First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 08, 2026 **10:00am**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* Arr. Dale Wood
(Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
PEOPLE: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
LEADER: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
PEOPLE: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
LEADER: Come now, all who thirst,
PEOPLE: and drink the water of life.
LEADER: Come now, all who hunger,
PEOPLE: and be filled with good things.
LEADER: Come now, all who seek,
PEOPLE: and be warmed by the fire of love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Trinity, we give you thanks and praise for all the works of your hands. Through your love and grace, you have created us, redeemed us, and sustained us throughout our lives. Linger in this space, we pray, as we gather to worship you. Amen

HYMN 332** ***Live into Hope

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have not kept awake for you. You asked us to be prepared, but we let ourselves become distracted and lazy. We think we have plenty of time to forgive others and love our enemies, but our delay is really because we do not want to. We do not want to be forgiving all the time. We do not want to be loving all the time. But we want to always be your children. Guide us towards better ways, O God, and inspire us to always be ready to do your will. *(Our silent prayers continue…)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, 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

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

Spirit of the Living God, dwell in our hearts as we hear your Word read to us. Help us to see how these ancient texts speak to us today, and guide us as we work to align our lives more closely to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 78:1-7

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13
The words of Scripture, inspired by God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Unreliable Buses"* Pastor Adrienne

***HYMN 15** **Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Patrick Murphy

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 *"The King of Love My Shepherd"* Dale Wood

***THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 592**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Holy One, we dedicate these gifts to you, for it is through your goodness that we have gifts to share. We ask that you bless this offering and multiply it in the way only you can so that it may be used for good. Amen.

HYMN 376** ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *"Menuet Gothique"* *Lèon Boëllmann*

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:
Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Mike Opilla, Lay Reader;
Brian Dietz, Video

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- **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on *Sunday, November 08, 2026*. Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall next door.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 11/15, please remember to bring your completed pledge cards to our worship service at 10am.

DISCOVERY & DISCUSSION GROUP will meet after church on Sunday, 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 on 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 November 15. 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.

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship
Monday	3:30pm	Chistian Ed Meeting
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
	ALL DAY	Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
Thursday	5:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	*10:00am*	*Worship – Stewardship Sunday*
	11:20am	*Discovery Group*
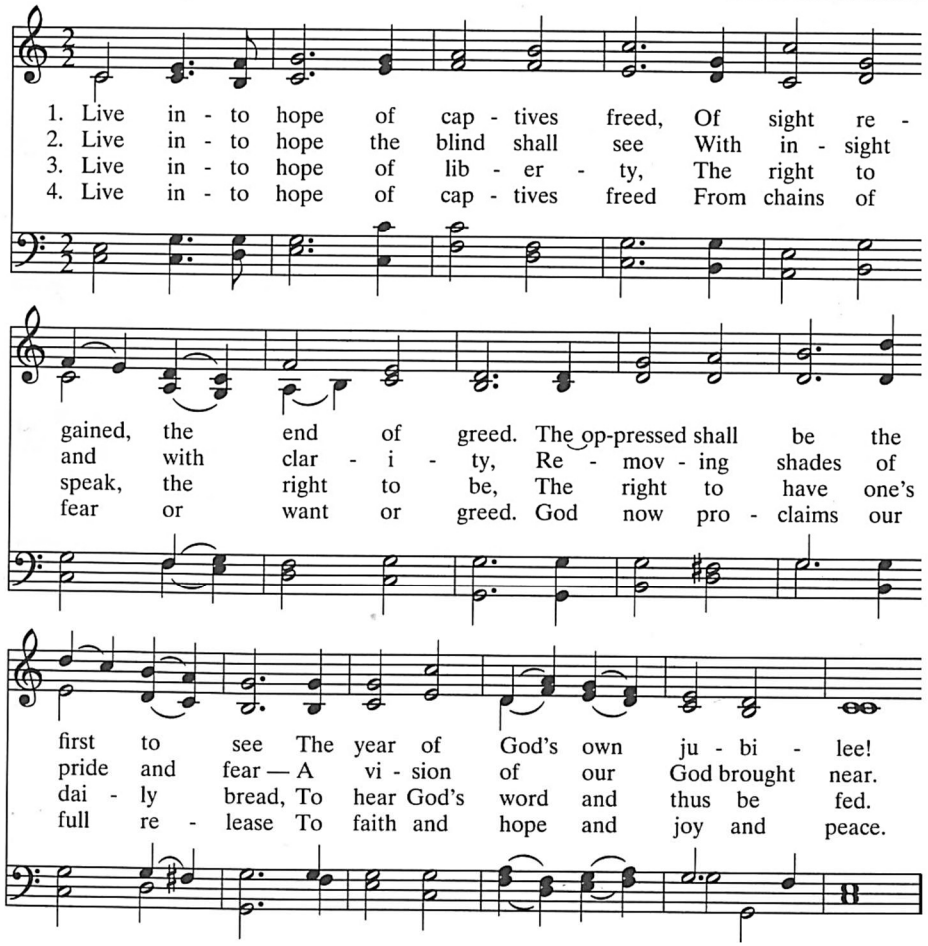


