



# First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 09, 2025

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

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Dale Wood

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**PEOPLE: there is no end to his greatness.**

LEADER: One generation shall praise your works to another

**PEOPLE: and shall declare your power.**

LEADER: All your works praise you, Lord,

**PEOPLE: and your faithful servants bless you.**

LEADER: They make known the glory of your kingdom

**PEOPLE: and speak of your power.**

LEADER: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**PEOPLE: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace and glory, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, we bless you, we magnify you, we adore you as Lord of heaven and earth. We bless and thank you for all those made saints through Jesus Christ, who have testified to your love, and shared the gifts with which you graced them. May your Spirit be powerfully at work through the communion of your saints to build us all up in faith and love, for loving service to each other, and to the world you so love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Everlasting God, We come before you today, seeking your grace and your forgiveness. We know that we are not perfect people. We exalt ourselves over you. We build our own temples and neglect our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, and help us to become changed people, so that we might be the people you want us to be. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell in us so that our actions might match 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 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**

*"Autumn Carol"*  
Chancel Choir & Bell Choir

R. Schulz-Widmar

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

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

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 98:1-9

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD has made known his victory;**

**he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

**at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Haggai 1:15b-2:9

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

**SERMON**

*"How to Build a Temple"*

Adrienne Poissant

**\*HYMN 220** (*See pg. 10*)

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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

*"Psalm 43:3 En 4"*

Pieter Heykoop

### \*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

O God of all bounty, from your hand we have freely received. Accept these offerings of your people as expressions of our thanks. Lovingly remember those who have given, enrich the lives of those for whom these gifts are intended, and use these gifts to promote goodwill and to bring your kingdom, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*HYMN 218 (See pg. 11)

*New Songs of Celebration Render*

## WE GO TO SERVE GOD

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*(Please remain seated for the postlude and give thanks to God.)*

### POSTLUDE

*"The Spacious Firmament on High"*

Joseph Haydn

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### Participating in Worship & Service Today:

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

### Multiple Ways to Make an Offering:

1. **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.
2. **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!
3. **Attend** worship in person and put your offering in the plate as it’s passed.
4. **Mail** in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.
5. **E-giving** – Go to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



## Announcements

November 09, 2025

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



**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** will be NEXT Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, please remember to bring your completed pledge cards to our worship service at 10am. If you have any questions you can reach out to Susan Parson at [sepk@icloud.com](mailto:sepk@icloud.com).

**PASTOR ADRIENNE** will be officially ordained in her home church on Sunday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The service will take place at Wallingford Presbyterian Church, in Wallingford. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome to!



**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** - On Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, the Frankford Plains UMC will be hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with FPC Branchville. We would love to see members of both congregations there!

**FOURTH QUARTER LOCAL MISSION** - Since 1997 Family Promise of Sussex County has provided services to assist families and single men and women as they work towards housing stability and self-sufficiency. 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 intensive case management services. Your contributions to the 4th Quarter Mission (October–December) will go to this very worthy program to help our Sussex County neighbors who are in dire need. You may mail a check made out to “First Presbyterian Church of Branchville” with "Family Promise" in the memo. Your contributions to special mission projects make a big difference!!





**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - A signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall for our second half of the year for volunteers as teachers, assistants and subs. This is an ongoing process and we appreciate all who have stepped in to keep us going!

Thank you! Anyone who volunteers with our children, will have to complete a background check through Ministry Safe, whether you have recently had one from another source or not. To make our volunteers aware, I will be in touch with you before I submit your name to start the process. Our next Christian Ed Committee meeting will be Tues, 11/4 at 3:30.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** - The Deacons would like to collect enough food for 15 Thanksgiving baskets. We need the following items: turkeys (12-16 pounds), stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned vegetables (corn, string beans, or peas). The deacons will supply the pies. Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to let us know what you plan to donate. We need all items by Sunday, November 16th Thank you! Any questions, contact Linda Osborne [lsosborne23@gmail.com](mailto:lsosborne23@gmail.com)



**BRANCHVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE** - We are happy to announce that on Saturday, November 29th the church will be participating in the 2nd Annual Christmas Parade in Branchville. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in front of the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm to watch and cheer on our participating church members as they ride in the parade. We will be serving hot chocolate to help keep warm while we enjoy the festivities. As participants we are asked to bring new unwrapped toys to the Branchville Hose Company's "Stuff the Boat." If you would like to provide a toy donation we will be collecting them in the Fellowship Hall prior to the parade event. We will also accept any donations of Christmas lights that can be used in decorating the truck and tractor that will be representing us in the parade. Thank you - Sandra Carlisle

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of graham crackers, chicken & beef broth, rice and canned raviolis and spaghetti o's. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. The Pantry will be open every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm.



