

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship & Confirmation Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing Growth

June 13, 2021 - 10:00am

*it's up to us*

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Jesus said that to enter God's Kingdom we must all become like little children.

PEOPLE: **So we come as your children, looking to our heavenly parent to guide us into the way of Life.**

PASTOR: We come without fakery or dishonesty, but with faith and trust that God will share his love with us.

PEOPLE: **Our hearts are open to feel the breath of your Spirit blowing us in new directions.**

PASTOR: Whether young or old in our earthly years, we each stand before you as one of your beloved creations.

PEOPLE: **Be gracious and gently with us, and lead us toward lives of Christ-like love.**

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

\*HYMN 554 See Page 7

***Let All Things Now Living, Vss 1&2***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cooper Cannon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, whose very name is Love, we mean to do well,  
but our intentions are soon discarded.**

**We try to be faithful, but we are diverted by so many things.  
We do not wish to harm anyone, but, for lack of consideration,  
we sometimes hurt those we love the most.  
We refuse to accept the help of others  
because we are unwilling to admit our needs.  
We, too, can say with the man who came to you, "Lord Jesus,  
I am not worthy that you should enter my house;  
only say the word and I shall be healed."  
(Silent Personal Confession)**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Casey Cannon

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

*"Lead Me to Calvary"*  
Karen Opilla, Piano & Kay Hatch, Organ

Piano/Organ Duet

## **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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PSALTER READING—Psalm 38:11-18

Elizabeth Dietz

<sup>11</sup> Come, children, listen to me.

Let me teach you how to honor the LORD:

<sup>12</sup> **Do you love life; do you relish the chance to enjoy good things?**

<sup>13</sup> Then you must keep your tongue from evil  
and keep your lips from speaking lies!

<sup>14</sup> **Turn away from evil! Do good!**

**Seek peace and go after it!**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD's eyes watch the righteous,  
his ears listen to their cries for help.

<sup>16</sup> **But the LORD's face is set against those who do evil,  
to eliminate even the memory of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry out, the LORD listens;  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
he saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:26-32

PASTOR: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*It's Up to Us*

Pastor Jeff Hatch

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

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\*HYMN **239** See Page 8

***How Happy Is Each Child of God, Vss 1&3***

STATEMENT OF FAITH - From the Confirmation Class Students' Personal Statements

**I believe in God, and that God will guide me down the right path. I believe God has done all things for me, and has provided everything I have in life. God is the creator of life, is always there for me, and shows up to listen and watches us in every moment. Jesus is forgiving, loving and accepting, and is the sun in the morning and the moon at night. Jesus is my Savior. My church is family-oriented and cares for people in need. My church guides me to become a better person. Being baptized reminds me that my faith is deeply rooted, that I have been a part of the church for so much of my life, and that I have someone to lean on. The Lord's Supper symbolizes that the blood and body are more than just that, that he gave his life for us, and that there is a part of him with each of us. God's love helps me to be a good person, successful, and enables me to say I helped others. Amen.**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Ember Morris

Five 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.**
5. **Attend worship** and put your offering in the plate in the narthex.

OFFERTORY

*“Siyahamba”*

\*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

Ember Morris

CONFIRMATION CLASS PRESENTATION

Casey Cannon  
Cooper Cannon  
Elizabeth Dietz  
Ember Morris

\*GREETING

## **WE GO TO SERVE GOD**

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HYMN **438** See Page 8

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Vss 1&3***

\*BENEDICTION & ***3-Fold “Amen”***

POSTLUDE

*“God the Omnipotent”*

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**BOLD** means the congregation reading or singing

\*The congregation standing, as able



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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 DO NOT 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. Thank you!



**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER MISSION** – June is the last month to contribute to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mission which is **Communities' Little Helpers**. This group of local children (up to 12 years old led by our own Kristen Reinertsen), gathers to perform acts of community service and kindness. They visit with, make crafts for, of helping others. Please mark your donation with CLH on your check or envelope.

**COFFEE BOOTH HELP NEEDED** - We are going to try and team up with the Branchville Rotary at the Fair this year and sell our hot and cold coffee out of their booth. Please sign-up using the following link, or call Laura in the office: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EAEAC2BA7FC1-coffee>. Thank you!

**MANNA HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Our serving day at Manna House is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and we are in need of volunteers. Please let Bev Simon know if you can either volunteer once per month, or any other months that are convenient, or to be put on a list to be called as a sub if there aren't enough volunteers scheduled on the day of service. Bev can be reached at: 973-222-1328. Thank you!

*Flowers are given today by Laura Smith  
to the Glory of God,  
and in Loving Memory  
of her mother Carole Edwards  
who passed away on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



## CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship/Confirmation Sunday - also Livestreamed
Monday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
	7:00pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	7:00pm	Deacons' Meeting in person
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-2:00pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop open
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<i>Next Sunday</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Worship – also Livestreamed</i>

## WORK CAMP 2021

We will be meeting on Friday morning, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am at the church to begin our Work Camp. We'll work that day and Saturday, and then have our Fun Day on Sunday. We've scaled back because the pandemic is still ongoing, and many locations have restrictions. So we're looking at 3 days rather than 5. Permission Slips are going out and must be returned quickly.

Our theme is Matthew 25, where Jesus says that when we serve the least of these, we do so to him. So we'll help those in need with food and labor, and then finish with a zippin' good time!





## 554 Let All Things Now Living

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Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Welsh folk melody  
Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

*Unison*

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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# 239 How Happy Is Each Child of God

WINCHESTER OLD CM

Dwyn M. Mounger, 1986

Estie's Psalms, 1592

1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!  
 2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;  
 3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bove!  
 4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;

You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.  
 Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!  
 The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.  
 May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)  
 Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

John Fawcett, 1782

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2. Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.