

Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Debbie Johnson

PRELUDE

"We Are"

Junior Praise Team

by Chuck Butler | Ed Cash | Hillary McBride | James Tealy

CCLI Song # 6129877

Chorus

We are the light of the world.

We are the city on a hill.

We are the light of the world.

And we gotta we gotta we gotta

Let the light shine. (REPEAT)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Debbie Johnson

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

Amen.

Our God invites us to this time of worship so that he might restore our souls.

Our God invites us to this time of worship so that he might lead us in paths of righteousness, and through shadows and valleys, to the life for which we have been created.

Our God invites us to this time of worship so that he might protect us and anoint us.

Our God invites us to this time of worship so that we might be surrounded by goodness and mercy as we make our journey through life.

Grace to you and Peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ Be Our Light"

314 vs. 1,2,5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Debbie Johnson

When we claim to be without sin, we are fooling no one except perhaps ourselves. However, when we turn to God seeking forgiveness, it is quickly ours. Therefore, let us pray together:

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

Eternal God, you have given us hearts to see the world as you see it, yet we often fail to notice the holy things you have placed in front of us.

There are situations in our daily lives that demand our attention, but we don't know what to do, so we look away.

We know that we need your help, especially when we are too stubborn, proud or shy to ask for it.

Above all, open our eyes to your presence in the people you have place around us, so that we might see and cherish their sacred value. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Psalm 23

(unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Lord Jesus Think on Me"* # 417
**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin.
From earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Johnson

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 16:1-13

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ANTHEM

"First"

BPC Praise Team

by Hank Bentley, Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle, Mia Fieldes, Paul Mabury

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

John 9:1-12

Rev. Jack Cherry

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

"What Do We See?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Broken Vessels" by Joel Houston and Jonas Miran
CCLI Song #7019974

*Leaders: All these pieces broken and scattered.
In mercy gathered, mended and whole.
Empty handed, but not forsaken.
I've been set free, I've been set free.*

**Everyone: That saved a wretch like me.
Oh I once was lost, But now I am found.
Was blind but now I see.
Oh I can see You now.
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes.
Laying Yourself down.
Raising up the broken to life.**

*Leaders: You take our failure; You take our weakness.
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart Lord, I'll be Your vessel.
The world to see Your life in me.*

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

"Be Still and Know"
by Steven Curtis Chapman

BPC Praise Team

* DOXOLOGY

"We Are An Offering"
**We lift our voices, We lift our hands.
We lift our lives up to You.
We are an offering.**

**Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands.
Lord use our lives, they are Yours.
We are an offering.**

**All that we have, All that we are.
All that we hope to be.
We give to You, We give to You.**

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands.
We lift our lives up to You.
We are an offering, We are an offering.**

by Dwight Liles
CCLI Song #16220

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

Gracious God, you are the giver and provider of all things. We give thanks for who you are and what you have given. We ask that these gifts would be used to honor your name. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

* HYMN

"Now I See"

CCLI Song #7132786

Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Hannah McClure, Joel Taylor, Paul McClure

Wayne:

*Born to the darkness I was
Rejected and cut off from hope
I couldn't see His love for me
They said He's not who He seems
Don't get your hopes up for healing
But lies fell away when I saw His face*

EVERYONE:

**My heart burst to life
I saw delight in His eyes when He looked at me
My whole world's on fire
Alive in the presence that burns inside of me
Now I know whose I am
Forever I'll stand on Your truth I believe
'Cause I was blind but now I see**

Wayne:

*Night turned to daylight for me
Joy is the song that I sing
All of my days are filled with Your praise
All of my days are filled with Your praise*

EVERYONE:

**My heart burst to life
I saw delight in His eyes when He looked at me
My whole world's on fire
Alive in the presence that burns inside of me
Now I know whose I am
Forever I'll stand on Your truth I believe
'Cause I was blind but now I see -- (2x's)**

BENEDICTION:

As you leave this time of worship, may God's presence follow you, heal you, and empower you to serve the children of God everywhere you go!

We will look, with clearer vision, for the opportunities be God's people in our homes, jobs and communities.

And may the Peace that passes all of our understanding keep you secure in the knowledge of the love of God, Father, Son and Spirit, this day and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Now I See"

Reprise

Wayne:

*No one could ever take my song away
My eyes were opened and I saw His face
No one could ever take away my faith
My life was changed the day that Jesus came.*

EVERYONE:

**My heart burst to life
I saw delight in His eyes when He looked at me
My whole world's on fire
Alive in the presence that burns inside of me
Now I know whose I am
Forever I'll stand on Your truth I believe
'Cause I was blind but now I see.**

Ending: Was blind but now I see.

Worship Notes

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

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Acolytes: Anna Kathenes and Penelopi Weaver

This morning, we welcome Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey to our church. Caregivers is an interfaith, nonprofit agency providing free, supportive services to the frail, elderly and the homebound, enabling them to live independently and with dignity in their own homes in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.



Don't Forget to Bring Home some Old Monmouth Candy Bars
\$5.00 each or 2 for \$8.00



Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, March 21 – BPC-FLC
Eat In or Take Out from 4:00PM – 8:00PM
\$10.00pp – Tickets are Available at the Door.



The Youth Group, Worship Committee, and Deacons will be making crosses for Palm Sunday. All are welcome to help. The date is March 22nd at 6:00P.M.in the FLC. *Help is always needed and no experience is necessary!*

Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers In Memory of a Loved One or In Honor of a Loved One, flower donation envelopes will be in the pews until **NEXT Sunday, March 22nd**

Come Decorate the Church for Easter - We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Saturday, April 4**, at 10:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6PM

Use Sign Up Sheets in Narthex

AGAPE FEAST

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)



Food Pantry Update - To best manage our inventory and continue supporting our community, we are temporarily pausing requests for soups and cereal due to current storage limitations. Instead, your donations of the following specific items would be most helpful:

Apple Sauce

Canned Fruit

Chicken Broth

Coffee (regular or instant)

Baked Beans

Beef Stew

Hot Cocoa

Additionally, the food pantry is looking for volunteers to help with shopping, distribution and organization. These roles require moving around, lifting light to moderate items, and working independently. Dates and times are flexible. If you feel this would be a good fit for you, please call the church office 732-477-0676. Thank you for your continued understanding and vital support.

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**

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



This Week in Our Church

Monday, March 16	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
Tuesday, March 17	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
Wednesday, March 18	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, March 19	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Saturday, March 21	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner	4:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, March 22	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Pentecostal Church Worship	12:00 – 3:00PM
	Palm Cross Making - FLC	6:00PM

RECOVERY MEETINGS:

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

NOTES

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

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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

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Class of 2028

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Class of 2029

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