First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2026 **10:00am**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE *"Psalm 43:3 En 4"* Pieter Heykoop
(Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
PEOPLE: for he has given us countless gifts!
LEADER: We offer him prayers of thanksgiving
PEOPLE: and we live our lives according to his teachings.
LEADER: Let everything we do be done for the glory of God,
PEOPLE: and for the glory of his kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Trinity, you formed us and breathed life into us. We belong to you, in body and in spirit. Guide us during this service, as we worship and learn, doing our best to draw closer to you. Amen.

HYMN 420** ***God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have given us so many gifts and talents, but instead of sharing our gifts with others, we have hoarded them for ourselves. We give you thanks for our gifts, but don't use them to spread the good news of your love with our neighbors. Teach us how to give back to others and inspire us to always be looking for ways to help your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. *(Our silent prayers continue…)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 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 579**

***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 Chancel Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC Bell Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN *"These Treasured Children"*
Chancel Choir & Congregation

Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, we are truly blessed to be able to read and hear your Word each Sunday. We ask that you open our minds, that the familiar stories and the strange ones might leave an imprint on our hearts, and help us to live into your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 123:1-4

[1] To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
[2] As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy upon us.
[3] Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
[4] Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:14-30
The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Superheroes"* Pastor Adrienne

***HYMN 435** **We All Are One in Mission**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Philippians 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 *"Andante Cantabile"* David Lasky

***THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 592**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Christ Jesus, your life is the greatest gift we have ever received. Through you, we have received love, hope, forgiveness, and eternal life. There is nothing we could do to show the true depths of our gratitude, but we offer all we are and all we have so that others might know your love as well. Amen.

HYMN 399** ***Be Thou My Vision

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *"Trumpet Fanfare in C major"* Arr. Paul Fey

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:
Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Patrick Murphy, Lay Reader;
Brian Dietz, 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 CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 29th
1st Sunday of Advent/Communion – Worship at 10am
December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th
Christmas Hymns/Advent Bible Study at 5:30pm
December 6th
2nd Sunday of Advent/Greening Service at 10am
Advent Festival – Gingerbread Houses & Games at 11am
December 13th
3rd Sunday of Advent – Worship at 10am
Family Christmas Service & Dinner at 5pm
December 20th
4th Sunday of Advent/Children's Christmas Performance
Worship at 10am
Christmas Eve – December 24th
Christmas Carol Sing - 7:15pm
Christmas Eve Service - 7:30pm
(includes choirs, carols, and candle lighting)
December 27th
Hymn Sing Worship at 10am

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WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on *Sunday, November 15, 2026*. Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall next door.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY TODAY, please remember to bring your completed pledge cards to our worship service at 10am.

DISCOVERY & DISCUSSION GROUP will meet after church on TODAY Nov 15th at 11:20am. We will learn about Pastor Adrienne's recent trip to Greece.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY – Teachers have been scheduled through the end of the year, but Teacher Assistants are needed! Please remember that 2 people are required in the classroom by State mandate. Would you be willing to be a "substitute" for the Nursery or Sunday School? If so, please sign up in the FH.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Our current Bible study of Genesis will conclude THIS Thursday, Nov 19th. We will then resume on Thursday, Dec 3rd with an Advent study and will compare our Christmas hymns to their reference in the Bible. Please consider joining us for some enlightening discussions.

4TH QUARTER LOCAL MISSION - 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 case management services. You may mail a check made out to "First Presbyterian Church of Branchville" with "Family Promise" in the memo. Thank you!

JEANS PANTRY-THANKSGIVING BASKETS - A heartfelt thank you to all who have given generously to Jean's pantry throughout the year. Your kindness and support will provide Thanksgiving dinners to 15 families in our community. Your monetary donations will be used to purchase items needed for these holiday meals. The Deacons will do the shopping! We will accept turkey donations. Please bring them to the church by TODAY. Thank you!

PER CAPITA REMINDER – Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet paid their Per Capita this year. It is $44.00/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!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2026 - Any offerings that you wish to be posted for 2026 must be received by December 31, 2026.

