



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

3:00pm



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing
* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

WELCOME

Rev. Ryon Herin

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Julie Raffety

LEADER: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PEOPLE: You have set your glory above the heavens.

LEADER: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

PEOPLE: What are human beings that you are mindful of them?

LEADER: Yet you have crowned them with glory and honor.

PEOPLE: Let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 543

Abide with Me

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Mark Hontz

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. (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. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI - HYMN 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Adrienne Poissant

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

"Celebrate and Sing with Praise"
Chancel Choir

D. Besig & N. Price

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Susan Jankowitz

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:26-31

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

² **The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

³ **"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us."**

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

⁵ **Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

⁶ **"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."**

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.**

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ **Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling**

¹² **kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:15-19

Rev. Michael Cuppett

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

SERMON

***HYMN 525**

Here I Am, Lord

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

LITANY OF GIFTS *(Based on Rom. 12:4–8, 11–13)*

Rev. Ryon Herin

PASTOR: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

PEOPLE: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

PASTOR: If your gift is to hear God's Word,

PEOPLE: speak it out in faith.

PASTOR: If your gift is service,

PEOPLE: live to serve others.

PASTOR: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

PEOPLE: teach what is true.

PASTOR: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

PEOPLE: let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

PASTOR: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

PEOPLE: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH:

LEADER: Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

PEOPLE: The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

LEADER: The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of a teaching elder is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore the Presbytery of N., by means of this commission, now installs Adrienne as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Branchville in her baptism, Adrienne was clothed with Christ. She was ordained as a teaching elder by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

PEOPLE: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our sister, to serve among us as pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR PASTOR ADRIENNE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR CONGREGATION

Clerk of Session, Mike Lutz

Elder: Do we, the members of the church, accept Adrienne as our pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Elder: Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? **We do.**

Elder: Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Ryon Herin

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

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

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise. *(Our prayer continues....)*

.... Gracious God, show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Rev. Julie Raffety

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

*HYMN 467

How Great Thou Art

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Rev. Adrienne Poissant

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)



...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** *(our prayer continues)*

... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

Rev. Adrienne Poissant, Rev. Michael Cuppett, and Rev. Ryon Herin serving

*(Come forward to receive communion, if you cannot, communion will be served in seat.
Please let an Usher know if you would like Gluten-free bread. Outer & Inner rings are Grape Juice)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Adrienne Poissant

Holy Spirit, remain with us as we depart from this table. Walk with us in the week ahead so that we might always remember the gifts God has given us; the gifts of irresistible grace and love that surpasses all understanding. Help us to show this love to all who might cross our paths. Amen.

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Adrienne Poissant

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*HYMN GTG 821

My Life Flows On

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Rev. Adrienne Poissant, Rev. Ryon Herin, Rev. Julie Raffety, Rev. Michael Cuppett, Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, Elder Mark Hontz, Elder Susan Jankowitz; John Gagliardi, Organist; Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Mike Lutz, Elder Clerk of Session; Demetrious Savopoulos, Video.

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Abide with Me

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE 10.10.10

William Henry Monk, 1861

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Here I Am, Lord

7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I have heard My peo-ple cry.
 I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
 I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep-est sin
 I have wept for love of them,
 I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save.
 They turn a - way.
 My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark-ness bright.
 Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them?
 I will speak My word to them.
 I will give My life to them.

Whom shall I send?
 Whom shall I send?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison

Here I am, Lord.
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have

heard You call-ing in the night
 I will

go, Lord, if You lead me.
 I will hold Your

Fine

peo - ple in my heart.

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Swedish folk melody
Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shin mo dun seh Nae ma um
2. Soop sok ee nah hum hahn sahn gol jjak eh suh Jee juh gee

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

so geh geu ree uh bol ttae Ha neul eh byul ool
nun juh sae so ree deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu

all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from

lyuh paw jee nun nway sung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan
reu nun see nae moo reun Joo nim eh som ssee no rae ha doh

hear the *roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle

neh dah Joo nim eh nop go wee dae ha shim ul
played; my Sav - ior God, to Thee,
breeze; soul, Then sings my

Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nop go
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

wee dae ha shim eul Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh
Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

