

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 1, 3-5 Wantage Avenue, Branchville, NJ 07826

The Rev. Dr. Jefferson L. Hatch, Pastor

Caitlin Denzer-Weiler, Lay Reader; Kay L. Hatch, Music Director/Organist

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent & Communion

Liturgical Color: Purple, Symbolizing Repentance

March 8, 2020

10:00am



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE "Wayfaring Stranger" arr. David Paxton

### CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Let the righteous be joyful and exult before God! Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit of God rests upon us;  
the glory of Christ has been revealed to us!**

PASTOR: God has granted us not only homes in which to dwell, but God draws us into communities of support.

PEOPLE: **God's goodness provides for the needy;  
God's power equips us to witness to his goodness.**

PASTOR: Come now, that we may pray and worship together. Let us lift up songs to the One who looks down in love.

PEOPLE: **We come to the source of life and new strength.  
We seek both strength and peace here in this house.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION Please respond "amen" to this and all prayers

\*HYMN 473 **For the Beauty of the Earth** Verses 1-4

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gentle God, the signs of your presence are everywhere –  
the deep blue sky, the soaring eagle, the glad embrace.  
Yet often our eyes are blind to your wonder,  
and our ears are plugged to your words.  
We distrust the wisdom that comes from above, and  
we schedule our days so full our love for you**

becomes an afterthought.

**We carry long-time grudges and deep-seated resentments  
that block the flow of your grace to us and through us.  
Help us make room in our lives, O God, to notice your beauty,  
to hear your whispers, and to follow your bidding. Amen.**

*(Silent Personal Confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 579)

**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.**

ANTHEM "You Are the Bread" Chancel Choir  
*(See announcements for Music Notes on this anthem)*

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121 Pew Bible, Page 498

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 3:1-15 Pew Bible, Page 863

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION Faith Lite Pastor Jeff Hatch

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 344 **Christ of the Upward Way**

STATEMENT OF FAITH – **The Apostles' Creed** Hymnal Page 14

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*\*Congregants are invited to please stand in body or spirit*

**BOLD** means the congregation singing or saying

OFFERTORY

*"What Wondrous Love"*

Arr. John Carter

\*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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 501

***Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed***

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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INVITATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(we use ***"forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"***)

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Inner ring = Wine, Outer ring = Grape Juice, Gluten-free Bread in small dish*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 446

***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

## **WE GO TO SERVE GOD**

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

HYMN 586

\*POSTLUDE

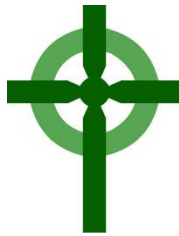
*"Recessional in C"*

Arr. Hal Hopson



## Weekly Announcements for the First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

March 8, 2020



**WELCOME** - We give you warm greetings on this Second Sunday in March and Lent. We hope you find yourself feeling welcomed here, and the service inspiring. Please join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**BICENTENNIAL BRIEFING** - The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville turns **200** this year! We will be acknowledging this Bicentennial in a variety of ways, but the biggest celebration will be held the weekend of May 16–17, so mark your calendar. The committee has been planning a catered dinner to be held in the Fellowship Hall on that Saturday night as well as a special worship service followed by a picnic on Sunday. Keep an eye out for an E-vite (an emailed invitation) in your inbox with more information and instructions for your RSVP. We are excited to commemorate this major milestone with displays, historical presentations, food and fun! Please plan on joining in the festivities. When you think about it, it's kind of a big deal - we're 200 years old!



**SAVE THE DATE** – The Fellowship Committee will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm. We'll have corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread and dessert, tea, coffee and iced tea. BYOB. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 6-12 and under 6 is free.

**THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP** will be open for business on Saturday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, and will be open every Saturday through November 21<sup>st</sup>. Members have been working weekly to get the thrift shop ready for the big March 21<sup>st</sup> opening. Guess what, it's fun and we can use your help, so please call Gay or Carol to volunteer. We are accepting clean reusable items (no electronics) beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may call a Daisey Roe member or the church office to make arrangements to bring in items to donate. PLEASE DO NOT JUST LEAVE ITEMS ON THE BREEZEWAY. Thank you!

**DAISEY ROE'S MEETING** will be this Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. It's a Member Appreciation Lunch (pizza and salad) at noon followed by meeting and movie. Hope you'll join us; call Carol Vealey to RSVP.



**A CELLO RECITAL** will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. A variety of cello solos and ensemble pieces will be presented by Aimee Nishimura's students. All are invited to attend (no cost).

**FISH & CHIPS DINNER** – The Friendship Circle will be holding its annual **Fish and Chips Dinner** by Tastefully British on Wednesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Take-outs begin at 4:30pm and dinner will be served from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are on sale now, so see any Friendship Circle Member or ask in the church office.



**FIRST QUARTERLY MISSION** - Manna House in Newton and Harvest House in Sussex are the first quarter local mission outreaches for 2020. Both these kitchens are staffed by volunteers and serve an average of 50 people each weekday for lunch. They rely solely on donations and volunteers and receive no government support or grants. Please consider a contribution to keep these kitchens operating. Make your check to "First Presbyterian Church," indicating "Manna House/Harvest House" on the memo line and/or use the pew envelope also marking it for "Manna House/Harvest House." Thank you for your support.



