

 **First Presbyterian Church of
Branchville, New Jersey** 

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 08, 2026

10:00am

2nd Sunday of Lent



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

"Berceuse"

Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to worship the God of our forefathers;

PEOPLE: the God of Abraham and Moses; Peter and Paul.

LEADER: We come to worship the God of our foremothers;

PEOPLE: the God of Sarah and Deborah; Mary and Phoebe.

LEADER: We come to worship our God;

PEOPLE: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come to worship.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all creation, during this third week of Lent, we ask that you remind us of the people often overlooked. Help us to see how you act in all people, so we can love them the way you love us. Amen.

*HYMN 332

Live into Hope

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, we take this time to search ourselves, to consider the ways we have failed to uphold your commandments. We confess that we have ignored others. We've turned from those in need, letting their pleas fall on deaf ears. But we've also ignored those who are doing your work, choosing not to see the people who volunteer, teach, and struggle to make the world a more fair place. Forgive us, O God, and help us to truly see the people around us. *(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

*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

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Hall Hopsin

Chancel Choir & 2 Hand Bells

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Our God in Heaven, you give us the gift of Scripture to teach us, to lead us, and to change us. Let us hear the Word this morning with new ears and gracious hearts so that we might be reconciled with you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 4:4-10

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶ **Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 8:1-7; 11-15

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

SERMON

"The Women"

Pastor Adrienne

*HYMN GTG 324

For All the Faithful Women

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the Children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Linda Osborne Food Pantry

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 "Reflections" Charity Boyles

*THE DOXOLOGY - HYMN 593

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God of Heaven, thank you for the gifts you have given us. With gracious hearts, we return gifts of our own, giving back to our community so that it better reflects your love. Amen.

*HYMN 358 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Arye" Jeremiah Clarke

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Sandy Carlisle, Lay Reader;
Demetrius Savopoulos, Video.

Multiple Ways to Make an Offering:

- **Text** – Just text the word "GIVE" to 973-874-1277 and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You may make a donation using your credit card, your checking account, or your savings account.
- **Bill Pay** – Your bank probably offers this option to make donations one-time or on a recurring basis - it's free, and 100% of your gift is received!
- **Attend worship in person and put your offering in the plate as it's passed.**
- **Mail in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.**
- **E-giving** – Go to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



2026 Holy Week Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29th

10:00am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

5:30pm Worship Service

Good Friday, April 3rd

Frankford Plains Methodist

7:00pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 5th

10:00am Worship Service



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WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this Second Sunday of the month. We hope you feel welcome here and have been inspired by our worship. Please stay for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING mission begins with Lent. This event lasts until Easter Sunday and the money we collect will go to help people in need around the globe as well as support the Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center. You can expect the Congregational OGHS letter to arrive in your inbox shortly where we have shared more details regarding the donation and how to contribute. As always, giving to a good cause is good for the soul so we hope you will take the time to support this annual multi-denominational effort!



DAISEY ROE LUCHEON —Our Member appreciation luncheon and movie will be March 11th at noon. Hope you will join us for pizza, salad and dessert. Please RSVP to attend!

CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK - OFF — Friday March 13th 6 - 8 pm. Come to eat or compete! Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring your best Chili or Cornbread or just come to enjoy and vote for the best! Kraft Mac and Cheese will also be served for children.

LOVE IN ACTION — MEETING EVERYDAY NEEDS — During the month of March, we are collecting personal hygiene items for Jean's Pantry. These simple necessities — soap, toothpaste, shampoo, baby wipes, lotion, mouth wash, feminine products and more — are meaningful gifts that show Christ's love in practical ways. Thank you for helping us care for both body and spirit. Please place items in the box provided in Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S NIGHT — Friday March 27th at 7:00pm. More details will be announced in church.

THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP is planning to re-open April 11th, 9am -1pm. Until our opening Easter items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER — The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are planning their 29th Annual Spring Flea Market including the thrift shop on Sat. ay 16th, 2026, 9 am to 2 pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors/outdoors for \$20.00 each. Checks payable to: Daisey Roe Chain and mail to: Marion Alden, 170 Culver View Lane, Branchville NJ 07826. Contact Marion Alden # 201-317-8210

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of Mayo, Paper Towels & Coffee. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. The Pantry will be open every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm.



DINNER FOR EIGHT — Interested in gathering with others for a night of good food and conversation? The Fellowship Committee will be planning another Dinner for Eight on Sat. April 11th at 6:00 pm. This would entail six to eight people gathering at a host home for dinner. The host will provide the main course, and guests will bring appetizers, side dishes, dessert, etc. If you are interested in being a dinner host, please indicate on the signup sheet. Hosts and guests will be selected at random the week prior to the event. There will be an interest sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or you may contact Sandy Carlisle at drCarlisle@gmail.com

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Bell Choir
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
	12pm	Daisey Roe Luncheon & Movie
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	5:30pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Friday	6:00pm	Chili & Cornbread Cook-off
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Adult Discovery Group

Live Into Hope

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TRURO LM

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams
Harm. Lowell Mason

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - rao's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^{b7} E^b Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1975

Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!