Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD
24th Sunday after Pentecost / Veterans Day Service
November 8, 2026

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME Frank Mizer

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Stewardship* Brian Aldrich

PRELUDE Cindy Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP: Frank Mizer

We remember today, O God, all those who have served our country.

We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.

Give comfort and encouragement to their families.

We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth, and the nations of this world will have become the kingdoms of our Christ.

Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope.

Hear our prayers for our enemies in the world, that they may be converted to Christ's will and join us in a better world community.

Let your holy will prevail among all people, and your name be exalted forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN *"The God of Abraham Praise"* # 49

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Christy Tompkins

CALL TO CONFESSION: Frank Mizer

Come, all you who are weary of carrying the burden of sin. The Way of Jesus is forgiveness, where we will discover rest for our souls. Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24* Rev. Eileen

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF GOD"S PEACE

Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. 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 — Frank Mizer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING — Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 — Page 206

ANTHEM — *"Pray Me Home"* — Philips, Craig, Dean
Bob Orlofsky

2nd SCRIPTURE READING: — Matthew 25:1-13 — Rev. Eileen Lindner
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The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: *"Ready for Service"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN — *"O Jesus I Have Promised"* — # 724 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 — *"Peace"* — Josh Baldwin
Wayne Tutzauer

* DOXOLOGY *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* # 708

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 MEDLEY *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* # 338 vs 1 & 3

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!'

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" # 337 vs 1 & 4

My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

BENEDICTION & RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

As we prepare to depart, let us take a moment to honor those who have served our country with courage and selflessness. We give thanks for the sacrifices they have made and the example they have set, embodying the strength, resilience, and hope that we all aspire to in faith.

To our veterans here with us today, we recognize and deeply appreciate your service. If you are able, we invite you to stand so that we may honor you as a community.

And now, as we go forth, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you. Let us all join in singing 'God Bless America,' lifting our voices in gratitude and unity.

POSTLUDE *"God Bless America"* by Irving Berlin

Congregation | Keyboardist: Cindy Dwyer

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Worship Notes

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

Acolytes: Anna Kathenes and Penelopi Weaver



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,
by Arlene Liegl, in memory of her Dad,
Andrew Bock

Last Day to Order Thanksgiving Pies

Today is the last day that we will be taking orders for **Thanksgiving Pies;** handmade by **Cameo Cakes Gourmet Bakery.**

Order forms are in the Narthex.

The Stewardship/Benevolance Committee will meet <u>today</u> after worship.



The Deacons, are reaching out to you for donations for our **Thanksgiving schools food boxes.** The following items are the ones we need the most: **- Pancake mix - Pancake syrup -Mashed potatoes - Peanut butter - Green beans - Peas - Yams - Mac & cheese - Apple sauce.**

Please mark your donation: "For the benefit of Schools Food Boxes." We deeply appreciate your generosity, compassion and steadfast commitment to serving our community. Your support is a true reflection of God's love.

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

Calling All Vendors: Are you looking to showcase your product or services to a vibrant and engaged audience?

Then be a vendor at the **BPC HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR on Nov 21st** from **10AM to 4PM – Price $20.00.** - ***More info, speak with Lauren Dyke.***

Prayers of Healing

Please keep Bob & Sue Towlen and their family in your prayers, as they mourn the passing of Bob's brother, Ellsworth.

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, Ginger Oppenheimer, 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**



Monday, November 9	**Bells Rehearsal**	**5:00PM**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**5:30PM**
	Strength Club	**6:00PM**
	Cub Scouts	**6:00PM**
Tuesday, November 10	**Youth Group** *Room 201*	**6:00PM**
	Girl Scouts	**6:00PM**
Wednesday November 11	**Food Pantry**	**10:00AM - 1:00PM**
	Seated Strength & Stretch	**5:30PM**
	BPC Girl Scouts *Room 201*	**6:00PM**
	Strength Club	**6:00PM**
	More Than Capable	**6:00PM**
	Praise Team Rehearsal	**7:00PM**
	Boy Scouts	**7:00PM**
Thursday, November 12	**Choir Rehearsal**	**6:30PM**
	Pentecostal Church Bible Study	**7:30PM - 9:00PM**
Sunday, November 15	**Sunday School**	**9:30AM**
	Worship - Dedication Sunday	**10:00AM**
	Pentecostal Church Worship	**12:00PM – 3:00PM**

Saturday, November 28 – Come 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.



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.

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Tracey Podolsky, *Secretary*

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Sandra Alho, Diane Lehnes, Lynda Pullis, Christy Tompkins

Class of 2029
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