

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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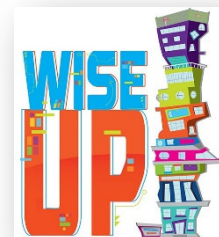
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing *Growth*

September 12, 2021 10:00am



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and creation displays the work of God's hands.

**PEOPLE: Each day is filled with Good News, and nights are filled with God's wisdom.**

PASTOR: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**PEOPLE: God's presence and caring is more precious than gold, sweeter than honey in the comb.**

PASTOR: O Lord, keep your servants from sin, for we wish to be whole and sound in your sight.

**PEOPLE: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our Redeemer.**

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

\*HYMN See Page 6

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, Vss 1&2*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you are the fountain of all wisdom.**

**Yet we have turned to others for counsel**

**or just looked to our own understanding for what is right, good, and beautiful.**

**Help us turn to your life-giving Word instead.  
Forgive us, for we have too often chosen the wrong path of life.  
Guide the words of our mouths and the thoughts from which they spring,  
that we may witness more faithfully to your goodness and mercy,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Way, Truth, and Life. Amen.  
(Silent Personal Confession)**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

READER: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*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

Pick-up Choir

JUNIOR SERMON

*Courage*

Pastor Jeff

DISMISSAL TO RALLY DAY

## **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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PSALTER READING—Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

**In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion  
over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 1:20-33

PASTOR: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***Wise Up***

Pastor Jeff Hatch

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

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\*HYMN See Page 7

***Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, Vss 1&3***

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

FAREWELL AND BLESSING to Laura Scherr, our Secretary/Treasurer

\*HYMN See Page 8

***We Gather Here to Bid Farewell, Verses 1&2***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.**

## DONATING OUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS – Five 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 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. **Mail in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.**
4. **Attend worship** and put your offering in the offering plate when it is passed.
5. **E-giving** – Go to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and click the link at the bottom of the page.

## OFFERTORY

\*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**

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\*HYMN See Page 9

***Be Thou My Vision, Verses 1&3***

\*BENEDICTION & ***3-Fold “Amen”***

\*POSTLUDE

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\*The congregation standing, as able  
**BOLD** means the congregation reading or singing



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to our worship service on this second Sunday in September on the lawn. We're glad we can be together both in-person and online, and hope you find comfort and inspiration in our service.



**TODAY IS RALLY DAY!** Children begin with everyone for outdoor worship, and after a Junior Sermon message from Pastor Jeff they'll be dismissed to their Rally Day activities in the Fellowship Hall with Julie and Debbie Anderson. Please have a mask for your child - and the 2 adults with them will remain masked as well. Children will be doing a welcome craft, singing, prayer, and playtime out on our backyard playground. They even have their own dedicated bathroom (in Room 1). Welcome back!

**3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER LOCAL MISSION** - Summertime and the living is easy... or at least moving in the direction of gathering again! We have completed two rounds of local mission giving and are embarking on our third quarter. [DonorsChoose.org](https://DonorsChoose.org) is the recipient of our upcoming collections. This is the organization that allows contributors to donate to small projects of teachers all over the country. Individual educators (not schools) who are vetted by the group post needs such as books, craft supplies, furnishings and technology and then we decide where to share our donations. It's so much fun to select a cause and then see the results within days!! Please consider dropping an extra envelope in the basket or mailbox with a note that the money should go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mission. It will make LOTS of people happy!!



**THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP** is open for business every Saturday from 9am to noon. We are currently accepting clean reusable items (please no electronics), which may be brought in on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm (or call the church office to make arrangements to bring in items). *Please don't leave items on the Breezeway.* It's also a fun place to work and we can use your help, so please call Gay or Carol if you'd like to volunteer.



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** – We'll continue to take a break from our sanctuary for the month of September and have outdoor worship (in the shade as much as possible) on our lawn. Please join us for this safe, break-in-routine worship as we meet outdoors at the church.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship on the church lawn & Rally Day
	10:50am	Coffee Hour on the Lawn
Monday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
	7:00pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Thursday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Saturday	9am-3pm	Daisey Roe Flea Market
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Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship on the church lawn

