

*Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church*



111 Drum Point Road
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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

May 3, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Blanket Sunday

PRELUDE

"Wonderful Savior"
Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

arr. Robert Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sharon Thomas

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

Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

Christ has called us here.

Trust in God, our firm foundation.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation!

Grace and Peace to you from the God who has created you for holy purposes.

And to you also. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Sharon Thomas

When we claim to live perfect lives we fool no one, except perhaps ourselves. However, when we come to God seeking forgiveness, it is quickly and overwhelmingly provided! Therefore, let us pray together.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

We live busy lives, O God, filled with deadlines and commitments, yet we fail to make time for you.

Forgive us the unspoken prayers.

Forgive us the ungiven gifts.

Forgive us the unreceived grace.

Forgive us the unclaimed power.

Forgive us the unseen blessings.

Teach us to set aside time, attention, assets and emotions for your use.

Teach us to rest ourselves in the healing waters of Sabbath, so that we might see you, serve you and love you more than we have.

We ask it in the name of the Lord of the Sabbath. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor Jack

For God so loved the World that he gave his only Son, so that the World would be saved by him. This is the heart of the Gospel, believe it and you will discover, forgiveness, salvation, and peace.

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"*

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**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**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

Sharon Thomas

Now, O God, open our minds, hearts, and souls, that your word will be heard,
understood, and fulfilled within us. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:54-8:1

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ANTHEM

"You Are Mine"

arr. Mark Hayes

BPC Choir | Flute: Susan Gargano / Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

John 14:1-14

Rev. Jack Cherry

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

SERMON:

"A Matter of Death and Life"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Be Thou My Vison"

450 vs 1,2,4

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

"Bread of Life"

arr. Joel Raney

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* 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 provided for us. Guide us in the use of this portion that we return for the direct work of your Church and in the balance which we retain as we live the lives you have created us for. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.*

The Bread of Heaven; **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *"Come to the Table of Grace"* BPC Choir

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.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

* HYMN *"Arise Your Light Is Come!"* #744

BENEDICTION:

May Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, lead you in all your paths.
May you find rest in the assurance of the Father's house.

And may the Holy Spirit empower us to do the works of God, and even greater things, for the glory of the Father.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"And Can It Be"
Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

arr. John Johnson



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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



Acolytes: Jimmy Kathenes and Cadence Thomas



For just \$10, you can provide a warm Church World Service Blanket to someone who desperately needs it. Each blanket serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares.



Help blanket the world with love by donating to the Blanket Sunday offering on Mother's Day, May 10th. If you would like to honor a special person in your life, cards are available for a donation in the narthex.

Pat will be out of the office Thursday (5/7) and returning Wednesday (5/13)
If there is an emergency, please contact Mike Kraynick 732-325-5072



Thank You! Your support has helped us continue our mission of assisting people in need. *Currently, we are requesting donations of the following:*

Applesauce	Carrots	Chicken Broth
Chili	Coffee (instant/regular)	Jell-O
Luncheon Meat (Spam)	Mashed Potatoes	Ramen Noodles
SpaghettiOs	Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli	Cat / Dog Food

Light of Life Recovery Group We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7PM in BPC Room #4 - - If you have a desire to stop doing something, like a habit you're ashamed of, or embarrassed about, or anything presenting a problem in your life, this may be the solution you're looking for. No judgement, just caring, sharing, anonymous support with help in finding a solution to the situation. It works through Scripture in "The Life Recovery Bible", and in the sharing of our experience, strength, and hope, with each other.

Come, experience the healing power of Jesus.

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



A decorative graphic featuring two large red roses on the left and right sides, with two smaller red butterflies flying between them. The background is a light pink gradient with a white semi-circle at the top.

BPC
PLANT SALE

H A P P Y M O T H E R ' S D A Y

May 9th

10AM – 1PM

*The remainder of the plants not sold on Saturday
will be sold on Sunday after service.*

This Week in Our Church

Monday, May 4	Bells Rehearsal	5:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00PM
	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
Tuesday, May 5	Youth Group	6:00PM - 8:00PM
	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, May 6	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	Junior Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
Thursday, May 7	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Saturday, May 9	<u>Mother's Day Flower Sale</u>	10AM - 1:00PM
Sunday, May 10	Sunday School	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Pentecostal Church Worship	12:00PM – 3:00PM

RECOVERY MEETINGS:

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

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Michael Candeloro, *Moderator of Deacons*; Sabrina Nagy, *Vice Moderator*
Tracey Podolsky, *Secretary*

Session

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis

Class of 2028

Sandra Alho, Diane Lehnnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins

Board of Deacons

Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

Class of 2028

Elorm Banini, Lance Erikson, Elaine Salto, Sofia Thalheimer

Staff

Rev. Jack Cherry, *Pastor*

Cindy Dwyer, *Pianist*

Lauren Dyke, *Christian Education Lead*

Karen Ellis, *Financial Secretary*

Mike Kraynick, *Treasurer*

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Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*

Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*