

 **First Presbyterian Church of
Branchville, New Jersey** 

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 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

"He Leadeth Me"

Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We will bless the Lord at all times,

**PEOPLE: God's praise is always on our lips;
in the Lord our souls shall make their boast.**

LEADER: The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord
with us. Together let us praise God's name.

**PEOPLE: We sought the Lord and were heard,
from all our terrors set free.**

LEADER: Look toward God and be radiant; let your faces not be
ashamed. When the poor cry out the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.

**PEOPLE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy Shepherd, guide our wandering hearts and minds to
you. Be with us in our prayers, in our songs, and in the
reading of Scripture. Let us see your goodness and spread it
to those around us. Amen.**

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, Our Shepherd, we have wandered from you many
times. You call us by our names and while we recognize your
voice, we turn to follow others. We let our fear lead us instead
of your loving hands. We enter into valleys of darkness,
where hatred, anger, guilt, and pain motivate us. Forgive us
for not seeking you out. Forgive us for letting your goodness
be an example for all our actions. (Our silent prayers continue...)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and
strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**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.

***THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Holy God, we ask that you bless the gifts offered before you; that you bless the hands they passed from and the hands they pass to. Breathe new life into them and let them be used for the benefit of your kingdom. Amen.

***HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

"Festive Postlude!"

Harold De Cou

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

**Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Patrick Murphy, Lay Reader;
Demetrius 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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2026

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this Last 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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY — We will continue our deep study into the book of Genesis on Thursday's at 5:30pm. Here is the weekly breakdown for review: April 23: Genesis 3 & 4, April 30: Genesis 5, 6, & 7, May 7: Genesis 8 & 9, May 14: Genesis 10 & 11.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of Jelly, Syrup & Ketchup. 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S EARTH — Join us on a fellowship outing to tour the recycling center and learn more about recycling on Sat. May 2nd at 2:00 pm. Those interested will meet at the church and carpool to the SCMUA Recycling Center in Lafayette.

CHANCEL CHOIR — The Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm for April and May.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE — The Fellowship Committee is looking to see if anyone would be interested in participating in the Branchville Memorial Day Parade on May 25th 9:30 am. We will have an interest sheet for those who are interested in volunteering to assist with giving out beverages before/during the parade in front of F.H. or to participate in the parade.

SPRING FLEA MARKET — Our 29th Annual Spring Flea Market including the thrift shop will be Sat. May 16th from 9 am to 2 pm.

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.

WALK N' TALK: 9AM-10AM — SPRING hours, APRIL 1st to JULY 1st. Mon. - Sat. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bev Keur.

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.

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	5:30pm	Bible Study
Saturday	9am-1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
	2pm	Fellowship – SCUMA Recycling
<i>Next Sunday</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Worship</i>

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 466

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Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7

Henry Williams Baker, 1868

Ancient Irish melody

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.