

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing growth

September 6, 2015 10:00 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE *Please remember to turn cell phones off.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**PEOPLE: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

PASTOR: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**PEOPLE: Lord, help us to work for you.**

PASTOR: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**PEOPLE: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Please make the prayers yours by responding "amen"*

\*HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful (See insert or projection)*

### RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 81:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God our defender;  
sing praise to the God of Jacob!

<sup>2</sup> **Start the music and beat the tambourines; play pleasant music on the harps and the lyres.**

<sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet for the festival,  
when the moon is new and when the moon is full.

<sup>4</sup> **This is the law in Israel, an order from the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> He gave it to the people of Israel when he attacked the land of Egypt. I hear an unknown voice saying,

<sup>6</sup> **"I took the burdens off your backs;**

**I let you put down your loads of bricks.**

<sup>7</sup> When you were in trouble, you called to me, and I saved you.

From my hiding place in the storm, I answered you.

I put you to the test at the springs of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup> **Listen, my people, to my warning;**

**Israel, how I wish you would listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup> You must never worship another god.

<sup>10</sup> **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt.**

**Open your mouth, and I will feed you.**

\*GLORIA PATRI - *Glory be to the Father, & to the Son, & to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

ANTHEM Pick Up Choir

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 7:24-30

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Kids & Puppies* Pastor Jeff Hatch

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (See insert or projection)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER *(we use "debts/debtors")*

*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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY and DOXOLOGY

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER and GREETING

\*HYMN of PREPARATION **Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed**  
(See insert or projection)

## **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

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INVITATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & LORD'S PRAYER ("debts, debtors")

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(Please come forward a row at a time to receive  
the communion elements. Gluten Free bread is in the small dish)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN **Lord, Make Us More Holy** (See insert or projection)

## **WE GO TO SERVE GOD**

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\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*POSTLUDE *\*those who are able are invited to please stand*



**Weekly Announcements**  
for the First Presbyterian Church  
of Branchville, New Jersey



September 6, 2015

**WELCOME** – We give you warm greetings on this Communion Sunday in September on Labor Day Weekend. We hope you find yourself feeling welcomed here, and the service inspiring. Please stay awhile for Coffee Hour after worship where we can share some refreshments and fellowship.

**THE FAIR GROUNDS CAFÉ** will be open for business at the **Taco Festival** this **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-3pm**, **Champion of the Grill** on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from **12-5pm**, and at the **Peter's Valley Craft Fair** on **Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-6pm** and on **Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-5pm**. Volunteers are needed to work the Coffee Booth at these 3 events in September. Please check your calendar and look for the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by our booth at any of these events and refresh yourself with one of our delicious coffee, tea, hot chocolate or fruit drinks. We are still looking for another big event to work our coffee booth, so if anyone has a suggestion, please let Barbara Hardcastle know.



**SAVE THE DATE!** – **Next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, the children of the church are invited to explore and claim their lives together in Christ. "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" is a brand new Presbyterian curriculum for Sunday School pre-school thru 8th grade. Imagine a church shaped by grace and gratitude! Imagine children and those who love them shaped by grace and gratitude! We are going to make this happen in a fun new approach! I look forward to having an exciting Sunday School year! Anyone who would like to help teach and share our journey please send me an email at [naturegirl303@yahoo.com](mailto:naturegirl303@yahoo.com). We will begin in worship on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and then will be dismissed to Sunday School to begin our journey of Growing in Grace and Gratitude! Hope to see you all there! Thanks! - Kelly Decker, Sunday School Superintendent



**Kick-off!** **YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF** will be on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, at **4pm** for all youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Come for games, food, fun and getting back together with friends and advisors. Friends are welcome to come and attend also. Hope to see you here that day from 4-6pm. An **Advisors' Mtg** will be held Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.



**DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP** - We will be open for business every Saturday **through November 21<sup>st</sup>**, from **9am-12pm**. We are now accepting donations of good clean, usable household items. No electronics, text books or manuals please. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT BABY/CHILD CAR SEATS.**

**BRANCHVILLE GARAGE SALE DAY** – This **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** from **9am to 3pm** the Daisy Roe Chain will be renting tables for \$18 each (tables are provided) -- rain or shine. We are almost at capacity so if you want a table, please let Sandy Harrison know asap. If you would rather just have a fun day without selling, then donate your items to our Thrift Shoppe. All items must be clean and in good condition. Bring the family shopping for some great bargains and a fun day. Food will be available for purchase. To save your spot and rent a table, please make your checks out to "Daisy Roe Chain" and send to Sandra Harrison. For more information call Sandra Harrison at 973-948-5197.



