

*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church*



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

*Pentecost Sunday*

May 24, 2026

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sofia Thalheimer

OPENING PRAYER

Amazing God, just as you filled the upper room with the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire, pour out your Holy Spirit on us today. Blow through our worship, breathe fresh life into our souls, and set our hearts afire with your love. Open our ears to hear your truth, our eyes to see our part in your story, and give us the courage to boldly share the Good News. Transform us into one body, united in your grace. In Jesus' name, **Amen!**

PRELUDE     *"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"*

arr. Fred Bock

Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sofia Thalheimer

Come, Holy Spirit,

**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy Tompkins

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sofia Thalheimer

We try to do what is right and good, yet the truth is that our pride and self-centeredness blind us to the holiness of each day and each relationship. However God's love is endless, God's grace is abundant and so we come seeking forgiveness with confidence and humility.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(responsive)*

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord. We admit that we often fear the rush of Your Spirit and what it might call us to do or be.

**Forgive us Lord, for stifling Your breath in our lives.**

We confess our divisions, for we fail to gather as Your people in one place of understanding. We harbor prejudices and build walls between ourselves and others.

**Forgive us Lord, for the times we prioritize our own comfort over the unity and mission of Your church.**

We confess that we have not always used the powerful gifts of love, grace, and service that You gave us.

**Forgive us Lord, for keeping the Good News to ourselves. Set our hearts on fire with Your passion so that we may boldly proclaim Your love to the world.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Hector Seda

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

**We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.**

PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE    *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

#300 vs. 4

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sofia Thalheimer

Open our minds and hearts, O God, so that our souls and actions may be shaped by your word for us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1- 21

P. 948

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*"At the Cross"*

Edmond Murphy

*by Darlene Zschech | Reuben Morgan arr. Dan Galbraith*

SERMON

*"Where's the Fire?"*

Rev. Hector Seda

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*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.

\* HYMN

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

# 291 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

*"The Heart of Worship"*

Edmond Murphy

\* DOXOLOGY

*"Bless Thou the Gifts"*

**Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;  
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand.  
Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

All that we have is what you have entrusted to our care, O God. As we return this portion to the direct work of your church, we ask that you provide us with wisdom, faithfulness and generosity in the use of all of your gifts, in the name of Christ our King. Amen.

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

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

\* HYMN

*"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Hector Seda

POSTLUDE

*"I Am Resolved"*  
Cindy Dwyer

arr. Hugh Livingston



**Worship Notes**

**Acolytes: Jacob Gibis and Zayden Voegborlo**

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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



*Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God:*

**By the Kraynick Family,**

**In memory of our beloved Grandfather,**

**Michael Kraynik**

## SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

May 31 - A Called Meeting of the Session will be held in the Parlor at 9:00 AM prior to the Confirmation Sunday worship service at 10:00 AM. The sole purpose of this Called Meeting is slated for the examination, discussions and approval of the Confirmation Class of 2026 (William Alino & Bear Gibis).



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

### Brick Memorial Day Parade

Parade day is tomorrow! What we need are people to march (*while they carry the banner*) as well as people to ride on the float and throw candy to the kids along the parade route.

We will **meet at 8:30AM** in the parking lot access to Joe Canal's liquor store (*corner of Route 70 and Chambers Bridge Road*) Entering thru the parking lot on Rt. 70 and follow the signs or town workers.

You can park in the Kohls Plaza parking lot and walk over to the liquor store or park in the Best Buys parking lot and cross Rt. 70 to the liquor store. **You will be dropped back off there after the parade is over while riding the float.** There are **sign-up sheets** in the Church Narthex, and any questions, speak with **Tom Fortier**.






# MUSICAL THEATER SUMMER CAMP








Presented by Brick Presbyterian Church

## ★ UNLEASH YOUR INNER STAR! ★

-  **Vocal Technique:** Develop healthy habits through breath control and vocal styling
-  **Acting Foundations:** Build confidence through character work and improv.
-  **Choreography:** Learn stage movement and high-energy dance routines.