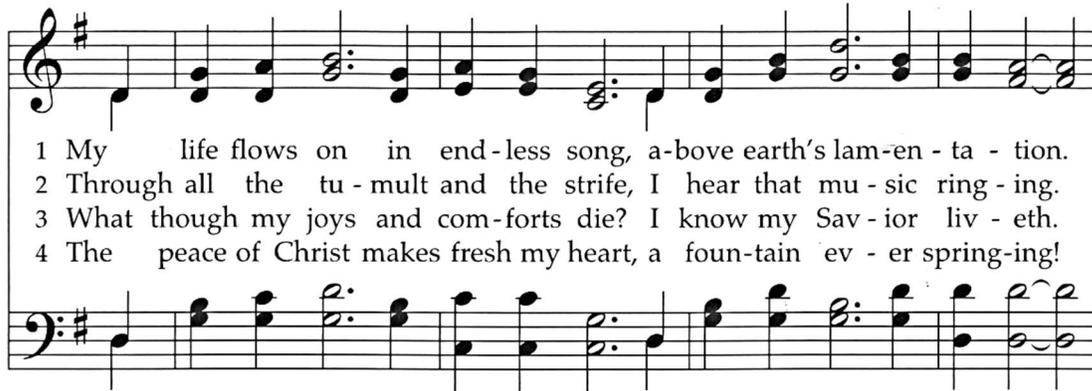
3. Joo ha nah nim tok sang ja ak kim up 3. And when I think that God, His Son
see not sparing,
Oo ree rul wee hae ddang eh bo nae uh Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
Seep ja ga eh pee heul lyuh juk keh ha That on the cross, my burden gladly
sa bearing,
Nae mo dun chway rul goo sok ha shun He bled and died to take away my sin;
neh *Refrain*

4. Nae joo Ye su seh sahng eh dah see ol 4. When Christ shall come with shout
ttae of acclamation
Juh chun goo geu ro nal in doh ha ree And take me home, what joy shall
Na kyum son hee up deu ryuh kyung fill my heart!
bae ha myuh Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
Young won hee joo rul chan yahng ha And there proclaim, my God,
ree rah how great Thou art!
Hooryum *Refrain*

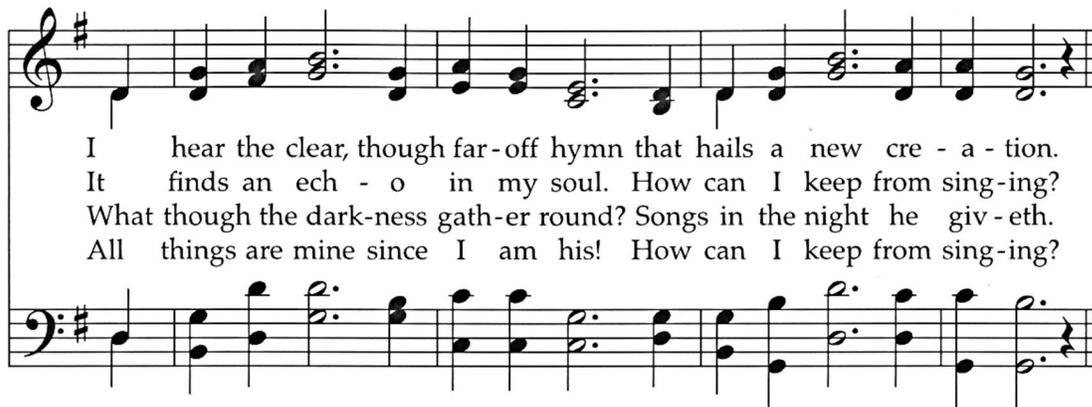
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My Life Flows On

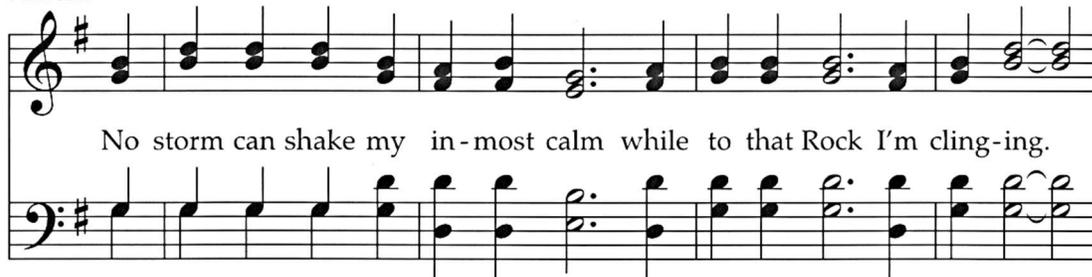
How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?