

First Presbyterian Church of  
Branchville, New Jersey

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

May 17, 2026

10:00am



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**BOLD** means the congregation reading or singing

\* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

**PRELUDE** "This is My Fathers World" Robert Hughes

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

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT** "Be Joyful in the Lord" H. Hopson  
Junior bells w/ choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

**PEOPLE: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

LEADER: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**PEOPLE: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

LEADER: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound are your thoughts!

**PEOPLE: You, O Lord, are exalted forever!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty and loving God, you are deserving of all our praise every day. On this day, hear our words and prayers, offered to you through music. Help us to worship you in new ways and celebrate the gifts of others. Amen.**

\*HYMN 472

*O Sing to the Lord*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**GTG 421**

*Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

*(Moment of Silence)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: 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 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** "In Every Land Begin the Song" J. Martin  
Chancel Choir

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

## **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God of song and music, speak to us this day, through melodies and harmonies; Through hymns and psalms. Let the words of ancient songs move our hearts and guide us closer to you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalms 95

**HYMN 215**

***Come, Sing with Joy to God***

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Nishimura Family Violin & Cello Solos

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Spring Carol"* R. Schulz-Widmar  
Chancel Choir & Bells

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**GTG 481**

***I Believe in God the Father***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SOLO**

*"I'll Fly Away"* A. Brumley  
John Newcomer w/ Aimee Nishimura

### **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.**

**SOLO**

*"On Eagle's Wings"* M. Jonas, M. Hayes  
Debbie Gardner w/ Michael Joncas

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Bourree"* G. F. Handel  
Pastor Adrienne w/ Piano

**\*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Most Holy Trinity, accept our offering this morning as a continuation of our worship. It is because of your goodness that we have goodness to offer others. Bless these gifts, and let them be used to change lives, minds, and hearts, so we can all live in the light of your grace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 455**

***All Creatures of Our God and King (1-4)***

## WE GO TO SERVE GOD

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE**      "A Mighty Fortress is our God"      Martin Luther  
Organ & Piano

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#### Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;  
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Mike Lutz, Lay Reader;  
Demetrious 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.fpcbbranchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17, 2026

**WELCOME!** We give you warm greetings on this Third 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.

**ADULT DISCOVER GROUP** - TODAY, after church, our adult "Discovery and Discussion Group" will learn from Pastor Adrienne about "The Book of Confessions". Please come to hear this very interesting topic.

**PENTECOST** is NEXT Sunday, May 24th, so to honor the day when the Spirit came down on the disciples in tongues of fire, we ask that you please wear red to the worship service.

**2ND QUARTER MISSION** ShelterBox USA is a top-rated charity that helps families affected by natural disasters around the world. With a score of 93% by Charity Navigator, this organization believes that all families require shelter and that all families deserve to feel like their shelter is a home. Shelter Box delivers disaster relief by providing emergency shelters and the tools needed to help rebuild and recover after the event of a natural disaster. Their disaster relief projects have positively impacted families dealing with situations including flooding, earthquakes, storms, and war in places such as Syria, Turkey, India, the Caribbean, and Ukraine. Please consider donating to the 2nd Quarter Mission over the next three months to make a difference in the lives of those families facing unthinkable situations.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of beets, White rice & eggs. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. Open Weds 10am-12pm. Thank you to our church congregation for your generous support of Jean's Pantry. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** — The Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm through May.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** — The Fellowship Committee is looking to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering to assist with giving out beverages before/during the parade in front of F.H on May 25th 9:30 am. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**THRIFT SHOP** — Please continue to donate your CLEAN/REUSABLE items to the shop. Sorry, but we can NOT accept electronics, textbooks, or manuals. Opened Saturday's 9am—1pm.

**DAISEY ROE CHAIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER** — Our C & C Growers Fund Raiser is scheduled April 1 through May 23, and flyers will be available for pick up for your friends and neighbors. C & C Growers are located on Route 206 across from Tractor Supply. A pink flyer is needed to receive the 10% discount.

<b>CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES</b>		
<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship – Music Sunday
	11:30am	Adult Discovery Group
Tuesday	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship – Pentecost Sunday



Brazilian folk song  
Trans. Gerhard Cartford (b. 1923)

Brazilian folk melody

Unison  
Em

1. Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo,  
2. Por - que el Se - ñor ha he - cho pro - di - gios,  
3. Can - tad al Se - ñor, ala - bad - le con ar - pa,

1. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
2. By His ho - ly power our God has done won - ders.  
3. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

Em

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O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
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So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

B Em E Am

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Can - tad al Se - ñor, ala - bad - le con ar - pa,

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
By His ho - ly power our God has done won - ders.  
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Em D E C B B7 Em

¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!  
¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!  
¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

# Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421

(Psalm 51)

1 Have mer - cy, God, up - on my life, and  
 2 My guilt is heav - y on my mind; I  
 3 Now teach me wis - dom in my soul; I  
 4 Cre - ate in me a faith - ful heart, a  
 5 Then I will praise you with my heart, my

make me clean with - in: pour out your ev - er -  
 know what I have done: a - gainst your jus - tice  
 long to see your face. Let bones, once bro - ken,  
 spir - it right and new. Sus - tain me with your  
 mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and

faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.  
 I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.  
 sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.  
 sav - ing love and keep me close to you.  
 seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

# 215 Come, Sing with Joy to God

TO GOD WITH GLADNESS Irregular

Para. Arlo D. Duba, 1984

David Clark Isele, 1979

1. Come, sing with joy to God, Our Rock and Sav - ior  
 2. The heights and depths of earth Are cra - dled in God's  
 3. Our God and Lord a - lone, Through all the years the  
 4. Lord, we would hear Your word, And not the test re -

praise; Come, en - ter in with shouts of joy, your voic - es  
 hand; The same al - might - y power made moun - tains, sea, and  
 same, You feed us, take us by the hand, call each by  
 peat Of Mas - sah with its man - na and the wa - ters

raise. O might - y God, You are the  
 land. Come, wor - ship God, come, kneel and  
 name. You are the shep - herd, we the  
 sweet. We ask for sight, Your rest re -

Lord, The God of gods by all a - dored.  
 bow Be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.  
 sheep; Lord, shel - ter us, our foot - steps keep.  
 store, And we shall praise you ev - er - more.

# I Believe in God the Father 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord,  
 2 Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath.  
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place;

mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore;  
 He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death.  
 saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace;

and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one,  
 From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies;  
 flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end.

by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.  
 now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.

# 455 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN LM with alleluias

Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.  
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for  
 4. Thou fer-tile earth, that day by day Un-fold-est bless-

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 in heav-en a-long, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 thy Lord to hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*

Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, Thou sil-ver moon with  
 Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, Ye lights of eve-ning,  
 Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, That giv-est us both  
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo-ry

*Harmony*

soft-er gleam,  
 find a voice! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 warmth and light,  
 al-so show!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!