



"We Welcome All as we Celebrate God's Love."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

C. Austin Miles

(Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

PEOPLE: Just and true are your way, King of the nations.

LEADER: Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

**PEOPLE: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and
worship before you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts this morning, as we worship
and praise you. You are every good thing in our lives and are
worthy of our thanks. Be with us as we hear your word and
sing songs of our love for you. Amen.

*HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we seek your grace because we have not forgiven
as we should have. We have held on to anger, to grudges, to
hurt, to pain. Help us to let go of our emotions and see people
the way you do, as worthy of the redemption you have
offered to us. Lead us out of these dark places of our hearts
and help us to heal and grow, so we can share your light with
the world. *(Our silent prayers continue...)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God is merciful to all and that mercy will surely be
shown to us. Hear and receive the good news of the Gospel:

**PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
Alleluia. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI - HYMN 577

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs
of reconciliation and peace with one another. The
peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

Summer Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us hear your Word, O God, our Salvation. Let it dwell in our hearts, change our minds, and dictate our actions, as we hear it, and long after it has been spoken. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133:1-3

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

² **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:1-15

The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Amazing Grace"

Pastor Adrienne

*HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Confession of 1967)*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness

as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives them the power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all humanity. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Cathedral Prayer"

James Southbridge

*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Our Father in heaven, as you multiplied the loaves and fish to meet the needs of those gathered to hear Jesus preach, take these, our gifts, and maximize their fruitfulness so that others may have their daily bread and your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*HYMN GTG 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(See Last Page of Bulletin)

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* Arr. Tom Birchwood

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Mike Opilla, Lay Reader;
Demetrious Savopoulos, Video

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August 16, 2026

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this Third Sunday of the month. Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall next door.

NEW DATE - DAISEY ROE ANNUAL PICNIC will be THIS Wednesday, August 19th at 12:00pm. Bring a covered dish or your favorite dessert to share. Agenda will be September Flea Market, Yard Sale and Thrift Shop. Location: 170 Culver View Lane, Branchville, NJ. Hostesses: Marion and Trish. Hope to see you there!

WORSHIP AT WILLOW BROOK FARM — Please join us as we worship outside at the Opillas’ Farm located at Willow Brook Farm, 138 Wykertown Road in Branchville, Sunday, August 23rd at 10am with a potluck luncheon afterwards. Please bring a chair and your favorite dish. Happy Together will perform for 1/2 hour after lunch. They are a group of ladies who love to sing acapella in the barbershop style. Oldies, Disney, and patriotic songs. A little bit of everything to make you smile. We hope you will join us for a day of faith, food, & fellowship on the farm!

WHO’S THY NEIGHBOR - Pastor Adrienne will be leading a discussion group on 8/30/26 at 11:15am (After Worship), to discuss our community and ways we can actively engage and grow our congregation. The Presbytery is offering a grant to all churches who participate. Please join us! We would love to hear your idea’s on being more active in our neighborhood!

THIRD QUARTER LOCAL MISSION — Our 3rd Quarter Mission project is one we have supported for a number of years because Presbyterians support public education! It is DonorsChoose, a website where teachers post requests for classroom resources. This helps offset the money that teachers spend out of pocket each year to give their students the best classroom experience that they can. We will be collecting your donations to add to the budget and will select our educational projects at the end of September. We’ll be sure to let you know where the money went!!

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of Peanut Butter & Ramen Noodle. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. Open Weds 10am-12pm.

RALLY DAY is Sept. 13th. Please mark your calendars so that you may share the fun as we start our year of Sunday School! A teacher is needed for October. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

OUR NURSERY is staffed and ready to go for children 3 and under. Parents (caregivers) will now be able to spend time in church, while their child will be cared for in a loving and comfortable environment. We hope that some new families will come and join us!

ADULT ED - Bible study will resume on Thurs, Sept 10th at 5:30pm. We will continue on with our study of Genesis. Please come and join in our interesting discussion.

FALL FLEA MARKET — Daisey Roe Chain is planning their 29th Annual Fall Flea Market including the thrift shop on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 9 am to 3 pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors/outdoors for \$20.00 each. Inclement weather - space is limited to 25 indoors. Daisey Roe keeps spaces for our church members who are interested in renting a table. Please send in your check by August 25, 2026, to reserve your space. Checks payable to: Daisey Roe Chain and mail to: Marion Alden, 170 Culver View Lane, Branchville NJ 07826.

OKTOBERFEST — The Fellowship Committee is planning to hold an Oktoberfest gathering on October 16th starting at 5:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, decorations, and entertainment. There will be a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and indicate which area you would be interested in helping with. Your assistance is appreciated.

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show 481

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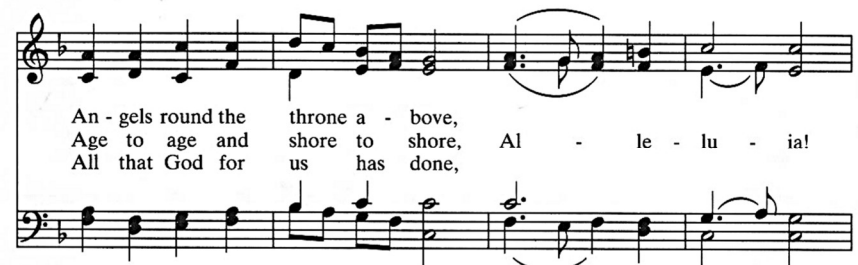
Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. David Evans, 1927



1. Praise the Lord, God's glo - ries show,
2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth,
3. Praise the Lord, great mer - cies trace,
Al - le - lu - ia!



Saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Tell the won - ders, sing God's worth,
Praise this prov - i - dence and grace,
Al - le - lu - ia!



An - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age and shore to shore,
All that God for us has done,
Al - le - lu - ia!



All that see and share God's love,
Praise God, praise for - ev - er - more!
All God sends us through the Son.
Al - le - lu - ia!

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship
Tuesday	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Saturday	9am-1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship – Worship on Opillas Farm
	11:15am	Potluck Lunch

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved;
 3. Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al-read-y come;
 4. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word my hope se-cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear The hour I first be-lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por-tion be As long as life en-dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4