



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025

10:00am



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

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

PEOPLE: the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;

LEADER: indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

PEOPLE: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

LEADER: Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;

PEOPLE: holiness adorns your house for endless days.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service help us to worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 148 (See pg. 11)

At the Name of Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Lord, our God, we come before you today to confess our sins. Help us to be open and honest with ourselves and our shortcomings. Forgive us when we condemn faster than we forgive. Walk with us as we learn to be patient, open, and welcoming. Remind us that all the glory we could gain on earth is nothing compared to the glory of eternity with you. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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**

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

"We Gather Together"
Bell Choir

B. Kenyon

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and Most High God, Grant us ears willing to listen to your words, Minds willing to remember your words, and hands willing to enact your words. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 93

¹ The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

² **your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ **More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

⁵ **Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:33-43

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

SERMON

"If He is the Messiah"

Pastor Adrienne Poissant

***HYMN 100** (*See pg. 12*)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

"King of Kings"

Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY - HYMN 593

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye Heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Lord God, heavenly King, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord. In your name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 213 (See pg. 13)

God, Our Lord, a King Remaining

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(Please remain seated for the postlude and give thanks to God.)

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Now Thank We All Our God"

Paul Fey

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

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

Multiple Ways to Make an Offering:

1. **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.
2. **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!
3. **Attend** worship in person and put your offering in the plate as it’s passed.
4. **Mail** in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.
5. **E-giving** – Go to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



The depiction is "From Ancient Rome in the Light of Recent Discoveries (1898)"

Announcements

November 23, 2025

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this Fourth 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.



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY is a significant observance in the Presbyterian Church that celebrates the sovereignty of Christ as King of the universe. It marks the culmination of the liturgical year, emphasizing Christ's eternal reign and His authority over all creation. The day calls Christians to reflect on Christ's present rule and the hope of His coming kingdom, reminding them of His supreme authority and the importance of loyalty to Him. This observance serves as a reminder of Christ's eternal kingship, transcending earthly power and governance, and invites believers to recognize His ongoing influence in the world.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – TONIGHT, Nov. 23rd at 6pm, the Frankford Plains UMC will be hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with FPC Branchville. We would love to see members of both congregations there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL - A signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall for our second half of the year for volunteers as teachers, assistants and subs. This is an ongoing process and we appreciate all who have stepped in to keep us going! Thank you! Anyone who volunteers with our children, will have to complete a background check through Ministry Safe, whether you have recently had one from another source or not. To make our volunteers aware, I will be in touch with you before I submit your name to start the process.

BRANCHVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE - We are happy to announce that on Saturday, November 29th the church will be participating in the 2nd Annual Christmas Parade in Branchville. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in front of the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm to watch and cheer on our participating church members as they ride in the parade. We will be serving hot chocolate to help keep warm while we enjoy the festivities. As participants we are asked to bring new unwrapped toys to the Branchville Hose Company's "Stuff the Boat." If you would like to provide a toy donation we will be collecting them in the Fellowship Hall prior to the parade event. We will also accept any donations of Christmas lights that can be used in decorating the truck and tractor that will be representing us in the parade. Thank you - Sandra Carlisle



THANK YOU DAISEY ROE – Please take a look at our newly remodeled breezeway by the FH entrance. The Daisey Roe ladies have been working hard on freshening it up with new paint, lighting and power washing. A big thank you to our Daisey Roe Ladies!

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of pancake mix, pancake syrup & canned fruit. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. The Pantry will be open every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm.



2025 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025 - Any offerings that you wish to be posted for 2025 must be received by December 31, 2025



FOURTH QUARTER LOCAL MISSION - Since 1997 Family Promise of Sussex County has provided services to assist families and single men and women as they work towards housing stability and self-sufficiency. Family Promise of Sussex County works to eradicate homelessness in Sussex County and provides resources to strengthen children and families. They provide emergency shelter, meals, counseling, and intensive case management services. Your contributions to the 4th Quarter Mission (October–December) will go to this very worthy program to help our Sussex County neighbors who are in dire need. You may mail a check made out to “First Presbyterian Church of Branchville” with "Family Promise" in the memo. Your contributions to special mission projects make a big difference!!

