



# First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

10:00am



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

**BOLD** means the congregation reading or singing

\* means the congregation standing in body or spirit

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*"Thy Perfect Love"*

Michael Shea

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my might

**PEOPLE: and he has become my salvation.**

LEADER: This is my God, and I will praise him;

**PEOPLE: my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

LEADER: Who is like you, O Lord?

**PEOPLE: The Lord will reign forever and ever.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord, we ask that you bless those who have gathered here, waiting to hear your words read and proclaimed, to feel the Spirit moving in prayer and song, and to be with brothers and sisters in the faith. Let us grow and change together to better reflect your will. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 420

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 1-4)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, forgive us for we have not put you first in our lives. We have not considered how you are present in every facet of our lives, in our work, our play, our families, and our friends. We ask that our actions may be guided by you, but we do not follow through ourselves. We ignore your teachings and your Spirit, insisting we know the way ourselves and yet, when we stumble, we blame you. Forgive us for our ignorance and remind us to do better as we continue to move forward in life. (Our silent prayers continue...)**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved through him! 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

Chancel Choir

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus, we gather to hear your word read and proclaimed.  
We remember how you once walked among us, teaching and guiding us. Let the words of scripture always point us to you.  
Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 14:1-12

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

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 114:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.  
<sup>3</sup> **The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.**  
<sup>4</sup> **The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**  
<sup>5</sup> Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?  
<sup>6</sup> O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?  
<sup>7</sup> **Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,**  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**  
<sup>8</sup> **who turns the rock into a pool of water,**  
**the flint into a spring of water.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 14:19-31

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

#### SERMON

*"Trust"*

Pastor Adrienne

#### \*HYMN 361

**How Firm a Foundation** (vs. 1-4)

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Our World Belongs to God*)

Made in God's image to live in communion with our Maker,  
we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.

God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish. Together, male and female, single and married, young and old— every hue and variety of humanity – we are called to represent God, for the Lord God made us all. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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**    *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*    Isaac Watts

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 593

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Lord God, the greatest gift you have given us are the people in our lives. We give our gifts of time, talent, and tithes, so that we can help show your love to those in our community. Amen.

## \*HYMN 403

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

## WE GO TO SERVE GOD

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE**    *"Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven"*    Henry F. Lyte

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### Participating in Worship & Service Today:

Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist;  
Dawn Latincsics, Music Director; Debbie Gardner, Lay Reader;  
Brian Dietz, Video

## Multiple Ways to Make an Offering:

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- **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

**WELCOME!** We give you warm greetings on *Sunday, September 13, 2026*. Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall next door.

**DISCOVERY GROUP** – On 9/20 after Worship, Kim Chambers from "Mavericks Legacy" will come and share her very moving story about the loss of her son, while in addition, she will give us a class on choking prevention. Please come to hear this very important information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY** – Teachers have been scheduled through the end of the year, but Teacher Assistants are needed! Please remember that 2 people are required in the classroom by State mandate. Would you be willing to be a "substitute" for the Nursery or Sunday School? If so, please sign up in the FH.

**OKTOBERFEST** — Join us for an Oktoberfest in the Fellowship Hall on October 16th from 6:00 to 8:00. There will be food, music, and games. BYOB. Limited tickets will be \$10 and need to be purchased in advance. Contact Kathleen Katzenstein or the church office if you are interested.

**WALK N' TALK** — Fall/Winter 9am-10am, September 1st to June 1st. 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. Hope to see you there. Please invite a friend to join us.

**VENISON DINNER** — September 19th at 6pm to benefit Harvest House. Join us at the Beemerville Fire Hall for a buffet dinner featuring locally prepared Venison. Soda & Beer included. \$50.00 Donation. Tickets are available at: Yetter's Diner, Airport Diner and Brodhecker Farms. For more information Contact Chuck Hughes 973-459-2211.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of Ketchup & Jelly. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. Open Weds 10am-12pm.

**THIRD QUARTER LOCAL MISSION** — Our 3rd Quarter Mission project is one we have supported for a number of years because Presbyterians support public education! It is DonorsChoose, a website where teachers post requests for classroom resources. This helps offset the money that teachers spend out of pocket each year to give their students the best classroom experience that they can. We will be collecting your donations to add to the budget and will select our educational projects at the end of September. We'll be sure to let you know where the money went!!

**SUSSEX COUNTY CHICKEN BBQ** – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm at Sussex County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Sussex County Board of Agriculture. Tickets are available for \$25 at door or \$22 in advance at Brodhecker farms, Ideal farms, Space farms, Sussex Meat Packing, Fairgrounds or Hidden Pastures.

**BELL CHOIR** - Our bells are back from being refurbished and repaired thanks to the generosity of Daisy Roe! Practices will begin on Sunday, Sept. 27th at 11:30am. We will begin learning new music for Communion Sundays, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas! We will continue to accommodate everyone's busy schedule and sub in others when needed.

## **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 – Rally Day    |
| Monday            | 7:00pm             | Session Meeting        |
| Tuesday           | 7:00pm             | Deacons Meeting        |
| Wednesday         | 10am-12pm          | Food Pantry            |
| Thursday          | 5:30pm             | Bible Study            |
|                   | 7:00pm             | Chancel Choir          |
| Saturday          | 9am–1pm            | Daisey Roe Thrift Shop |
| Next Sunday       | 10:00am            | Worship                |
|                   | 11:30am            | Discovery Group        |

## God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.7

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

## How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787  
Ed. John Rippon; alt.American folk melody  
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D

Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue

Charles Crozat Converse, 1868



1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jjee joh un chin goon jee  
 2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh  
 Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray seh

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh  
 Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul ggah

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



Oo ree du ree uht jjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka  
 Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah ray kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!