Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Christ the King Sunday **November 22, 2026**

***** Please stand as you are able Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME Maddie Latshaw

PRELUDE *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* BPC Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: Maddie Latshaw

Based on Psalm 95 (translation by Eugene Peterson) and Psalm 100 (NRSV)

ML: Come and let us sing to God.

TS: Let us raise the roof for the rock of our salvation.

All: Let me make a joyful noise with the songs of praise.

HYMN *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* # 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.
Lift up you voice, the Lord is near.

ML: Know that the Lord is God.

TS: God made us, and we are God's.

All: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

HYMN *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* # 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.
Lift up you voice, the Lord is near.

ML: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

TS: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* # 367 vs. 1,2,4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Christy Tompkins

CALL TO CONFESSION: Maddie Latshaw

We give thanks today. But as we do God still gives gifts to us. In this time of prayer God is coming to us with love and, even though we have sinned and forgotten that love, God gives us the word of forgiveness and the promise of new life. Be still and know that God is here. God is ready to hear you and God, once more, comes to you in love.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*unison*)

We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy, hope, purpose and peace. Forgive us that too often we have taken all those for granted. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding of all you give, so that we may know and affirm that our lives are held by your sovereign reign. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness and to be at home wherever your spirit leads us; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Rev. Tom

The good news is that God forgives us. There is no barrier to God's love for us. There is no end to God's giving for us. There is no ceasing of God's life for us through Jesus Christ. Receive the good news and receive God's love, God's gifts, and God's life for you.

Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF GOD"S PEACE

Receive, too, the gift of God's peace. Receive peace, give peace, live the peace of Christ here and now, everywhere and always. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* # 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Maddie Latshaw

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit as we hear your Living Word for us. Refresh us. Renew us. Heal us that we may live with trust and obedience and serve with courage, open-heartedness, joy and hope. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

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ANTHEM *"We Gather Together"* BPC Bell Choir

2nd SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 31-46 Rev. Dr. Thomas Sheffield
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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: *"The Thanks We Need"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* # 265 vs. 1,4,5

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 *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* # 708 vs. 1 & 4

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Infinite God, who fills the universe with your presence and dwells in every human heart, let our offering come alive in your abiding love. With grateful hearts and renewed minds, let us be part of what you will do through this church, in this community and across the earth. It is in Christ we pray and now seek to serve always. 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	*"Now Thank We All Our God"*	# 643
BENEDICTION		Rev. Tom
POSTLUDE		Cindy Dwyer

Worship Notes

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The Nursery, in classroom #2, is available for young children.

Acolyte: Jimmy Kathenes

The Thanksgiving Pies will be Delivered on Tuesday, November 24.



Pick Up Times: 10am – 12pm *and* 5pm - 7pm.

CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **envelopes for the Christmas Sanctuary Flowers** are now in the church pews until **December 13, 2026,** to donate for Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. ***Please consider donating to beautify our church for Christmas. Thank you.***



Christmas Cookie Sale is December 19th

Christmas Cookie Sale sign-up sheet is at the fundraising table. We need as many cookies as you can bake. We can't run out. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. ***All donations will be greatly appreciated.***

To donate online to BPC, please scan the QR code.

Prayers of Healing

Lori Evans & Michael Toth – Shorrock

Bill Bixenman, Carol Boucher, Steve Brigham, Lorraine Dentino, Donovan & family, Glenn, Dyke, Elba Figueroa, Ray Freeswick, Sr., JoAnne Habenicht, Bonnie Lutton, Frank Mizer, Kris Murphy, Brooklyn Orlofsky, Marie Orlofsky, 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.

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**

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

This Saturday, November 28
Come, Have Fun and Decorate the Church

The Worship Committee will be decorating the church for Advent on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us if you are able. Thank you for helping us make the church festive for this season.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Next Sunday, November 29 – The First Sunday of Advent: Hope

The season of Advent begins with a celebration of HOPE! Join us for a special service featuring contemporary Christian music presented by Sharon Thomas, Christy Tompkins, and Edmond Murphy, along with instrumentalists Cindy Dwyer and Mike Kaminski. Through music and worship, we will prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and celebrate the hope found in God's promises.



Monday, Nov 23	**Bells Rehearsal**	**5:00PM**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**5:30PM**
	Strength Club	**6:00PM**
	Cub Scouts	**6:00PM**
Tuesday, Nov 24	**Thanksgiving Pie Pick-Up**	**10AM -Noon & 5 - 7PM**
	Youth Group *Room 201*	**6:00PM**
	Girl Scouts	**6:00PM**
Wednesday, Nov 25	**Food Pantry**	**Closed**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**TBA**
	BPC Girl Scouts *Room 201*	**No Meeting**
	Strength Club	**TBA**
	Praise Team	**No Rehearsal**
	Boy Scouts	**TBA**
Thursday, Nov 26	**Happy Thanksgiving!**	**Church Office Closed**
Friday, Nov 27	**Holiday**	**Church Office Closed**
Saturday, Nov 28	**Christmas Decorating**	**10:00AM**
Sunday, Nov 29	**Sunday School**	**9:30AM**
	Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent	**10:00AM**
	Pentecostal Church Worship	**12:00PM – 3:00PM**

NOTES

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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 Lehnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins

Class of 2029
Bob Auriemma, Jr., Chuck Cumella, Maddie Latshaw, Tim Towlen

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Elorm Banini, Lance Erikson, Elaine Salto, Sofia Thalheimer

Class of 2029
Sue Britton, Penny Chandler, Susan Gargano, Joan Horan

Staff

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