JOIN US FOR WALK N’ TALK — Fall/Winter 9am-10am, September 1st to June 1st. Monday thru Saturday: On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday we walk around the circle by Selective Insurance, (the old fairgrounds), or through town. We park and meet by the tennis courts. Tuesday at Frankford Park, we park and meet by the basketball court. Thursday at Woodbourne Park, we park and meet by the first parking lot. Any questions – please direct to Beverly Keur: bevkeur@gmail.com. Hope to see you there. Please invite a friend to join us.



PER CAPITA REMINDER — Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet paid their Per Capita this year. It is \$42.50/person and helps our church a great deal when we don’t have to take such a large sum from our already tight budget. Thank you for your anticipated generosity!

DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP - Saturday, November 29th Bag Sale at The Thrift Shop, Saturday, November 8th, 15th & 22nd Christmas Thrift Shop, Saturday, December 6th Thrift Shop Bag Sale and Final Sale day for the year.



GIVING TREE STOCKING STUFFERS - The Deacons would like to provide a filled Christmas stocking for children whose parents use our food pantry. Deacons will provide the stockings, along with the age and gender of the child you are buying for. We will have the stockings available following the church service on December 7th. Some suggestions: Provide 3 or more age-appropriate items that fit in the stocking such as gloves, socks, hot wheels cars, markers, puzzle books, silly putty, card games, bubbles etc. AND \$25 gift card to Walmart (or a similar store) in our area. Return the filled stocking to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 14th. The Deacons are thankful for your help in putting a smile on a child’s face Christmas morning. Any questions, please see Linda Osborne.

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship – Christ the King
	11:30am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving Service at Frankford Plains UMC
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	ALL DAY	Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	ALL DAY	Office Closed
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
	5:00pm	Branchville Light Show Parade – Fellowship Hall Opened
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship – First Sunday of Advent/Communion

2025 CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 30th

1st Sunday of Advent & Communion - Worship Service at 10am

December 4th, December 11th, December 18th

Bible Study at 5:30pm – 7:00pm

December 7th

2nd Sunday of Advent/Greening Service at 10am

Advent Festival – Gingerbread Houses, Games & Refreshments at 11am

December 14th

3rd Sunday of Advent & Christmas Performance – Worship Service at 10am

December 21st

4th Sunday of Advent - Worship Service at 10am

Christmas Eve – December 24th

Christmas Carol Sing-7:15pm

Christmas Eve Service -7:30pm

(includes choirs, carols, and candle lighting)

December 28th

1st Sunday of Christmas & Hymn Sing Worship Service at 10am



Benefit Holiday Event at Lusscroft

\$5
Admission
per adult
to
Manor
House

Saturday, Nov. 29th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
50 Neilson Rd., Wantage

Funds
Raised go
to Lusscroft
Restoration

Three Historic Buildings Open to Visitors
The Manor House, The Christmas Cottage, The Carriage House

Vendors & Crafters, Food, Displays,
Live Music by the Skylands Dulcimer String Band

Presented by the Heritage and Agriculture Association, Inc., in cooperation with the NJ
DEP/Division of Parks and Forestry

Lusscroft.org

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias For the Sanctuary

Christmas poinsettias may be ordered for the sanctuary and taken home after the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you in advance for your support!

Please make checks payable to:
"First Presbyterian Church"
and return to Gail Burckes, Alycia in the office
or the offering plate during worship.

