



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2026

10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

PRELUDE

"Dove of Peace"

Kevin Norris

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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

PEOPLE: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

LEADER: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

PEOPLE: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

LEADER: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

PEOPLE: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever present God, we thank you for calling us to meet with you today. By your Spirit lead and guide us during this service, to help us hear you when you speak and to guide our

responses with hearts and voices that rejoice in your presence. Amen.

*HYMN 469

Morning Has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, forgive us, we pray, for letting our minds and hearts stray from you. You have shown us love, mercy, and grace, and we repay you by forgetting your teachings. We hate our neighbors. We use your name in vain. We have been unfaithful, denying you in our actions and words. We do not deny ourselves and take up our crosses. Help us to know your grace, so our minds and hearts can change. (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 One, we give you thanks for your Scriptures, given as a gift to us to better understand you and each other. Help us to hear them anew today and let them linger within us long after they are spoken. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 29:15-28

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ **Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- ⁶ **O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
- ⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- ⁸ **He is mindful of his covenant for ever, of the word that he
commanded, for a thousand generations,**
- ⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- ¹¹ **which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
- ^{45B} **Praise the LORD!**

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:26-39

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

SERMON

"Unconditional"

Pastor Adrienne

***HYMN 394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Theological Declaration of Barmen)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. 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 *"Meditation on AZMON"* Lani Smith

*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 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *"Rondeau"* Jean Joseph Mouret

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

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

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July 26, 2026

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

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.

NEW DATE - DAISEY ROE ANNUAL PICNIC will be 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!

SUMMER COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS — Volunteers are needed to run the coffee hour on Sundays through the month of 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.

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

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.

SUMMER DINNER FOR 8 — The Fellowship Committee was informed that there is an interest in a gathering for a dinner group or groups (of about 6 to 8 people). If you are interested in attending or hosting a dinner on Saturday, August 15th there will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The host will provide the main course, and guests will bring appetizers, side dishes, dessert, etc.

FALL FLEA MARKET — Fall is just around the corner. The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are 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 - first come first served. Good weather – space is limited to 32 tables indoors and outdoors. We do the advertising and provide tables for indoor / outdoor, rain or shine. 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. Co-Chairwomen: Marion Alden, Ellen Santoro and Beverly Keur. 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.

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
<i>Next Sunday</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Worship</i>

Morning Has Broken

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BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, For Je - sus is your friend, And
 3. If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can

then the Ho-ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. 2. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re - fuse to lend. 3. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus And say, "He died for all."

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.