**JOIN US FOR WALK N' TALK** — Fall/Winter 9am-10am, September 1st to June 1st. Monday thru 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](mailto:bevkeur@gmail.com). Hope to see you there. Please invite a friend to join us.

**VENISON BENEFIT DINNER** – Beemerville Fire Department (227 Country Road 519, Sussex) will be hosting a Venison Dinner Saturday, November 15, at 6:00pm to benefit Harvest House. Buffet dinner featuring locally prepared Venison, Beer and Soda included. Ticket Donation of \$50.00 can be purchased at Yetter's Diner, Airport Diner and Brodhecker Farms. For more information please contact Chuck Hughes at 973-459-2211



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025** - Any offerings that you wish to be posted for 2025 must be received by December 31, 2025

**PER CAPITA REMINDER** — Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet paid their Per Capita this year. It is \$42.50/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!







### **DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP -**

Saturday, November 29th Bag Sale at The Thrift Shop

Saturday, November 8th, 15th & 22nd Christmas Thrift Shop

Saturday, December 6th Thrift Shop Bag Sale and Final Sale day for the year.

**DAISEY ROE MEETING** – Our next meeting will be THIS Wednesday, November 12th at 3:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Room 4. The agenda is charity of our choice donation for 2025 and Christmas party. Hostesses are Nancy Lange and Kathleen Katzenstein. Please join us!



### **Offering Envelopes**

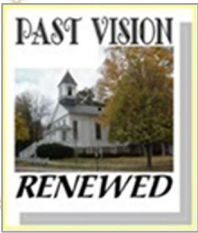


**GIVING ENVELOPES** – As of 2026 the church will no longer be ordering giving envelopes, we do however have some blank boxes leftover. See Alycia in the office if you would like a box of blank giving envelopes. First come, first serve!

### **CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>
Today	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Bell Choir rehearsal
Monday	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday	ALL DAY	Office Closed – Veterans Day
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
	3:00pm	Daisey Roe Meeting
Thursday	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9am–1pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship – Stewardship





## **Donation to the PVR “Past Vision Renewed” Campaign**



-and/or-

### **Red Christmas Poinsettias For the Sanctuary**

We are proud of the improvements that have been made to our church, but the list isn't complete. We encourage you to continue supporting the PVR projects. Christmas poinsettias may be ordered for the sanctuary and taken home after the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you in advance for your support!

Please make checks payable to:  
“First Presbyterian Church”  
and return to Gail Burckes, Alycia in the office  
or the offering plate during worship.

**Deadline for ordering is December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Donation to PVR campaign \$ \_\_\_\_\_

-and/or-

**Red Poinsettias** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 each

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

-or-

Given in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance for your Holiday donation.  
Music & Worship Committee



# God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength 191

WINCHESTER OLD CM

*The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1988

*Este's Psalmes*, 1592

1. God is our ref-uge and our strength, Our ev-er-pres-ent aid,  
2. Though hills a-mid the seas be cast, Though foam-ing wa-ters roar,  
3. Where God a-bides a riv-er flows; That cit-y will re-joice.  
4. Since God is in the midst of it, The cit-y walls shall stand,

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staff.

And there-fore, though the earth re-move, We will not be a-fraid;  
Yea, though the might-y bil-lows shake The moun-tains on the shore.  
But na-tions fear and king-doms shake Be-fore God's thun-dering voice.  
Se-cure and safe with God's sure help, When trou-ble is at hand.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features a treble and bass staff with lyrics printed below.

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell 220

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

William Kethe, 1560

Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

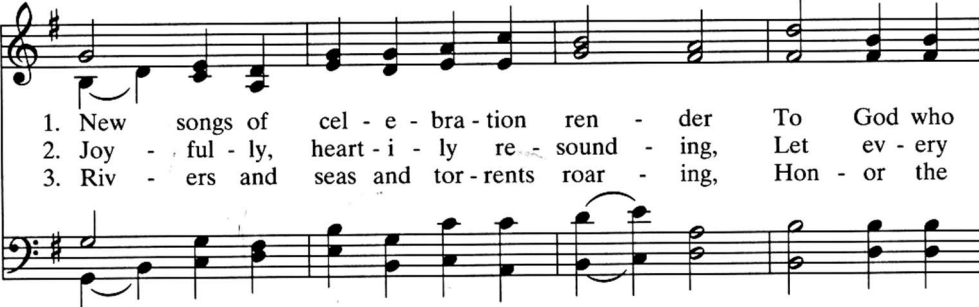
1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with  
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our aid He  
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His  
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for -

cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth  
 did us make; We are His folk, He doth us  
 courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless His name al -  
 ev - er sure; His truth at all times firm - ly

