



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 05, 2026

10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

PRELUDE

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

PEOPLE: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

LEADER: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

PEOPLE: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

LEADER: Come now, all who thirst,

PEOPLE: And drink the water of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ, our Lord, we praise you for your goodness and for the love you have shown us all. We long to know you better, to act in accordance with your will. Be present with us during this service, during our celebration of communion, and as we depart. Amen.

*HYMN 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we too often find ourselves focused on the busy parts of life. We are carried away by celebrations and by grief, by work and by play, by our fears and hopes. We do not focus on you and as a result, we do not follow you. We treat your laws as mere guidelines and bend them to our will. We take your teachings and do not bother to put them to practice. Forgive us for our failings and hold us accountable to our promise to be better. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved through him! 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, we ask that you enlighten us as we hear the words of scripture read and proclaimed. Allow us to understand their meaning and let them mold us into better Christians. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:15-25a

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 45:10-17

- ¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him;
¹² **the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.¹³ with all kinds of wealth.**
The princess is decked in her
chamber with gold-woven robes;
¹⁴ in many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
¹⁵ **With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**
¹⁶ In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
¹⁷ **I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

SERMON

Pastor Adrienne

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"This Savior Mine"* Gilbert Martin

***THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Holy One, we give thanks for the gifts you first gave us. Now we ask your blessing on the gifts we give back, our time, our talent, and our tithes, so they may be used to share your good news with the world. Amen.

*HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

(our prayer continues)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *Communion will be served by intinction. Please follow the usher's directions and walk up the right aisle and down the left to return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, a server will bring you communion in your seat.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for your invitation to the table. Through the bread and cup, we have been refreshed and invigorated for the days ahead of us. Continue to be with us and lead us as we depart, until we can be brought back together again. Amen.

*HYMN 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *"Praise God, Ye Christians"* Arr. E. Broughton

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Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincics, Music Director; Linda Osborne, Lay Reader;
Demetrious Savopoulos, Video

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 05, 2026

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this First 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. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. Open Weds 10am-12pm.

HELP WANTED:

- First, our Dimitri is going off to Rutgers in September (Congratulations!), and we need a person to manage the audio and streaming for Sunday services. The pay is \$25 per Sunday. If you know anyone who would like to earn \$25 for an hour's work on Sundays, please let Mike Lutz know.
- Second - and this is exciting! - 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
Monday	4:00pm	Music & Worship Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Saturday	9am-1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual

Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA CMD

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
 Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee

And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness And ev-ery gain di-vine!
 And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!