



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

PRELUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Arr. Paul Fey

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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

**PEOPLE: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**

LEADER: for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**PEOPLE: Yours, Lord, is the kingdom you are exalted as
head over all.**

LEADER: Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

**PEOPLE: In your hands are strength and power to exalt
and give strength to all.**

LEADER: Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew and to center our small worship on your great glory. Amen.

*HYMN 436

We Are Your People

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Trinity, we come before you with humble hearts, admitting to you and ourselves that we have not lived the way you want us to. We have ignored our neighbors and their needs. We have prioritized comfort over justice. We sought to conform to the world rather than to your grace. Grant us clear minds and strong hearts to reject our worldly habits and choose your will instead. *(Our silent prayers continue...)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: 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

Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts and minds to hear the Words of Scripture as if for the first time. Let them wash over us and remake us anew, in accordance with your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:1-11

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.**

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 25:19-34

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

SERMON

"Soup for a Birthright"

Pastor Adrienne

***HYMN 330**

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with men. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. 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 *"Devotion N. 32"* Dom Paul Benoit

*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is
your name. Bless all we offer you– our selves, our time, and
our possessions– that through us your grace and favor may
be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN 440 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *"Trumpet Air"* David Paxton

Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Kathleen K., Lay Reader;
Demetrious Savopoulos, Video

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July 12, 2026

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! — Come join us for Movie on the lawn “The Prince of Egypt”, July 24th 8pm Movie start time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP — VBS will again be at the Frankford Plains Church in Augusta, Aug. 10-14, 9:30-12. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kim Scudieri at kscudieri1023@yahoo.com to let her know or ask any questions to Donna H.

12TH ANNUAL CHANGING THE FACE OF ADDICTION WALK
Thorlabs will be sponsoring the 12th Annual “Changing the Face of Addiction” walk on Saturday, August 1st 9am – 12pm. This is a family friendly event at Franklin Firemen's Pavilion, 46 High Street, Franklin, NJ. To donate or register to walk please visit recoverywalk.org. Together we can save lives!

SUMMER COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS — Volunteers are needed to run the coffee hour on Sundays through the months of July and August following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your assistance during the summer months will be greatly appreciated.

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!!

THRIFT SHOP — Please continue to donate your CLEAN/REUSABLE items to the shop. Sorry, but we can NOT accept electronics, textbooks, or manuals. Opened Saturday's 9am—1pm.

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 out 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.

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

HELP WANTED — Session has approved the hiring of 2 paid nursery attendants. Session has determined that, in order to attract young families to church, a regularly staffed nursery is critical. We are targeting September for kicking off the staffing. Session understands that it will likely take months for young families to appear and start taking advantage of the nursery, but if we don't get started it will never happen. We need two people at least 18 years old. The pay is \$50 per person per Sunday. They will have to pass a background check and take online safety training. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let Mike Lutz know.

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship

We Are Your People

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Brian Wren, 1973

WHITFIELD Irregular

John W. Wilson, 1980

1. We are Your peo - ple: Lord, by Your grace,
 2. Called to por - tray You, help us to live
 3. Glad of tra - di - tion, Help us to see
 4. Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, break - ing Your bread,
 5. Lord, as we min - is - ter in dif - ferent ways,

You dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors of ev - ery
 Clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to stran - gers, a - ble to
 In all life's chang - ing where You are lead - ing, Where our best
 May we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er, will - ing to
 May all we're do - ing show that You're liv - ing, meet - ing Your

1. na - tion and race. 2. clash and for - give.
 5. love with our praise. 3. ef - forts should be.
 4. lead and be led.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

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SHEPHERDS' PIPES CMD

Brian Wren, 1973

Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952

1. Deep in the shad - ows of the past, Far out from set - tled lands,
 2. While oth - ers bowed to change - less gods They met a mys - ter - y:
 3. From A - bra - ham to Naz - a - reth The prom - ise changed and grew,
 4. For all the writ - ings that sur - vived, For lead - ers, long a - go,

Some no - mads trav - eled with their God A - cross the des - ert sands.
 God with an un - com - plet - ed name, "I am what I will be";
 While some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, Re - cord - ed what they knew,
 Who sift - ed, chose, and then pre - served The Bi - ble that we know,

The dawn of hope for hu - man - kind Was glimpsed by them a - lone:
 And by their tents, a - round their fires, In sto - ry, song, and law
 And some, in let - ters or la - ments, In proph - e - cy and praise,
 Give thanks, and find its prom - ise yet Our com - fort, strength, and call,

A prom - ise call - ing them a - head, A fu - ture yet un - known.
 They praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on A past that prom - ised more.
 Re - cov - ered, held, and re - ex - pressed New hope for chang - ing days.
 The work - ing mod - el for our faith, A - live with hope for all.

440 In Christ There Is No East or West

Luke 13:29

MC KEE CM

African-American spiritual

Jubilee Songs, 1884

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

C G C F B $\flat$ F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.