Deadline for ordering is December 8th

Poinsettias _____ x \$15 each

Given by: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

-or-

Given in Honor of: _____

Thank you in advance for your Holiday donation.
Music & Worship Committee





**(Please bring fruit to the Manna House Kitchen
between 10:00 and 12:30 on the Tuesday or
Wednesday before Thanksgiving!)**

Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
 4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re-turn a - gain,

Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
 Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

100 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM LM

Isaac Watts, 1707

Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1783

Harm. Edward Miller, 1790

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

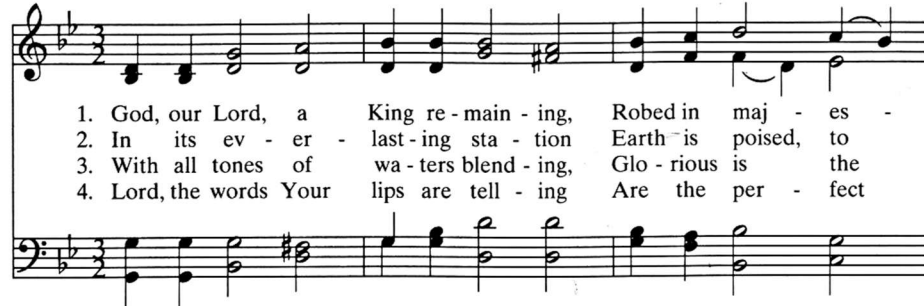
count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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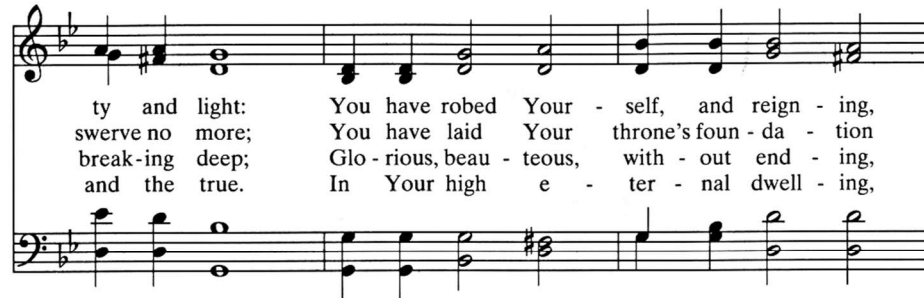
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John Keble, 1839; alt. 1988

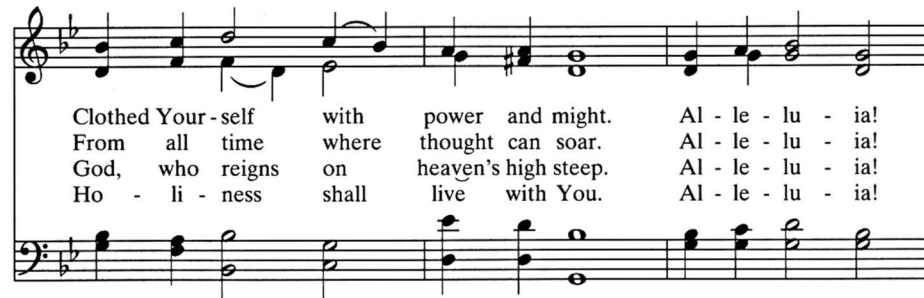
William Owen, 1852



1. God, our Lord, a King re - main - ing, Robed in maj - es -
 2. In its ev - er - last - ing sta - tion Earth is poised, to
 3. With all tones of wa - ters blend - ing, Glo - rious is the
 4. Lord, the words Your lips are tell - ing Are the per - fect



ty and light: You have robed Your - self, and reign - ing,
 swerve no more; You have laid Your throne's foun - da - tion
 break - ing deep; Glo - rious, beau - teous, with - out end - ing,
 and the true. In Your high e - ter - nal dwell - ing,



Clothed Your - self with power and might. Al - le - lu - ia!
 From all time where thought can soar. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God, who reigns on heaven's high steep. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - li - ness shall live with You. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God our King in depth and
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, You are for - ev - er -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean nev - er
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, Your word is ev - er



height! God our King in depth and height.
 more! Lord, You are for - ev - er - more!
 sleep. Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep.
 true. Lord, Your word is ev - er true.