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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD
The First Sunday in Epiphany
January 11, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Craig Trautweiler

PRELUDE

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Light"
Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

Jacob Hintze

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Craig Trautweiler

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

Amen.

Greetings O Favored Ones, for God is With You;

We have come to surrender our fears to God.

You have found favor with God and you will bear, in your lives,
the very life of God.

**We come today as children of God, called to be the voice and hands
and heart of God in the world.**

And nothing is impossible with God, so let it be with you according to God's
word and you will find Grace and Peace in all you do.

Amen.

* HYMN

"The First Nowell"

147 vs. 3, 4, 5, 6

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Craig Trautweiler

Scripture teaches us that when we deny our sins by claiming to lead lives of perfection, or when we rationalize our sins by saying “Well at least I’m not as bad as others”, we fool no one, except perhaps ourselves. But when we come to God with open hearts and honest minds, recognizing our need for forgiveness, it is quickly and overwhelmingly ours. Knowing this truth, let us pray together:

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

We confess O God, that there are times when your light shines so brightly that we are afraid and so, we hide in our shadowy corners.

There are times when we are unsure of where you are leading and so, we hide in our old traditions.

There are times when we are concerned about how we might look to others and so, we hide in shallow conversations.

Grant us the vision, today and throughout this year, to see the star you have placed before us.

Grant us the faith, today and throughout this year, to allow the star’s light to brighten our lives.

Grant us the courage, today and throughout this year, to follow the star to its source, so that we might offer our finest gifts and make our journey away from Bethlehem, a trip of joy and a new experience of your presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor Jack

From out of the darkness, God created the light that gave birth to the world that God loves. From out of the darkness, God led the Magi on their journey of adoration. From out of the darkness, God led Joseph, Mary and their child to safety in Egypt and at the right moment, back home again. From out of the errors, mistakes, sins and failures of our lives, God’s light continually leads us to the lives that we have been created for. Believe this truth and live it out in every corner of your lives as the Children of God!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

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**Blessed Jesus, at your word,
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Craig Trautweiler

God of all knowledge, let us hear in your eternal words the current applications and truths for our lives. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

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ANTHEM

"Good, Good Father"

by Barrett & Brown

Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Jack Cherry

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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* HYMN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

151 vs. 1, 5

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 *"As with Gladness, Men of Old"* adapt. William H. Monk

Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 606

**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. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We present these gifts, trusting that you will use them and us to spread your love, joy and peace in your world; in Christ's name we pray, Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

* HYMN

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

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BENEDICTION:

Go out and be the light in your homes, at your jobs and in your communities.

We will bring our love, our faith, and our hope to all of our conversations and relationships so that the light of God's love, will shine upon us and all whom we encounter.

And may that peace, that is greater than all wisdom and knowledge, keep you safe and secure and may you always be aware of God's presence with you, today and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

Jacob Hintze

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer



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

Worship Notes

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Committee Reports are Due Tomorrow

If you are the Chairman of a Committee/Group that usually has a report in the Annual Meeting Packet, please send your reports via e-mail to: brick.presbyterian@verizon.net



Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Brick Presbyterian Church will be held at **11:15am** on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**, in the church Family Life Center following the 10:00am worship service. The meeting will begin with prayer and a light lunch offered by our amazing Fellowship Committee.

The business to be conducted will include: receiving committee and organizational reports, the nomination and election of officers to serve on the Board of Deacons and the Session, and a review of the church's financial reports and audit. Please mark your calendar now and make Sunday, January 25, 2026, a must - attend date.



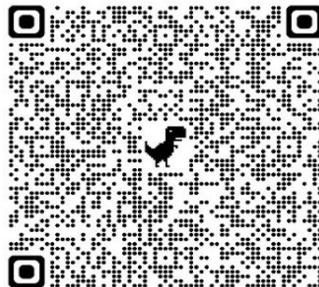
DONATION ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2026 are in the Narthex for pick up. If you do not see your box there, please let **Karen Ellis** know and one will be made up for you.

Karen's cell phone is 732-232-1495 or e-mail kjellis45@gmail.com .

Please note that any donations made after December 28, 2025, will be posted to your 2026 statement. Also, if you have a change of address, be sure to contact Karen Ellis or the church office with your information. Thank you.

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



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 Sympathy

**A memorial service for Figgy Figueroa will be held at BPC
on Saturday, January 24th at 11:00am.**

Prayers of Healing

**Alino family, Gary Baker, Anne Chambers, Donovan & family,
Elba Figueroa, JoAnne Habenicht, Marlene Hirt, Kiernan Holster,
Heyn & VanDeVaarst families, Bonnie Lutton,
Greg Morrison, Penelopi's Grandmother Chris,
Brooklyn Orlofsky, Kevin Nagy's Uncle George,
Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Kristen Thatcher, Doug Tompkins,
Michael Toth, Bob & Sue Towlen, Patrick Weaver, Judy Willbergh**

This Week in Our Church

Monday, Jan 12	<i>Annual Reports Due Today</i>	
	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Finance Meeting	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
Tuesday, Jan 13	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
	Session Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, Jan 14	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
Thursday, Jan 15	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Friday, Jan 16	BPC Girl Scouts (Lounge)	6:30PM
Sunday, Jan 18	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Pentecostal Church Worship	12:00 – 3:00PM

RECOVERY MEETINGS:

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

NOTES

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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 Lehnnes, 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*

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Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*

Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*