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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD  
The Second Sunday in Epiphany  
January 18, 2026

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Gary Tutzauer

PRELUDE

*"The Water Is Wide"*

arr. John Purifoy

Keyboardist Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God calls us here together -- each of us, all of us.

**We come seeking to be a beloved community.**

We come and bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams, our fears, our faith.

**Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.**

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

**Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.**

Now let us worship God who reaches out in love,

**And invites us to come and see.**

\* HYMN

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

# 720

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy Tompkins

## CALL TO CONFESSION:

Gary Tutzauer

Let the peace and power of God's Spirit now renew us. Let the Spirit touch us again and make all things new. Let the Spirit come and ready us to reach out and be one in Christ.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*(unison)*

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from those near us and far from us. We ignore cries for justice. We do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may see your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Rev. Tom

Now, listen and know, we are invited once again to be with Christ.

**We are made into one body, one community, one people.**

For the Spirit washes over us, once again, with love, grace and peace.

**We are empowered.**

**We are loved.**

**We are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE

Sharing God's love begins here and now. Let us offer a sign of God's welcome to us and Christ's love for all as we share the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

**And also with you.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"*

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**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)**

### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Tutzauer

God of light that shines through all creation, through your word may you now call us back into your light. May you shine through our lives, making us your children. Help us bear witness to the light that dwells among us, even here, and even now; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Light. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 1: 4 - 9

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ANTHEM *"His Strength Is Perfect"* by Steven Curtis Chapman  
BPC Praise Team

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 29 - 42 Rev. Tom  
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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***(From the Confession of 1967)*

"To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other."

**We accept this message and in this congregation of Brick Church will seek to live as that community.**

"The life, date, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. The church follows the pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord."

**We will follow that pattern. We will live in the hope of Christ. We will serve in God's world.**

"The church gathers to praise God, hear God's word to baptize and join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, instruction, strength and comfort. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community."

**We seek to create community wherever we are. We seek to draw people together in love. We seek to create everywhere and always the beloved community of Christ.**

\* HYMN

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

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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

*"Evidence"*

by Josh Baldwin

BPC Praise Team

\* 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*)

May our gifts today share in your eternal work O God, of creating community, healing broken lives, giving hope, and making peace possible. For we dedicate them and ourselves to your love in the name of the One who is Love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

## CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

\* HYMN                    "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"                    # 753

**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Thomas Sheffield

POSTLUDE      *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*      arr. David Paxton  
                    Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer



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

## Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



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.

*DONATION ENVELOPES*

Karen's cell phone is 732-232-1495 or e-mail [kjellis45@gmail.com](mailto: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.

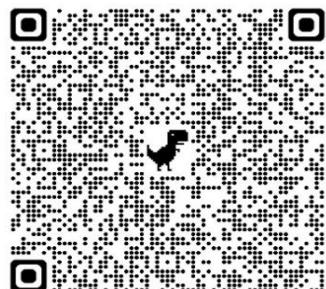


## **Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation**

**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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.**

### *Prayers of Healing*

**Carol Boucher - Brick Hospital  
Glenn Dyke - Jersey Shore Hospital**

**Lori Evans - Shorrock**

**Alino family, Gary Baker, Anne Chambers, Donovan & family,  
Elba Figueroa, JoAnne Habenicht, 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

<b>Monday, Jan 19</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>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan 20</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00PM</b>
	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan 21</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>Thursday, Jan 22</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 25</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:

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

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

# The Brick Township High School Marching Dragon Caravan



**The Roaring 20's**  
**A Detective Murder Theatre**  
**Friday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ BPC**  
**FLC Doors Open 6PM-10PM**  
**\$50 per Ticket Includes: Show,**  
**Classic Chicken Dinner**  
**with Sides, Beverages &**  
**Desserts**  
***Come Dressed in Your***  
***Roaring 20's Best!***

Contact Sue Casella 732-245-6743  
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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 Lehnes, 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*  
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