



First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 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

"Prelude on 'Attende Domine'"

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: For the God who created the world and all who live in it—

PEOPLE: We offer our thanks and praise.

LEADER: For the God who led his chosen people out of slavery
and into the Promised Land—

PEOPLE: We offer our thanks and praise.

LEADER: For the God who came to us in human form and taught us how to live—

PEOPLE: We offer our thanks and praise.

LEADER: For the God who died for us and defeated death for us—

PEOPLE: We gather to remember you this Lent.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, on this first Sunday of Lent, we remember that you call us to accompany you to the Cross. As you walk with us during our times of trouble, we have a chance to walk with you during this season. Amen.

*HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God in heaven, we come before you as your children, seeking forgiveness for the things we've done, and for the things we didn't do. We seek forgiveness for the times we heard your call and chose to ignore it; for the times we told others that their own calling was wrong. We seek forgiveness for the times we turned away from those in need; for the times we prioritized our own comfort over the lives of others. We seek forgiveness for choosing not to follow your teachings, for letting the world lead us instead. *(Our silent prayers continue...)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Your prayers have been heard. Your debts have been forgiven.

Hear and receive the good news of the Gospel:

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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

"Create in Me A Clean Heart"
Chancel Choir

J. Carter

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, Descend upon us this morning. Enlighten us as we hear your word read and proclaimed. Let it carry us from this place and out into our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 1:1-8

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 128

¹ Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.

² **You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.**

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴ **Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ **May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51

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

SERMON

"Nathanael"

Pastor Adrienne

***HYMN 387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from confessions of 1967*)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the Savior for all men. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

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

***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**

God of Power and Glory, bless these gifts, offered to you this day so that they might spread your light through the world. Bless the hands they passed from and the hands they passed to. Amen.

***HYMN 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**BENEDICTION RESPONSE****POSTLUDE**

"If God be for Himself"

Paul Gerhardt

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Participating in Worship & Service Today:

**Adrienne Poissant, Pastor; John Gagliardi, Organist; Dawn Latincsics, Music Director;
Trish Cherney, 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.fpcbanchville.org> and click the link at the top of the page.



Announcements

February 22, 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.



PASTOR ADRIENNE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE will be held by The Presbytery of the Highlands, NJ and our congregation TODAY Sunday at 3:00pm here in our Sanctuary. Please join us in supporting Pastor Adrienne for this special installation service.

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



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING mission begins with Lent TODAY. This event lasts until Easter Sunday and the money we collect will go to help people in need around the globe as well as support the Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center. You can expect the Congregational OGHS letter to arrive in your inbox shortly where we have shared more details regarding the donation and how to contribute. As always, giving to a good cause is good for the soul so we hope you will take the time to support this annual multi-denominational effort!

CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Bell Choir
	3:00pm	Pastor Adrienne's Installation Service
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	5:30pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship

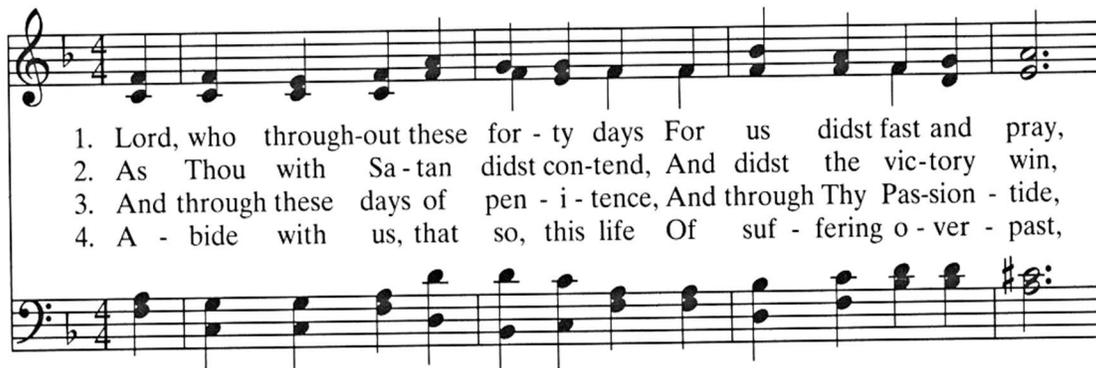


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Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

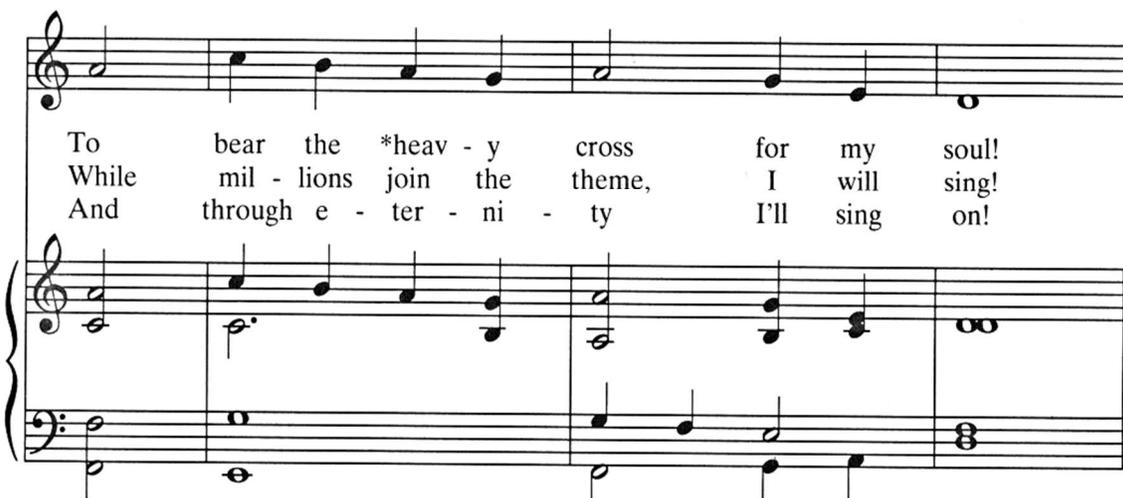
Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,
2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,
4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,



To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
While mil - lions join the theme; I will sing, I will sing;
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



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While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.