

Brick Presbyterian Church

Hallelujah!

**He
has
risen!**



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Brick NJ, 08723
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A Silent Prayer for Your Use in Preparing to Worship

Let us pray. Resurrected God, Easter is an amazing day! The tomb is empty! Christ lives! Easter is Good News! We thank you for new life in Jesus and for the joy the Easter reality brings us. As we worship this day, speak clearly to us so that the truth of the resurrection might flood our souls. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Ray Nalewicki

PRELUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

(trad.) arr. Stephen Bulla

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ray Nalewicki

The resurrection of Jesus is Good News for all of us. Jesus was dead, but now he is alive!

On this day we celebrate the victory of life over death.

In the resurrection of Jesus, the heavens and earth rejoice. All creation rejoices and is glad.

By the resurrection, God has proclaimed Good News and has brought salvation to all the earth.

The Light shines in the darkness. The darkness has not, and will not, overcome it. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pastor Jim

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM

“Ready to Rise”
Junior Praise Team

by Angie Killian

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Ray Nalewicki

Our God is a glorious and compassionate God. God is willing to pardon our lack of faith and misunderstandings as long as we admit them. We can receive forgiveness in spite of all our confusion and fickleness. So, let us go to the God of the empty tomb and confess that while we are prone to be unfaithful, God is faithful still. Let us make our confessions together.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

Lord, if we are honest with ourselves and You, we have to admit that we have questions about the resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes our fears and doubts get the best of us. We can be guilty of wanting more proof of the resurrection than what You have already given to us. We demand more evidence. We can be reluctant to give You the glory because we don’t trust You as much as we should. We admit that our trepidation and skepticism can cloud our thinking and prevent us from seeing the truth. Forgive our worries and distrust. Strengthen our weak convictions. Enliven our faith. In the name of the resurrected Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jim

The saying is true and worthy of our belief that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us so that we might be forgiven. Christ rose for us as a sign and seal of our salvation. Christ prays for us so that we might be saved. So, hear the Good News and believe. In Christ Jesus 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 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"*

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Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ray Nalewicki

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. Once we have heard, help us to believe. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16: 1-8

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ANTHEM

"Lead Me to the Cross"

by Brooke Ligertwood

BPC Praise Team

2nd SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-20

Rev. Jim Pruner

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

"The Case of the Missing Body"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

(unison)

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

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

"Salvation Song"
BPC Praise Team

by Josh Baldwin

* DOXOLOGY

"We Are an Offering"

by Dwight Liles

CCLI Song #16220

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

Risen Lord, on this day of victory and new life, we bring our gifts with hearts full of gratitude. You have rolled away the stone of despair and opened the way to hope and joy. Bless these offerings, that they may carry the light of resurrection into all the earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The table of the Lord is open to all fellow Christians. Anyone who is sincerely seeking the Lord may come to the table and share in its blessing. Be assured that the one who came into the world to be the Savior of all, will in no way cast us out.

Through countless generations, the faithful have hungered and thirsted after righteousness. Many have found comfort in this meal.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come not to testify that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love the Lord Jesus Christ; come not because you are strong, come because you are weak.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are those who find refuge in God!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is indeed right, that we should give thanks at all times and in all places to you, Lord God almighty.

You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your image and in countless ways you show us your love and mercy.

We give you our praise, Almighty God, for you are the source of light and life. Through your mercy you have called us to new life in Jesus Christ. Your ways are just and true and so we proclaim your glory in unending praise. We remember with joy that grace that you have shown through the works of your hands. We rejoice that you called us to be a covenant people and a light to the nations.

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant that we may be the body of Christ for the world, redeemed through His blood, serving and reconciling all people to you. In communion with them and with all creation, we worship and glorify you.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit be all glory and honor Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Remembrance" by Chris Davenport & Ben Hastings

"Living Hope" by Phil Wickham

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread of Heaven and food for eternal life.

Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jim Pruner

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia!"

by Franklin Ritter

Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

Worship Notes

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

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

Acolytes: Jimmy Kathenes *and* Cadence Thomas



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God:
By Debbie & Joe Johnson
In Celebration of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary



EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE



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.