**QUARTERLY MISSION** - The third quarterly mission outreach for July, August, and September is our church's Food Pantry. Money to purchase needed items that are not donated as well as donated food items are appreciated. Please make checks to First Presbyterian Church with "Food

Pantry" on the memo line and/or use the pew envelopes marking them appropriately. The food pantry is used often, especially in the summer when the children are home and not receiving breakfast and free or reduced lunches at school. Thank you.

**FRESH-PICKED VEGETABLES** - Each Sunday, as available, Willow Brook Farm will have baskets of fresh produce for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Selection will be whatever is ripe for harvest for that week and 50% of all monies collected will be donated to the church. If interested in additional produce, call Karen & Mike Opilla of Willow Brook Farm, 973-875-3304, Community Supported Agriculture.



**MANNA HOUSE** - The monthly Manna House spaghetti dinner fundraisers have been well attended throughout the summer. The next dinner is **Tuesday, September 15**, at the Newton Presbyterian Church from 5:00-6:30. Price remains at \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, and under 6 are free. Dinner is spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic bread, ice cream and a cookie, and a beverage. It is definitely the best bargain in town and you are also supporting Manna House!



**HOW DO YOUR FLOWERS GROW?** - It would be wonderful having fresh flowers in church each week. Maybe you have a blooming plant to share with the congregation or flowers from your garden. The sign-up Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall in the Holland Tunnel. Thank you in advance for making this happen.  
- Gail Burckes—Music & Worship, Flower Committee

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES NEEDED** - If you have a young member who has returned to college this fall, please email his/her name and current school address to **Bonnie Caldwell** at [bbc401k@ptd.net](mailto:bbc401k@ptd.net) **even if it has not changed.** If your young member has graduated from his/her four year college program, please be sure to notify either the church office so that we can update our listing for the soon-to-come fall mailing of the college care packages. The fall can get busy with school and kids' practices and just everyday life, so if you can take just a few minutes to help us compile an accurate list of our young members who are away it would be much appreciated. -The Fellowship Committee



**ATTENTION BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPERS!** - It's that time of year again when we head off to STAPLES for our kids' back-to-school and college supplies. **DON'T FORGET** that you can pass on the REWARDS savings to the church. How? It's EASY!! At the check-out counter just mention to the clerk that you'd like to use the First Presbyterian Church of Branchville REWARDS CARD. You can give them **the phone number of the church 973-948-3495**, or use the **Rewards #4046732030**. Ordering online? You can still pass on the REWARDS savings to the church! **IT'S THAT EASY!! THANK YOU FOR THESE FREE DONATIONS!!**  
-Fundraising Committee



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING** - This year's theme is: **"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT."** On **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton, 513 Birch Street, the 2015 church wide gathering is brought home to you. Registration begins at 9am, cost for the day is \$5. Bring any "show and tell" items with you that might be of interest, or bring "little dresses" for Africa that need to be blessed and mailed. For further information, please contact Karen Opilla. We hope to see you there!



**PER CAPITA** - I hope everyone has had a nice warm, relaxing summer so far! This is just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet paid their Per Capita this year. It is \$33 per 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 all that you do for our church!  
- Kristen Reinertsen, Stewardship Chair

**CALENDAR**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Sunday	9:30am	Pick-up choir practice in Rm. 2
	10:00am	Worship/Communion in Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Deacons
Monday	all day	Happy Labor Day! Office closed
Tuesday	3:00pm	Presbytery Mtg. at Alpha
Thursday	7:30pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9am-3pm	Daisey Roe Flea Market
	10am-9pm	Fair Grounds Café at the Taco Festival at the Sussex County Fairgrounds
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship/Rally Day
	11:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Deacons
	noon or 7:00pm	Youth Group Advisor Mtg.

**Reminder: Work Campers will report to the congregation on September 27<sup>th</sup> in worship. Mark your calendar now and plan to be here!**





# HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

## ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*Refrain:* All things bright and beautiful,

All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.     *Refrain*

2. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky,     *Refrain*

3. God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.     *Refrain*



## O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

1 – O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 – Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong. *(cont.s on other side)*

3 – In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

## BREAD OF HEAVEN, ON THEE WE FEED

1. Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed,  
For Thou art our food indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With the true and living Bread.  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of Christ who died.

2. Vine of heaven, Thy love supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis Thy wounds our healing give;  
To Thy cross we look and live;  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on Thee.



## LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

1-Lord, make us more holy.  
Lord, make us more holy.  
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again.  
Holy, holy, holy  
Until we meet again.

2- loving

3- patient

4- faithful

