Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



Hope

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD
1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME Gary Tutzauer

PRELUDE *'Light of the World"* Lauren Daigle
Vocalist: Sharon Thomas / Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP: Gary Tutzauer

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

Amen.

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Every valley shall be lifted up

And every mountain and hill be made low.

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together.

Grace to you, and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

* HYMN *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* # 121

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Advent **Litany**

The Auriemma Family

Today we light the first Advent candle and we begin to wait.

The single candle calls us to anticipate God's presence in our midst.

The single candle reminds us of the darkness of Bethlehem's manger and the light of the birth of Christ.

The single candle reminds us that Christ comes to us in similar, common, and unlikely ways, especially in the dark places of our lives where we most need him.

As we wait we offer our praise for the ways in which we have already known God's presence.

All: As we wait for you, O God, you come to us in songs and symbols, memories and dreams, prayers and people – for all of these signs of Hope we give you thanks and we praise your name. Amen.

… *The Advent Candle of Hope Is Lit* …

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Joy to the World"* # 134 vs. 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Jack

CALL TO CONFESSION: Gary Tutzauer

On this First Sunday of Advent, we pause to recognize the darkness in our world, in our Church, and in our own families and lives. Allow us, in each day of this season, to bring more light into the dark corners that we encounter and let us start today as we seek God's Hope-filled light in our lives.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*unison*)

For centuries, O God, your people have demanded that you come down in clear and dramatic fashion to our world; forgive us for our continual failure to realize that you have already come to us in the act of creation, in the beauty of the law, in the visions of the prophets, and especially in the life of the one whom we know as Jesus, the Christ.

For centuries, O God, your people have demanded that you have your way with us, making us, molding us and forming us as a potter works with clay; forgive us for our continual resentment and rejection of the painful changes that such a re-making involves.

For too many Advent Seasons we have not expected to hear your angels or to see the first signs of your kingdom, we have not rested ourselves in your presence.

Forgive us and allow us to hear and to see the signs of your presence with us, today and throughout this season. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Pastor Jack

Hear these words of unshakable hope: On this Sunday, as we begin to wait we remember that we do not wait alone. Into a world often fractured and divided by weariness, uncertainty, and fear, Christ's words breaks through like the dawn: "Wherever two or more of you are gathered in my name, I am there with you" and "Behold, I am with you, always"

Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF GOD"S HOPE

Those who confess their sins are forgiven, those who are forgiven are given the gift of Hope in their lives and those who are given the gift of Hope are called to share that Hope as freely as they have received it.

With joyous hearts and smiles, please stand as you are able and offer God's Hope to one another.

May the Hope of Christ be with you today.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

In glad anticipation, Lord,

We wait upon Thy word;

To see Thy light, to know Thy will,

Our eager hearts are stirred;

Speak to us by Thy Spirit,

As to Thy seers of old;

O rend the heavens, Lord, and come,

Thy glory to unfold.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gary Tutzauer

In familiar words you invite us back into the story of your presence in human life, O God. Let us remember all that we have known, so that we might hear new truths and dream new dreams of Hope this day. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9 Page 643

ANTHEM *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Cristi Cary Miller

Vocalists: Christy, Ed, Sharon / Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:1–16 Rev. Jack Cherry
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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: *"A Season of Hope"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN *"Watchman Tell Us of the Night"* # 97

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 *"Almost There"* Michael W. Smith
Vocalists: Christy Tompkins, Ed Murphy / Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

* DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

You continue to bless us, O God, with your gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love surrounding us daily. Help us to recognize all of your gifts and to use them,

as we use these gifts that we return to you, so that we might draw others closer to you and your love. 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 *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* # 82

BENEDICTION Pastor Jack

Go out into a world that has tried to limit Advent and Christmas to children and commerce and calendar dates and show them all that they are missing!

We will look for opportunities to shine the light of God's Hope into the darkness of despair, greed, fear and hatred, in ways that brighten every day of every year.

May the God of hope fill you - each and all - with joy and peace and love, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, this day and every day!

All: Amen and Amen!

POSTLUDE *"He Shall Reign Forevermore"* Chris Tomlin

Vocalist: Ed Murphy / Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

Worship Notes

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

Acolytes: Torstin Sherrill and Zain Voegborlo

Youth Group Bake Sale Next Sunday

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

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.***

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.

Christmas Eve Worship Service



Please join us Thursday, ***December 24th at 7pm*** *for our candlelight service.*

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**



Monday, Nov 30	**Bells Rehearsal**	**5:00PM**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**5:30PM**
	Strength Club	**6:00PM**
	Cub Scouts	**6:00PM**
Tuesday, Dec 1	**Jolly Jamboree Rehearsal**	**6:00PM**
	Youth Group *Room 201*	**6:00PM**
	Girl Scouts	**6:00PM**
	PB&G Meeting	**7:00PM**
	Fundraising Meeting	**7:00PM**
Wednesday, Dec 2	**Food Pantry**	**10:00AM - 1:00PM**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**5:30PM**
	BPC Girl Scouts *Room 201*	**6:00PM**
	Strength Club	**6:00PM**
	Praise Team Rehearsal	**7:00PM**
	Boy Scouts	**7:00PM**
Thursday, Dec 3	**Choir Rehearsal**	**6:30PM**

	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	**7:30PM - 9:00PM**
Sunday, Dec 6	**Sunday School**	**9:30AM**
	Worship – Communion Sunday	**10:00AM**
	Pentecostal Church Worship	**12:00PM – 3:00PM**
	Stewardship/Mission *meeting after worship*	

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Sabrina Nagy, *Moderator of Deacons;* Joan Horan, *Vice Moderator*
Tracey Podolsky, *Secretary*

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The BPC Christian Ed program
proudly presents

A Dickens of a Christmas!!



A musical celebration of Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic,
A Christmas Carol

Friday, Dec. 4, 2026

Location: The Family Life Center at Brick Presbyterian Church
111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ
Tickets: $10 - May be purchased online or at the door
Refreshments available for purchase
All proceeds benefit BPC Christian Ed

For tickets and information please scan the QR code or visit

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