Easter Flowers are Given by the Following Members & Friends

The Aldrich Family - in memory of our loved ones

***Mary & Bill Burdge & Nancy & John - in memory of Lewis & Ruth Cook and
- Irene Hoffman***

Chuck & Sherrie Cumella - in honor of our sons, Tyler, Brant, Dylan and Chase

Terry Delgado – in memory of Celin Delgado

Mark & Karen Ellis - in memory of all our loved ones

Susan Gargano - *in memory of by beloved parents, Alice & Fred Schwankert*

Joyce Shields-Gibson – *in memory of my children, Judi & Rob Shields*

Joan Horan - *you are always in our hearts, - in loving memory of Gary Horan, Jr.
- and Arthur & Muriel Best*

Joe & Debbie Johnson - *in memory of Linda Toranto loved ones*

The Kathenes Family - *in memory of Hank & Gloria Kathenes*

Jimmy Kathenes - *in memory of Larry Kathenes*

The Kathenes Family - *in memory of Florence Mallinson*

Arlene & John Liegl – *in memory of our loving family, parents & brother*

Craig & Patrice Law - *in memory of our parents,
- Don & Patricia Bertrand and Jewel & Dorothy Law*

Cheryl McCue - *in memory of my husband, Jim McCue*

Jill, Ray, Kyle & Kon Nalewicki - *in memory of Ray & Olga Nalewicki*

Jean Reilly – *in loving memory of Doug, Tim & Erin Reilly*

Wendy & Fred Schweis - *to thank God for our treasured blessings,
- Eric Alan & Kelly Sue*



SAVE THE DATE!



Does your child or grandchild love to perform?
This summer, **Brick Presbyterian Church** is excited to host the **Drum Point Players Musical Theater Camp!**

From **July 6-17**, students will explore the magic of the **stage**, including **singing, acting and choreography** – culminating in a **Special Final Showcase performance** in the FLC on July 17.

More information and registration materials are coming soon!
Questions? Contact Cindy Dwyer at cindyjdwyer@gmail.com



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Care and Nurture List

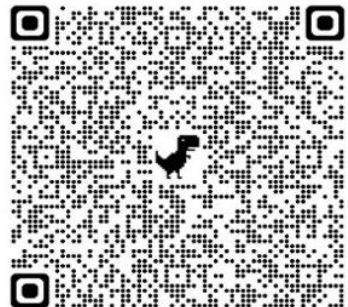
Our deacons are dedicated to caring for our church family. We'd love to know of any church members who might be homebound, sick, or simply in need of a visit. If you know of someone who would benefit from being added to our care and nurture list, please let any of the deacons know. We are committed to reaching out and providing support and connection to those who need it most.

Prayers of Healing

**Lori Evans - Shorrock
Michael Toth - Shorrock**

**Alino family, Gary Baker, Hannah Blake. Carol Boucher, Anne Chambers,
Donovan & family, Glenn Dyke, Elba Figueroa, JoAnne Habenicht,
Kiernan Holster, Heyn & VanDeVaarst families, Bonnie Lutton,
Lynn & Frank Mizer, Greg Morrison, Brooklyn Orlofsky,
Kevin Nagy's Uncle George, Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Kristen Thatcher,
Doug Tompkins, Bob & Sue Towlen, Patrick Weaver, Judy Willbergh**

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



This Week in Our Church

Monday, April 6	Easter Monday	<i>Office Closed Holiday</i>
	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
Tuesday, April 7	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, April 8	Food Pantry	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	More Than Capable	6:00PM
	Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Boy Scouts	7:00PM
Sunday, April 12	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Sunday Worship	10:00AM
	Undecorate the Church	11:00AM
	Stewardship Meeting	11:00AM
	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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Rev. Jack Cherry, *Moderator of the Session*; Michael Kraynick, *Clerk Pro-tem*
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

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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

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Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*

Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*

GET THE BOUQUET THAT

Gives Back



During our benefiting month, our organization will receive a \$1 donation for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at our selected Stop & Shop. Thank you for your support!



stopandshop.2givelocal.com

Bloomin' 4 Good Program

We are so excited to announce that Brick Presbyterian Church Food Pantry has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop

Bloomin' 4 Good Program.

Our Food Pantry will receive \$1 for every specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of April 2026 at:

55 Brick Boulevard, Brick NJ