

Brick Presbyterian Church



111 Drum Point Road
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bob Auriemma

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Jean Reilly

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Larry Shackley

Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Based on Psalm 145)

Bob Auriemma

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

Amen.

We will extol you, our God and King and blessed is your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and we will declare your greatness.

We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud your righteousness.

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

And with you also. Amen.

* HYMN

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jim

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Bob Auriemma

When we take into account those things in our lives that separate us from God, we could become discouraged. There is much that we need to improve on. There are many ways that we could increase our faith. But thankfully, God is a God of grace and is willing to forgive us. Let us now seek that forgiveness together.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

Loving God, when we are in your glorious presence, we become woefully aware of all the ways we have fallen short. We have not loved you or our neighbors in the way Jesus has taught us. We have failed to stand up for the truth when confronted by evil. Our thoughts, words and deeds have missed the mark. We have too often desired to do your will with the wrong motives in mind. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to rely on your gift of grace that you lovingly give to us. Let us always rely on your goodness and grace. May we increase our inadequate faith so that we might come closer to you and one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor Jim

God, who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not (with him) also give us everything else that we need? Who is in a position to condemn us? Only God. The Judge himself has declared us free. We can rely on God's promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God; so hear the good news and believe. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia and Amen.

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”*

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**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

Bob Auriemma

Let us pray. Lord we come here today to hear your Word. Open our minds and hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might be moved by what you have to say to us. Then, once we have heard, help us to move forward so that our faith might be increased. Enable us to embrace your Word and strengthen us so that we might obey it. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146

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ANTHEM

“A Celtic Kyrie”

arr. Lee Dengler

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

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 17:5-10

Rev. Jim Pruner

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

“Increase Our Faith”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

“Take My Life”

697 vs, 1,3,5,6

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 *"You Do Not Walk Alone"* arr. E. Hagenberg
BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY *"Glory Be to the Father"* # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord, you have blessed us over and over again. You have given us what we need to live, and you have blessed us with the faith we need to know you. In your grace, may our stewardship grow and our faith increase. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

* HYMN *"Here I Am Lord"* # 69 vs. 1 & 3

BENEDICTION:

As you go from this place and into the world, know that God goes with you to guide and bless you. God has given you faith so that you might follow God's will and live in God's way. Strive to increase your faith, so that you might be a blessing to the world in God's name. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

by Katrina Burnette

Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

Worship Notes

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

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Acolytes: Jacob Gibis and Zayden Voegborlo



Don't Forget to Bring Home some Old Monmouth Candy Bars

\$5.00 each or 2 for \$8.00



Join the Fun Tonight!

The Youth Group, Worship Committee, and Deacons will be making crosses for Palm Sunday at 6:00 PM in the FLC.

Help is always needed and no experience is necessary!



Last Chance for Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers *In Memory of or In Honor of a Loved One*, **today is the deadline.** Please use the flower envelopes in the pews.

Don't Forget—Come and Decorate the Church for Easter

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

SIGN UP BEFORE YOU LEAVE

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)



A Message from the Food Pantry

Thank You! Your support has helped us continue our mission of assisting people in need.

Currently, we are requesting donations of the following:

Apple Sauce Chicken Broth Ramen Noodles Mashed Potatoes
Coffee (regular or instant) Pancake Mix Chili 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 23	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
Tuesday, March 24	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
Wednesday, March 25	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 26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Sunday, March 29	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Palm Sunday 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	
Light of Life Recovery Bible Group - Tuesday - 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 Lehnese, 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*

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