**2020 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** - The retreat will be held on **March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9am-4pm at the Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ. Led by Amy Clarkson and Lorelei Oelschlager, we will journey to an exploration of spiritual practices, with plenty of Fellowship (woman-ship, learning, craft, worship and gift shop!).

(We are going back to the Shrine—not only is it a beautiful place, on the mountain top of Stirling, but the food is wonderful, as well.)

**Cost for the day is \$40, covers leadership, morning snack, hot lunch and materials.**

(Need a little help with the cost? E-mail [Nancynwlack@verizon.net](mailto:Nancynwlack@verizon.net).)

Mail Registration & payment to: Nancy Lack, 15 Lincoln Ave., Florham Park, NJ 07832 (908-894-3176). Checks made out in full to Presbyterian Women - Presbytery. Registration forms may be found in the Fellowship Hall or see Laura in the church office.

**MUSIC NOTES:** "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth" is quoted several times throughout today's anthem. It is a Passover blessing and thought to be a direct translation of what Jesus would have said at the Last Supper when he blessed bread and broke it.

**DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET** - Spring is just around the corner. The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are planning their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Flea Market, including the thrift shop and Mother's Day plant sale on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors or outdoors for \$20 each. Table space is limited to (cont.)



25 tables. We do the advertising and provide tables indoors and outdoors, rain or shine. Daisey Roe keeps spaces for our church members who are interested in renting a table, so please send in your check by March 16<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space.

Co-Chairwomen: Sandra Harrison, Marion Alden, Beverly Keur

Checks payable to: Daisey Roe Chain and mail to:

Sandra Harrison, P.O. Box 2597, Branchville NJ 07826. 973-948-5197.

**One Great  
HOUR**  
OF SHARING

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)** will be collected throughout the Lenten season, but particularly on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. One-half of the OGHS offering will go to Presbyterian denominational programs which include Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People. Through our support of these programs we improve the living conditions, health, and economy of people throughout the world and show them God's love through their struggles.

Please make checks out to the church and mark your donation "OGHS" on the memo line. Please use either the envelope mailed to you or one found on the back of the pews. Together we can make a world of difference for those lacking the basics we take for granted...clean water, sanitation, medical care, and food. Thank you!

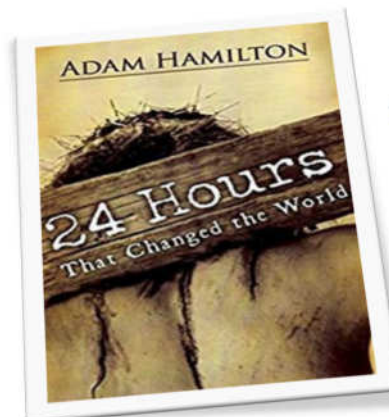
**MANNA HOUSE SPAGHETTI DINNER** - The March Manna House spaghetti dinner will be on Tuesday, March 17th, from 5:00-6:30. Come support Manna House while enjoying a delicious dinner of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage. All this for only \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and free for under 5.



#### CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Today	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Coffee Booth Committee
	11:30am	Confirmation Class
Monday	7-8:30pm	Adult Lenten Study at the Osbornes
	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday	1:00pm	Presbytery @ Florham Park
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open
Thursday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Coffee Booth Committee
	11:30am	Youth Group – Program-Martyna, Games-Wayne
	7-8:30pm	Adult Lenten Study

## ADULT LENTEN STUDY



Walk with Jesus on his final day.

Sit beside him at the Last Supper.

Pray with him in Gethsemane.

Desert him.

Deny him.

This year we're trying something a little different. We'll meet Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm for dessert and study of the events immediately preceding the crucifixion for our Lenten study, but we'll do so at the homes of the participants.

Tonight's first meeting is at Mike & Linda Osbornes' house:

23 Fox Hill Road in Lafayette

(or call 973-875-5770 if you get lost).

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, and each week we'll meet at the home of a different participant who will host our dessert and beverage, with Pastor Jeff then leading our study.

We'll be using Adam Hamilton's book and video 24 Hours That Changed the World. We've done a couple of his other studies and they were always excellent, so sign-up and let's study this one 24-hour period in-depth for greater appreciation of Christ's sacrifice.

WHAT: Lenten Study

WHEN: Sunday nights, March 1 – April 5, 7pm

WHERE: Participants' homes

SIGN-UP: Fellowship Hall

## PAST VISION RENEWED CAMPAIGN AND/OR DONATION TO THE EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

The Music & Worship Committee thanks you for supporting PVR for church improvements or giving a lily for our Easter Services. Please remember to take your lily after the 2nd service or let Gail know if you would like it to go to a church member on the Deacons' prayer and concern list. With our thanks, Happy Easter!

You may give a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one to help grow our PVR campaign. Easter Lilies are a beautiful symbol of the Easter Season and the promise of spring. You may order your Easter Lily now for Easter Sunday, April 12th. Make checks for \$15 each, payable to "First Presbyterian Church" along with your order form and give to Gail Burckes or church secretary Laura by Sunday, April 5th.



Donation to PVR Campaign\_\_\_\_\_

-or-

Easter Lily @ \$15 each\_\_\_\_\_



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