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Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams
Harm. Lowell Mason

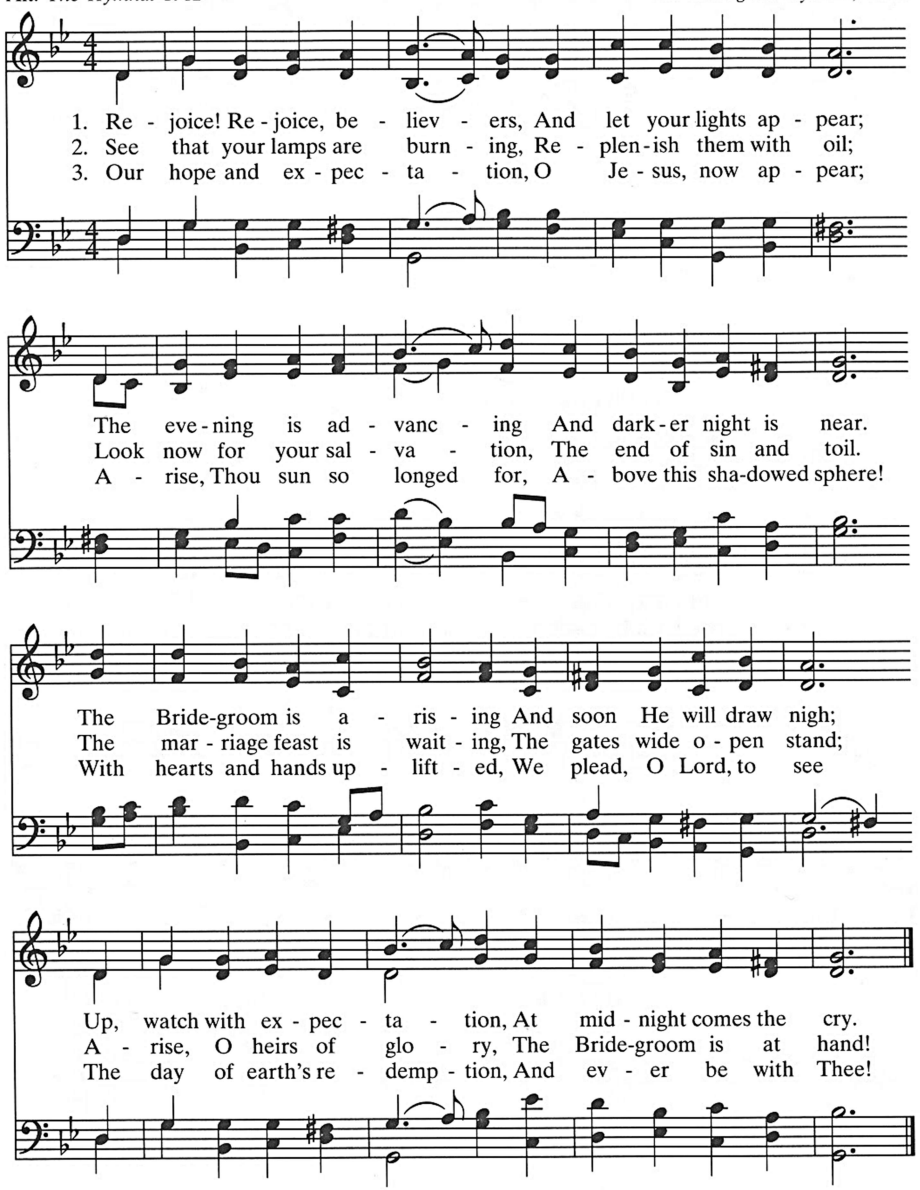


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Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
Alt. *The Hymnal 1982*

Welsh folk melody
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906



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Charles Wesley, 1747 — Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