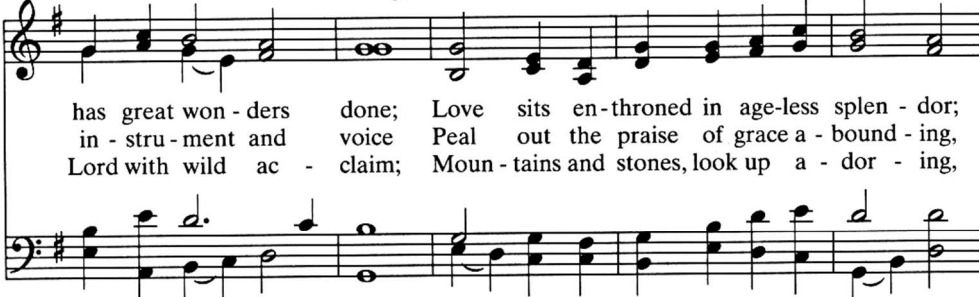
tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
 feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
 ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
 stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

Erik Routley, 1972; alt. 1984

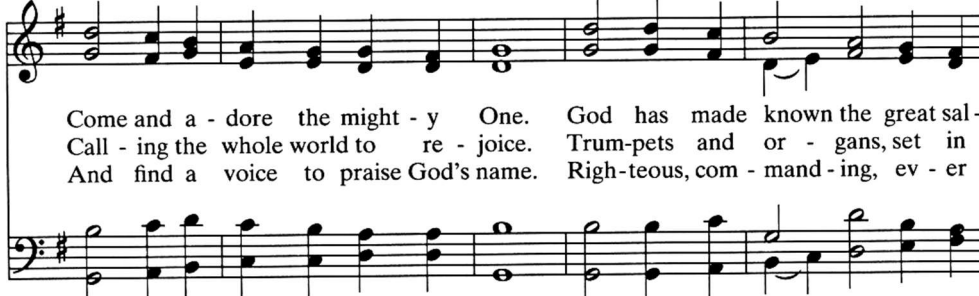
Louis Bourgeois, 1543; rev. 1551



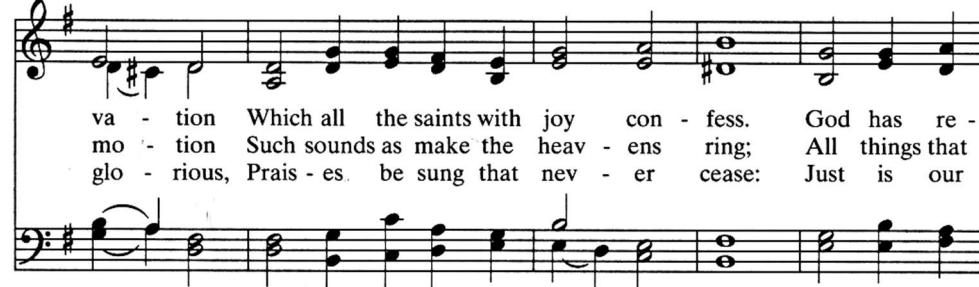
1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To God who  
 2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - ery  
 3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the



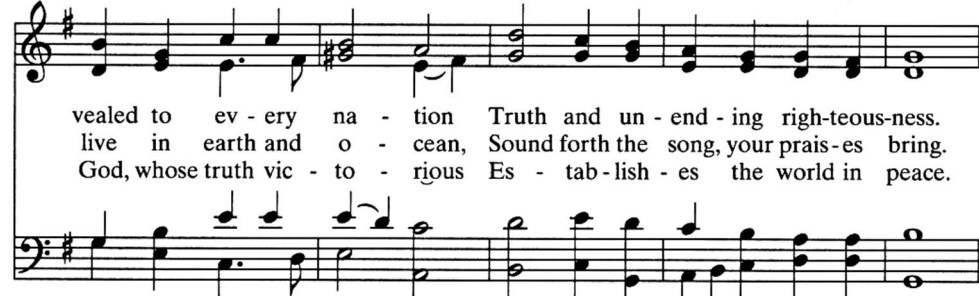
has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less splen - dor;  
 in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing,  
 Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a - dor - ing,



Come and a - dore the might - y One. God has made known the great sal -  
 Call - ing the whole world to re - joice. Trum - pets and or - gans, set in  
 And find a voice to praise God's name. Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er



va - tion Which all the saints with joy con - fess. God has re -  
 mo - tion Such sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that  
 glo - rious, Prais - es be sung that nev - er cease: Just is our



vealed to ev - ery na - tion Truth and un - end - ing righ - teous - ness.  
 live in earth and o - cean, Sound forth the song, your prais - es bring.  
 God, whose truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.