ANNUAL REPORTS - The deadline for submitting your 2026 Annual report is Friday, January 1st. Please email it to the church office at: presbsec@ptd.net. Thank you!

DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP - Saturday, December 5th is our Final Sale Day for the year. The Daisey Roe Thrift Shop is winding down. Please hold all donations until Spring.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS - Christmas poinsettias may be ordered for the sanctuary and taken after the Christmas Eve Service. Forms available in the Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and return to Gail Burckes, Alycia in the office or the offering plate during worship. Deadline is December 6th $15.00 each.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Join us Dec 13th at 5pm in Fellowship Hall for a family friendly Christmas service! The evening will begin with a free meal and will end with music, scripture, and prayer. All ages are invited to attend! If you are interested in volunteering for setup, clean up, or the service, please contact Pastor Adrienne.

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship – Stewardship Meeting
	11:20am	Discovery Group
Tuesday	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	5:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	*10:00am*	*Worship – Christ the King*

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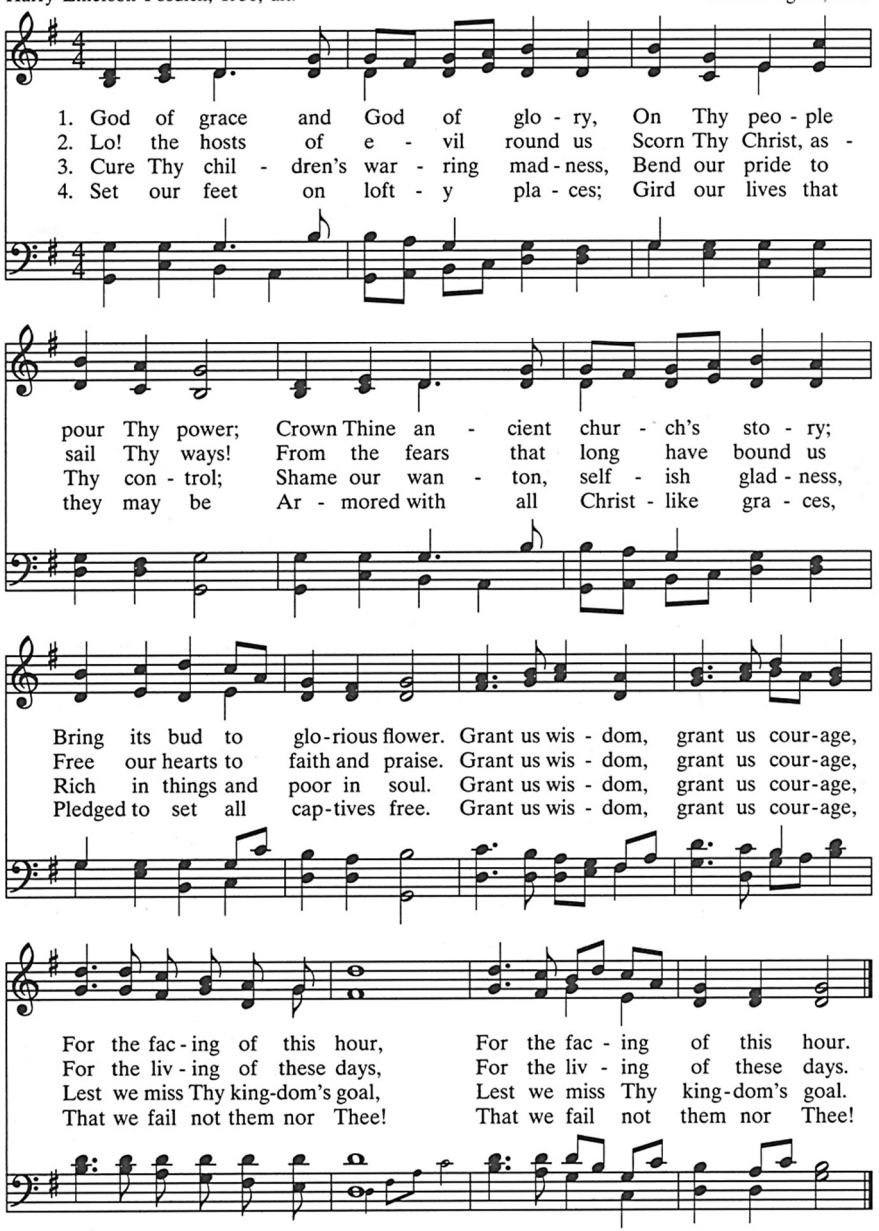
Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt. John Hughes, 1907