## CAMP DETAILS

-  **DATES:** July 6 – 17, 2026
  -  **TIME:** 9:00 am – 12:15 pm
  -  **AGES:** Rising 3rd – 10th Graders
  -  **LOCATION:** The Family Life Center (FLC) at Brick Presbyterian Church, 111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723
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## THE GRAND FINALE

The camp concludes with a Final Showcase Performance for family and friends!

**When: July 17** in the FLC.





## REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS

Scan the QR code or visit our website:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/drumpointplayers/home>

**Questions?** Contact Cindy Dwyer at

[drumpointplayers@gmail.com](mailto:drumpointplayers@gmail.com)



***Prayers of Healing***

**Lori Evans - Shorrock**

**Michael Toth - Shorrock**

**Carol Boucher, Anne Chambers, Donovan & family,  
Glenn Dyke, Elba Figueroa, Ray Freeswick, Sr.,  
JoAnne Habenicht, Bonnie Lutton, Lynn & Frank Mizer,  
Kris Murphy, Brooklyn Orlofsky,  
Kevin Nagy's Uncle George, Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Kristen Thatcher,  
Doug Tompkins, Bob & Sue Towlen, Patrick Weaver, Judy Willbergh**

***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.**

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



## This Week in Our Church

<b>Monday, May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>	<b>Worship Committee Metting</b>	<b>5:45PM</b>
	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00PM</b>
	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	<b>Food Pantry</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>More Than Capable</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>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Pentecostal Church Bible Study</b>	<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	<b>Special Stated Session Mtg (<i>Parlor</i>)</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Sunday 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>Light of Life Recovery Bible Group - Tuesday - Room 4</b>	<b>7:00PM</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*  
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*

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*

# Rise

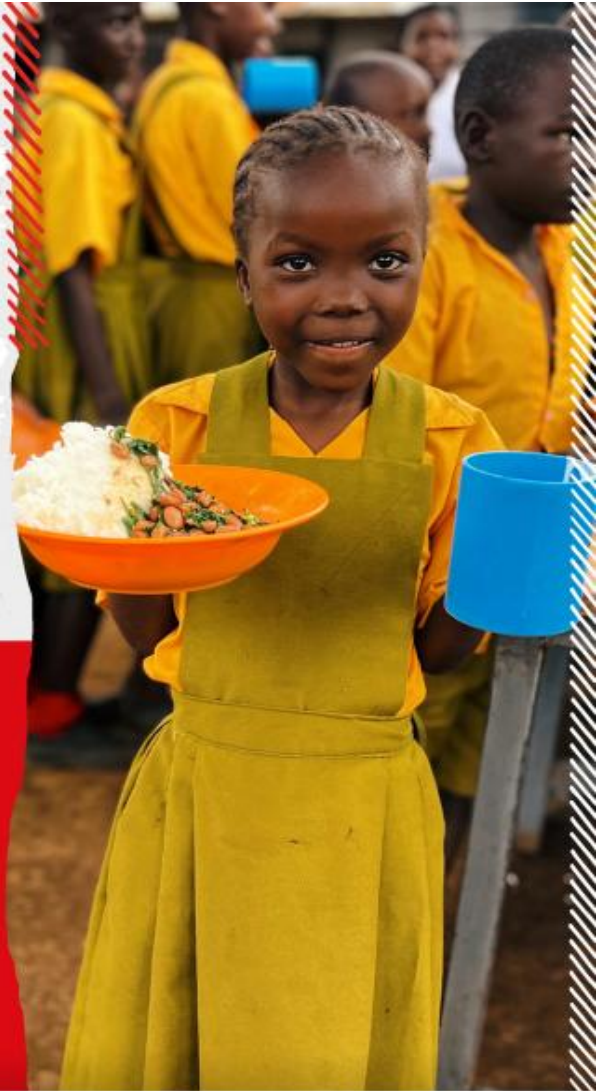
**AGAINST HUNGER**

**EXPERIENCE**

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

*Join the movement!*

Will you join us for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief? Check out our Rise Against Hunger Experience meal packaging event details below. We hope to see you there!



**June 7, 2026**

**2 - 4 p.m.**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
714 Herbertsville Road  
Brick

**JOIN US FOR THIS FUN,  
HIGH IMPACT EVENT!**