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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bob Auriema

PRELUDE

Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Based on Psalm 42)

Bob Auriema

Our Help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so our souls thirst for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for the living God. When can we go and meet with Him?

Deep calls to deep in the roar of the waters; God's waves and breakers have swept over us.

Each day the Lord directs His love, and each night His song is with us—a prayer to the God of our lives.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

All: Put your hope in God, for we will yet praise Him, our Savior and our God! Amen!

* HYMN

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

687 vs. 1,3,4,6

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Bob Auriemma

We often spend time, anxiously trying to explain ourselves, as we try to prove that we are right - and others are wrong - in thoughts and opinions and actions. However, Christ reminds us that we, so often, choose the selfish paths, failing to love God fully and failing to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Therefore, let us seek God's forgiveness and healing.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(unison)

Creator God, you have shaped us in your image, filling us – individually and together – with wondrous gifts; yet we confess that we do not always recognize the talents within ourselves and others.

For the times we have denied our own gifts, or abused them in selfish pursuits, we ask your forgiveness.

For the times we have mocked or stifled the gifts of others we ask your forgiveness.

Nurture us, by your grace, so that we might learn to use and multiply the talents that you have given us.

We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor Jack

This is the heart of the Gospel: God loves this world, this whole world, so deeply that he sent his Son so that forgiveness might be available for all those who call upon his name. Receive that gift and discover healing peace in your life.

PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

That gift of Peace is not to be stored away, but to be shared. Please stand and greet one another, as we offer the Peace God has given us to one another:

Peace be with you.

And with you as well!

**Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Michael Kraynick

L: As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized, using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

P: 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

PRESENTATION

Mike Kraynick

On behalf of the session, I present Melissa Alwin Small who has been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

Rev. Jack Cherry

Melissa, in baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as a stranger, but as our friend in Christ and a member of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

Hear these words from scripture:

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

Melissa, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

BLESSING

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Melissa to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring you in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Melissa, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you. ***Thanks be to God.***

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS AND WELCOME

L.: Will the Congregation please stand, as you are able, as we welcome Melissa, with joy and thanksgiving, to share with us in the ministry of Christ's church.

P: We promise to walk with you in love, pray for you, and build up the community of faith together. May God strengthen us to serve Christ with joy.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF
ZOEY ELLEN SMALL AND HARPER ANN SMALL**

PRESENTATION

Michael Kraynick

L: Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives. Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. This morning I present, Zoey Ellen Small and Harper Ann Small; the children of Melissa & Jeff Small for Christian Baptism.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Rev. Jack Cherry

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

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

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

VOWS OF THE PARENTS, CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

BAPTISMS

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

482 vs. 1 & 3

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Auriemma

By your Spirit, O God, open our ears and hearts, minds and souls that we might hear the words that you have for us today. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

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ANTHEM

"Shout to the Lord"

by Darlene Zschech

Edmond Murphy

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Jack Cherry

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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

"Living Good in Troubled Times"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(unison)

**Your blessings - seen and unseen - surround us continually and abundantly,
O Lord, and for that we are grateful. Give us the wisdom and the faith to use
this portion for the direct work of your Church and give us the same wisdom
and faith in the use of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask it in Christ's
name. 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.**

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

*** HYMN**

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

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BENEDICTION:

Pastor Jack

**As you return from this time of worship to the challenges and joys of your life,
commit yourself to sharing the peace and forgiveness that we have celebrated
today.**

**We will go to the people and places God has created us for, and we will
encourage reconciliation and joy!**

**May the Peace, which is greater than we can even imagine, be yours, today and
forever!**

Amen and Amen!

Worship Notes

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 Teri Idarola Harley

In Memory of Catherine Idarola



Volunteer Shoppers Needed

The pantry could use some extra shoppers to buy items in bulk. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby. (*foods are usually purchased in amounts of 12 to 24*) Save your receipt for reimbursement. See Sandy Alho for further instructions. Thank you for your support.



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



Today Is the Last Day to Pre-Order Mums

Please see Lynn Mizer.

Mums sell for \$10.00 each *or* 3 for \$25.00. Colors available: **Burgundy/Red, White, Rust/Orange, Yellow, Purple.** They are hardy and beautiful. Pre-Ordering will **insure** that you **get the colors you want.**



Dine to Donate

Tuesday, September 15, or Wednesday, September 16

1490 Rt 88 W, Brick, NJ

Pick-up a flyer & Enjoy a delicious dinner!

*10% of the proceeds will be **donated** to BPC.*



Join BPC in the
South Brick's Town-Wide Yard Sale
on
October 3rd - from 8:00am – 2:00pm

How You Can Help:

- Pay \$5.00 to have your own table at the sale...You keep the profits.
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TODAY
- Donate items that the youth group can sell. These items and the proceeds will go to the *Angel Wings Project*.
- For more info and to sign-up, **speak with Lauren** or call her at 732- 703-3145 - email: bpcsundayschool111@gmail.com

Prayers of Healing

Lori Evans - Shorrock
Michael Toth - Shorrock

Carol Boucher, Donovan & family,
Glenn Dyke, Elba Figueroa, Ray Freeswick, Sr.,
JoAnne Habenicht, Bonnie Lutton, Frank Mizer,
Kris Murphy, Brooklyn Orlofsky, Rev. & Mrs. Seda, Kristen Thatcher,
Doug Tompkins, Bob & Sue Towlen, Patrick Weaver, Judy Willbergh

A Note From Jane Steinhauser

Thank you for your prayers for my great nieces, Skyler Gaffney and Shelly Emery. Skylar is so much better and will be starting Pre-K., and Shelly is still hospitalized but has improved. Her medication has been reduced. Praise God!

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.



Monday, August 31	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
Tuesday, September 1	Girl Scouts	6:00PM
	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
Wednesday, September 2	Food Pantry	10:00AM - 2:00PM
	Seated Strength & Stretch	5:30PM
	Strength Club	6:00PM
	More Than Capable	6:00PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00PM
Thursday, September 3	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	7:30PM - 9:00PM
Sunday, September 6	Worship Service - Communion	10:00AM
	Stewardship & Benevolence Mtg	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