fortier

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we acknowledge our need to cultivate Peace, God's Shalom, in our lives, our relationships, and attitudes. Knowing that we have often chosen empty activities and shallow words, allow us to find the holy activities and sacred words that nurture and strengthen our faith.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

**God of the prophets, you have called us to glorify your name through our love for one another.**

**Yet, we confess that we praise you more with our lips than with our lives. We speak of repentance, while we resist change.**

**We talk about peace, while we engage in war; We sing of love, but we curse our enemies. Have mercy upon us, O God, forgive our selfishness.**

**Help us to be at peace with you, at peace with ourselves, and at peace with each other as children of your kingdom, now at hand. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jack

The wonder of Christmas is unending, so stand in awe of this promise declared to us. Christ did not come to the world to condemn but to set us free, to speak tenderly, to act protectively of Peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

The gift of Christ to us in this season, and every season, is Peace. A Peace which is different from the Peace of the world, it is the living presence of God with us, Emanuel!

Strengthened by this Peace, greet those around you and recognize the same Peace, the same reality of God with us, in the faces of those of us who are together as God's people today.

May the Peace 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

Tom Fortier

Open our ears, hearts, and minds, O God, that we might hear the accents of your Living Word and discover the Peace that you provide. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Pew Bible p. 591

ANTHEM

*"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

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2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-18

Rev. Jack Cherry

Pew Bible p. 836

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

MESSAGE

*"An Advent of Peace"*

Pastor Jack & Helpers

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN

*"Away in a Manger"*

# 114

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

*"Peace, Peace"*

arr. Fred Bock

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)

**In this season of so many gifts, we present this portion of all that you have entrusted to us. Allow your work to be done, both here and in our homes, with all of the gifts that you have given us! Use us to spread your peace wherever you lead us. In Christ's Name we ask it. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Advent Communion Litany*

Beloved in the Lord, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a three-fold feast: a feast of Remembrance, a feast of Communion and a feast of Hope.

**We come to Remember, especially in this season, that our Lord was sent to live a fully human life, fulfilling for our sake all of the demands of the law, so that we, by faith, are saved.**

From the loneliness of life, we are rescued by the life that Christ lived and the words he used to call us to share his yoke, to do his work, to love his family.

**We come to have communion with that same Christ who has promised that he will be with us always and has extended our faith beyond the boundaries of family, race, nation and gender, so that we might see and support him in "all the world."**

With Christ's presence in our lives, we can lay down our anxiety and stress as we discover the sacred gift of Shalom, which brings completeness to our lives.

**We come in Hope, knowing and believing that the day will come when all of the jealousy and hostility will be transformed into generosity and harmony in the full presence of God.**

This table is not ours, it belongs to our faithful Savior, on his behalf and in his name, we welcome all those who are a part of the Church, in any of its many forms. We come in awe and humility, for the love that is freely offered here unites us with each other and with God.

Let us lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

**Allow us, O God, to make room in our homes and in our hearts for your entry into our lives; teach us to be ready where we work, study, play and live. We ask you to startle and challenge us into action on your behalf. Free us from the fears that prevent us from hearing or speaking the Good News, at our jobs, in our families and as your Church. Motivate us to respond to your love and make us eager to journey to Bethlehem, so that we might discover your will for us. Amen.**

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please remain in your seats to receive the Communion elements.*

*The servers will hand the elements to you.*

**The Bread of Heaven; Thanks be to God.**

**The Cup of Salvation; Amen.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*(unison)*

**Gracious God, may we who have received this Sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## 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.**

## RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

## CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

\* HYMN

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

# 123 vs. 1,2,3,5

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go from this place to be the people of peace.

**We will let peace live in our hearts, and we will share the peace of Christ with all those we meet.**

Go from this place to share peace, by acting out of compassion and not fear.

**We will share peace by praying for our world and working for others.**

Go from this place out into the wonder of God's world, and be nourished, comforted and challenged and the Blessings of God - Creator, Savior and Sustainer - will go with us!

**Amen and Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

arr. R. H. Prichard

Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer



## Worship Notes

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



**Acolyte: William Alino**





The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Craig and Patrice Law,  
In Celebration of their Granddaughter's 5th Birthday,  
Happy Birthday Ella Patricia Law!



**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 **this 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!!*

**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***

**Boscov's gift wrappers are still needed.** Come and help us wrap some gifts for donations at the Boscov's in Toms River. *If you can't stay the entire time, any time is appreciated.*

**DATES: December 11: 10 - 2 and December 20: 10 - 2**



***Youth Group Gift Wrapping Fundraiser Dec. 14***  
Next Sunday join the Youth group in the FLC for a special gift-wrapping fundraiser. Bring your gifts and let our volunteers wrap them beautifully for you! \$5 for 1-5 gifts and \$10 for 5-10 gifts. Free will donations also accepted! *All proceeds support our youth group.*



**All are welcome at the next Christian Education meeting  
next Sunday at 11am in the FLC.**

### **A Note from the Food Pantry**

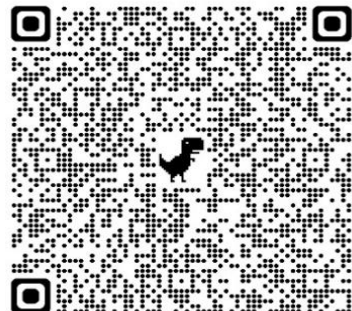
Dear BPC Community,

We're immensely grateful for the thousands of pounds of donations that have filled our food pantry. **Your support is incredible!**

Given the current volume, we kindly request a **temporary pause** on new donations to allow our volunteers time to sort and stock.

This also means we **urgently need more volunteers**. If you can lend a hand, **even outside of Wednesdays**, please contact **Sandra Alho** at (732) 948-6447. **Thank you!**

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



## *Christmas Eve Worship Service*



# *Christmas Eve* **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

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

## *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**

## This Week in Our Church

<b>Monday, Dec 8</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>Finance</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 9</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00PM</b>
	<b>Session Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 10</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, Dec 11</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 13</b>	<b>Holiday Cookie Sale</b>	<b>12:00PM – 3:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 14</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:**

<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>