

Brick Presbyterian Church



111 Drum Point Road
Brick NJ, 08723
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Zain Voegborlo

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dress A Girl

Helen Upperman

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

BPC Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Adapted from Psalm 91

Zain Voegborlo

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

Amen.

We live in the shelter of the Most High, we abide in the shadow of God Almighty!

The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.

Under the wings of God we will find safety,

by the hands of God, we will find peace and protection.

May God's grace and peace be with you today.

And with you also. Amen.

* HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

826

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Zain Voegborlo

Two realities define and guide us: As much as we try, we fall short of God's plans for our lives, we sin. But God's love overcomes our sin and restores us to the right relationship we are meant to have with God and one another. Knowing these truths, let us seek God's forgiveness.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

O God, you are our refuge in times of need, forgive us when we look upon your promises with impatience and ingratitude.

Forgive us when we are tempted by the lure of wealth and possessions, forgetting that we were not created to live by bread alone.

Forgive us when our narrow vision excludes the needs of others, with a selfish focus upon our own desires.

Cleanse us and renew us so that this Lenten season of preparation might be a time for us to increase our patterns of worship and service.

In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor Jack

Jesus says "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Thanks be to God, Amen!

PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

754 vs 1

**Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Zain Voegborlo

Open our hearts and minds so that your Word will bring peace to our hearts and guidance to our lives. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:1-7

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ANTHEM

"Holy, Holy, Holy" by Mitchell & Darah Eckert
Cindy Dwyer, Keyboard | BPC Bell Choir

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. Jack Cherry

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

SERMON:

"How Will We Live?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

213 vs. 1-4

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

arr. by Fred Bock

Cindy Dwyer, Keyboardist

* DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**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)

You have blessed us more than we can know or measure, O God. Allow us to use these gifts to allow others to know of your love and guide us in the use of all of your blessings. 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

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

754 vs. 1,2,4

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jack Cherry

In a world of many temptations, go out with confidence that Christ knows those same temptations and will meet them with you.

We will, in our homes and communities, work to stay focused upon God's will for our lives, so that we and others will find the strength and faith that God provides.

May all of the blessings of our God - Creator, Savior and Sustainer - go with you and fill you with the peace that surpasses all that we can understand, today and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Love, Down at the Cross"

Cindy Dwyer

Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



Acolytes:

Chelsea Britton and Tiffany Sherrill

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





Dine To Donate - Support BPC at

Manera's Restaurant
950 Cedar Bridge Avenue
Brick, NJ 08723 732.451.1111

Date: Wednesday, February 25th

Enjoy Lunch, Early Bird Specials, Dinner or Take Out

Lunch: 12pm – 3:00pm

Early Bird: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Dinner: 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Pick-Up a Flyer on the Narthex Table

PLEASE PRESENT THE FLYER TO YOUR SERVER
10% WILL BE DONATED TO BPC



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for local families, and our shelves are currently running low on several staples. If you are able, please consider picking up a few of these items during your next grocery trip:

Hearty Meals & Sides:

- Chicken broth & Beef stew
- Chili & Baked beans
- Corn muffin mix

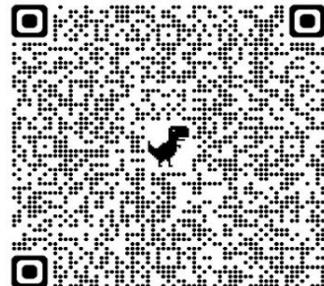
Breakfast Items:

- Pancake mix & Syrup
- Coffee (*Regular and Instant*)

Our Four-Legged Friends:

- Cat food & Dog food (*Dry and Canned*)

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



Spring Blood Drive

Tuesday March 31, 2026

1 pm - 6 pm Brick Presbyterian Church

To Schedule an Appointment: Visit rcblood.org/appt

Sponsor Code: Brick Presbyterian Church *OR*

Call/Text Tracey Podolsky @ (732) 300-0886

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

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

Lori Evans – Shorrock

**Alino family, Gary Baker, Carol Boucher, Anne Chambers,
Donovan & family, Glenn Dyke, Elba Figueroa, JoAnne Habenicht,
Kiernan Holster, Heyn & VanDeVaarst families, Bonnie Lutton,
Greg Morrison, 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, Feb 23	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
Tuesday, Feb 24	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00PM
	Worship Committee Mtg	5:45PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
Wednesday, Feb 25	<i>Manera's Day</i>	
	Food Pantry	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Boy Scouts	7:00PM
Thursday, Feb 26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Sunday, March 1	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Stew/Benevolence Mtg	<i>following worship</i>
	Pentecostal Church Worship	12:00 - 3:00PM

RECOVERY MEETINGS:

AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall	Daily - 7:00AM
Friday - 12PM, 8PM and Saturday - 7PM	
Light of Life Recovery Bible Group - Tuesday in Room 4	7:00PM
NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall	Thursday - 6:30PM

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Sabrina Nagy, *Moderator of Deacons*; Joan Horan, *Vice Moderator*
Tracey Podolsky, *Secretary*

Session

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis

Class of 2028

Sandra Alho, Diane Lehnnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins

Class of 2029

Bob Auriemma, Jr., Katie Candeloro, Chuck Cumella, Maddie Latshaw

Board of Deacons

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

Class of 2028

Elorm Banini, Lance Erikson, Elaine Salto, Sofia Thalheimer

Class of 2029

Sue Britton, Penny Chandler, Susan Gargano, Joan Horan

Staff

Rev. Jack Cherry, *Pastor*

Cindy Dwyer, *Pianist*

Lauren Dyke, *Christian Education Lead*

Karen Ellis, *Financial Secretary*

Mike Kraynick, *Treasurer*

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Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*