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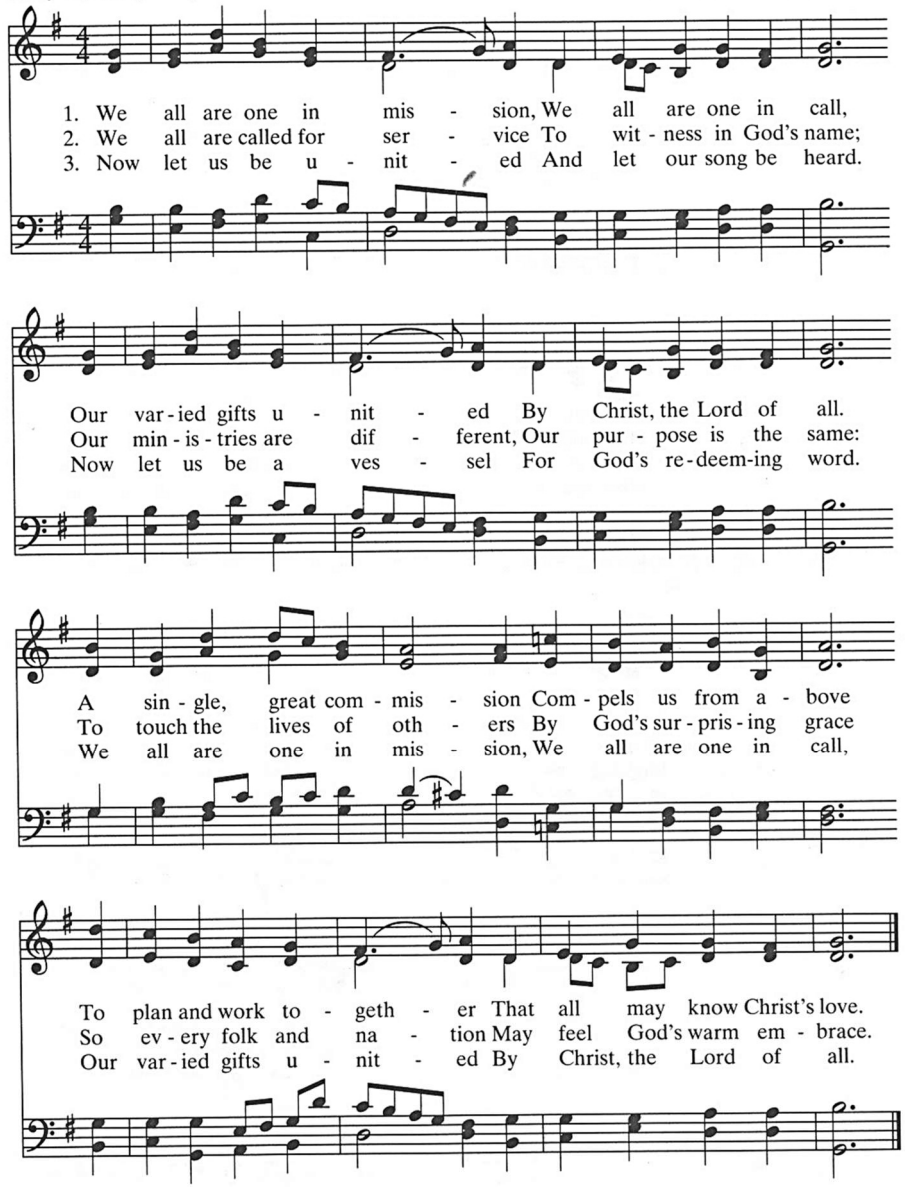
Memmingen ms., 17th century

Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt. Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904



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

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