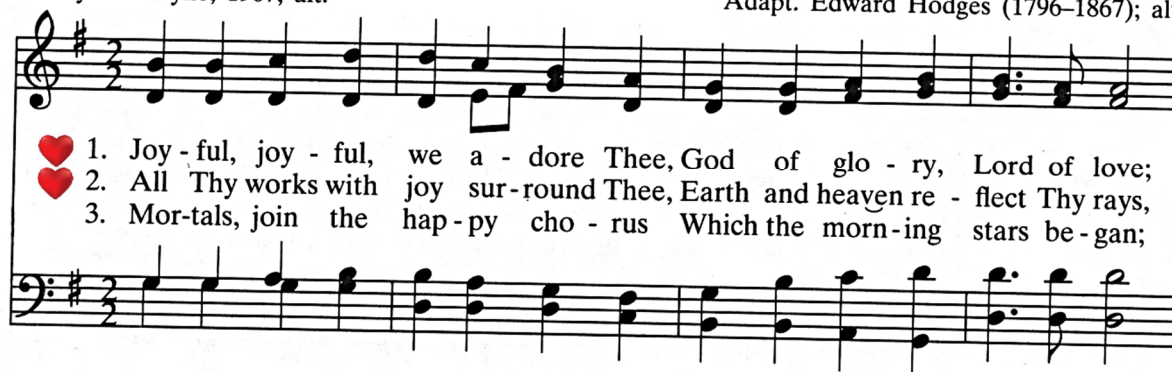
# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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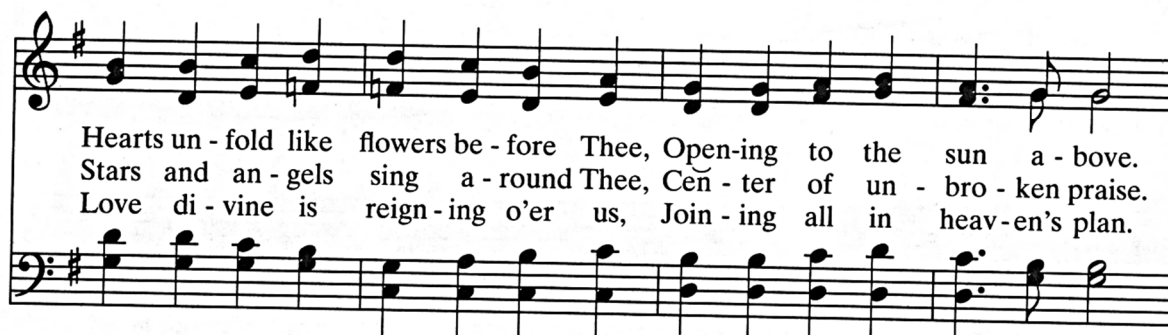
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Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

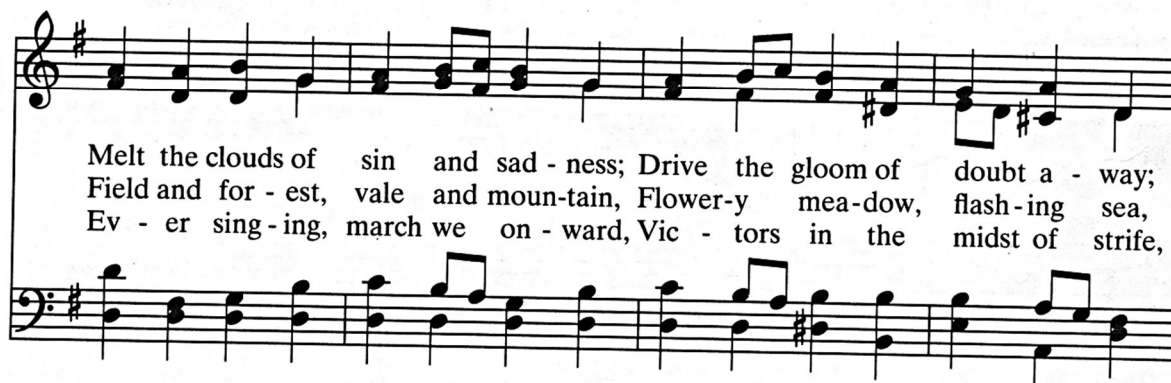
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.



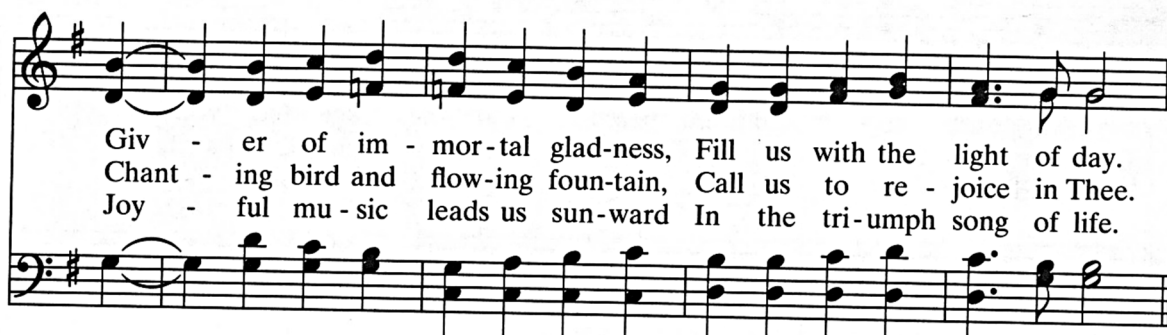
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open-ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flower-y mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life.



# Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY LM

Robert Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing  
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious  
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my

ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
 things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thine err ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 I may feed Thy hun gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach The hid den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

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## We Gather Here to Bid Farewell

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Margaret Clarkson, 1987

*Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690  
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847

1. We gath - er here to bid fare - well To  
 2. We bless the hand that brought you here And  
 3. In friend - ship's bonds our souls u - nite In  
 4. God guide you, keep you, lead you on From

friends who leave for oth - er parts; Our prayers we pledge, our  
 rich - ly blest us all in you: As now you leave for  
 prayer and praise and ho - ly vow: To God's great heart of  
 hope to hope, from strength to strength, Un - til, in God's all -

love we tell, And lift to God our grate - ful hearts.  
 wid - er sphere God's cov - enant mer - cies we re - view.  
 love and light Your kin in Christ com - mit you now.  
 glo - rious dawn, We meet be - fore the throne at length.



Ancient Irish poem  
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad  
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.