



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2026

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

"Lead, Kindly Light"

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: May all who seek the Lord be glad

PEOPLE: May all who seek the Lord rejoice in him.

LEADER: The Lord takes thought for us.

PEOPLE: The Lord is our help and our deliverer.

LEADER: Let us sing praises to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We give you praise, O Triune God, for your grace abounds and your love knows no end. It is right and just that we should gather together to hear your word and sing your praise. Let your Spirit fall upon those in this room, and be with us in our worship. Amen.

*HYMN 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, we confess our sins before you. We confess to moments of wrongful action and moments of inaction. We acknowledge the times in which hatred, selfishness, and greed took root in our hearts and kept us from following you. Help us to see your grace and love, so that we might share it with the world.
(Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

"Shepherd Psalm"
Chancel Choir

Donna & Jaree Hall

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Resurrection, reveal yourself to us this morning. Guide our hearts and our minds, so that we might better understand your word and by doing so, better understand your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness the great congregation.

11 Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:29-42

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

SERMON

"Come and See"

Pastor Adrienne Poissant

***HYMN 443**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from 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: Donna Havelin - Christian Education

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

"Perfect Peace"

David Paxton

*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

Our Savior, we give you thanks for the gift of your life, offered for our sake. In response, we offer our own gifts, asking that you use them to spread your love and grace in our community. Amen.

*HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Triumphant"

David Paxton

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

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

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5. **E-giving** – Go to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



Announcements

January 18, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/POTLUCK LUNCH - The Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church will hold an Annual Meeting **Today** after Worship in The Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Annual Reports and to conduct such business as may be required. **Please bring your favorite dish to share!**



1ST QUARTER LOCAL MISSION - It’s a new year – with an age-old challenge: HUNGER! Our first quarterly Local Mission once again focuses on helping to feed the hungry in two local “soup kitchens”: Manna House and Harvest House. Both of these long-running programs have adapted to the changes that come with time as they continue to provide a solid meal to those in need. Your donations will ensure the food and supplies that are needed will be available in order to serve our local population in need. Please help us continue to support these well-established organizations with a check made out to FPCB with “1st Quarterly Mission” in the memo line. If you are in the sanctuary, you can use the special envelopes in the pew. Your donations really make a difference!

JOIN US FOR WALK N’ TALK — Winter 9am - 10am, Monday - 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.

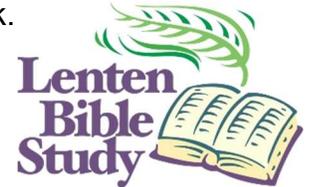


THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix & syrup. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. The Pantry will be open every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm.



SUNDAY SCHOOL — Teachers are needed for March and April. Weekly teacher's assistant slots are open for most Sundays throughout the school year, so we need you!! Please remember that by state law we must have 2 people in every class, so please consider helping us out and sign up on the sheet in FH. On behalf of our kids, thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION — Please take note and mark your calendars for our Lenten Bible Study of Mark to start on Thurs. Feb 19th at 5:30. Bring your own snack.



Feb. 19th: 1:1-3:12 Introduction to Jesus and the Gospel of Mark

Feb. 26th: 3:13-6:6 Parables

March 5th: 6:6-8:21 Disciples and Ministry

March 12th: 8:22-10:52 Miracles and Predictions of Death

March 19th: 11:1-13:37 Jesus in Jerusalem

March 26th: 14:1-15:47 The Death of Jesus

April 2nd: 16:1-20 The Resurrection

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Congregation Meeting/Potluck Lunch
Monday	All Day	Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Bell Choir Rehearsal

(Pastor Adrienne will be away 1/19/26 – 2/4/26)



Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895



1. O-pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O-pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
3. O-pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

*Refrain*

HOLY SPIRIT



Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;



eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 heart,



O Christ, the Great Foundation

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Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933; alt.
Trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



1. O Christ, the great foun - da - tion On which Your peo - ple stand
2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, One church in all the earth,
3. Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, Where strong de - vour the weak,
4. This is the mo - ment glo - rious When He who once was dead



To preach Your true sal - va - tion In ev - ery age and land:
We bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, The sign of sec - ond birth:
Where in - no - cents are fright - ened, The righ - teous fear to speak,
Shall lead His church vic - to - rious, Their cham - pion and their head.



Pour out Your Ho - ly Spir - it To make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered In love be - yond our own,
There let Your church a - wak - ing At - tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion His heav - en - ly king - dom brings,



To keep the faith un - bro - ken As long as worlds en - dure.
By grace we were in - vit - ed, By grace we make You known.
And, all their ram - parts break - ing, With You the vic - tory win.
The fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, The glo - ry of all things.



Here I Am, Lord

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Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt. Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard You call-ing in the night I will

go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your

Fine

peo - ple in my heart.