

# Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD  
Epiphany of the Lord / Communion Sunday  
January 4, 2026

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jimmy Auriemma

PRELUDE

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!.

**P: God's glory has risen upon us, calling people from far and wide.**

L: The wise men, strangers to Israel, followed a star to find the King.

**P: We too, are drawn to worship the newborn Messiah.**

L: Let us worship the King who brings light and hope to all the world.

\* HYMN

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

# 108 vs. 1, 2, 5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy Tompkins

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Jimmy Auriemma

L: As we go through life, there seems to be a never-ending opportunity for us to get things wrong and be out of step with God. But God knows this about us. and as a loving parent, has made a way for us to learn from our mistakes and be forgiven. So, let us go to the Lord and offer our prayers of confession and receive God's pardon.

*(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 people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sins, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Rev. Doug

God has declared that through our union with Christ and through our faith in him, we may enter God's presence with all confidence. Our sins are no longer held against us; God's grace has been given to us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**And also with you.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE

*"Joy to the World"*

# 134 vs. 4

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jimmy Auriemma

God of clarity and author of illumination, as we read, shine the light of understanding, of wisdom, and of revelation onto the pages of Scripture and in our hearts, minds, and spirits so that we may continue to grow into who you have created us to be. In the name of the Son of Righteousness we pray, **Amen.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 46: 1-3, 9-11

Jimmy Auriemma

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### ANTHEM

*“Christ Chose the Manger”*

by Brad Nix

BPC Choir | Flautist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12

Rev. Doug

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

### MESSAGE:

Rev. Douglas G. Chase

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

# 435

### 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

*"A Celtic Silent Night"*

by Patrick Tierney

BPC Choir | Flautist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

### \* DOXOLOGY

*"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*)

**With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts. Use these resources to bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, and community to the lonely so that others can rejoice in your goodness and love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

*You are invited to come forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.*

*The servers will hand the elements to you.*

*Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the stations and from the server in the aisle.*

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

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*(unison)*

**We give you thanks, O Holy One, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, anticipating together the feast at your welcome table on that Great Day. Fill us with a hunger to live and serve so that all may taste and see your goodness to us in Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.**

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

## CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION: Rev. Douglas G. Chase

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer



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

## Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by the  
Kraynick family in memory of beloved Father & Pop Pop,  
*Michael Kraynick*



The Worship Committee will be *undecorating the church* today at 2:30pm after the Pentecostal service. Please consider helping for a few minutes. *Thank you!*



## Committee Reports are Due by Monday, January 12

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](mailto: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.

To donate online to BPC,

Please scan the QR code:





**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](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.

### *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*

**Gary Baker, Anne Chambers, Donovan & family,  
Elba Figueroa, JoAnne Habenicht, Marlene Hirt, Kiernan Holster,  
Bonnie Lutton, Greg Morrison, Penelopi's Grandmother Chris,  
Brooklyn Orlofsky, Kevin Nagy & 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 5</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, Jan 6</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>PB&amp;G Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan 8</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 Mtg</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan 9</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 11</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>

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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*  
Bonnie Luton, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Edmond Murphy, *Director of Vocal Music*  
Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*  
Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*