

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing growth

October 25, 2020 - 10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

(We remind you that where you see "Reader," those of you at home may join in speaking.)

PRELUDE

"Arise, My Soul Arise"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Let us give thanks to the Lord,
and call on God's name.

**READER: Let us proclaim God's deeds among the nations;
and declare the greatness of God's name!**

PASTOR: We shall sing praises to the Lord, shouting aloud and singing for joy!

READER: Let it be known in all the earth that great is the Lord our God.

PASTOR: He calls us to worship him here and now, in this his presence.

READER: With awe and adoration we come and bring the best of who we are.

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(Please respond "amen" to this and all prayers making them your own)*

*HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

1. Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels 'round the throne above, Alleluia!

All that see and share God's love, Alleluia!

2. Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!

All that God for us has done, Alleluia!

All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and creator God, through your Word you brought into
being all of nature, and all that is,**

**so you promise to create a new heaven and a new earth,
free from injustice, oppression and brokenness.**

**Yet we live so much of our lives in fear,
as though sin and war and death were final words.**

Please offer us mercy for doubting your Good News.

In you may we be changed.

**May we tell others constantly about your grace that triumphs,
and that life may be made new and whole**

through Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of all. Amen.

(Silent Personal Confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

John Newcomer

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN – *A message just for our children with Pastor Jeff*

PSALTER READING–Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Read by Lay Reader & Pastor in church

**¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.**

**² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**³ You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."**

**⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

**⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

**⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

13 Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

(TOGETHER)

**17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

Harvest Giving

Pastor Jeff Hatch

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 375

Lord of All Good

**1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**2. We give our minds to understand Your ways,
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

LAY READER ONLY: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER including PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*we use "debts and debtors"*)

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.

DONATING OUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS – Four Ways to Make an Offering:

- 1. E-giving – Use this option by going to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and clicking the link at the bottom of the page.**
- 2. 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 savings account.**
- 3. 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!**
- 4. Mail in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.**

OFFERTORY

"Ton-Y-Bote!"

Tune: Ebenezer

*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 592

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*GREETING

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

**1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.**

**2. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.**

*BENEDICTION & **3-Fold "Amen"**

*POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"

BOLD means the congregation in church humming or silent, those at home singing or saying
*The congregation standing, as able



We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – We're pleased you've joined us today, and that we can get to worship together either in-person or online. We hope you find the service inspiring and welcoming. Feel free to call Pastor Jeff if you ever would like to talk, vent, or pray. Have a blessed and safe week.



WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS – We are grateful to all who donate to keep our church active and doing the Lord's work. Please help us kick off the fall season by updating your pledge and being generous in your giving.

WANT TO ATTEND OUR WORSHIP IN PERSON? Just call Secretary Laura (973-948-3495) and add your name to our list. She'll schedule you to attend worship in person.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – Tomorrow is the last day to drop off treats for the college care packages. You can also help out by donating to help us offset the cost of mailing the packages. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today following worship in the Sanctuary or via Zoom. We will be electing officers, reviewing the 2021 budget, and considering incorporating the church.





THANKSGIVING BASKETS - It's that time of year again. We will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to our food pantry patrons so that they may enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal. We will need 25 turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. So please keep that in mind and start earning your points for a free turkey from the local supermarkets. Please call Laura at the church as to what you are donating and she will add your name to the list. Thank you!

DAISEY ROE'S THRIFT SHOP \$5 BAG SALE will be held on the following Saturdays: October 31st and November 7th from 9am-12pm.



4th QUARTER MISSION—FAMILY PROMISE OF SUSSEX COUNTY- 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!! Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU - Dear Church Family, Roy and I would like to sincerely thank you for coming out and joining us this past Sunday. It was so nice to see so many of our church family come out to support our team and fight to end ALS. We had 50+ walkers and have raised \$9600 to date which will go to continued research and patient care. We feel so blessed and grateful.

With love and appreciation, Donna and Roy Havelin

CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES		
DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship – In person and also Livestreamed via Facebook
Monday	10am-12:30pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside) Session Meeting
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Thursday	10am-12:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside) Bells of Branchville Rehearsal
Saturday	9am-2pm	Daisey Roe's Thrift Shop \$5 Bag Sale Happy Halloween! 

Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship & Communion – also Livestreamed via Facebook



STAFF

Ministers
Pastor
Music Director & Organist
Secretary/Treasurer
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Financial Bookkeeper
Auditor

All the members
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