

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Online Worship

Liturgical Color: *Purple*, Symbolizing Repentance

March 29, 2020

10:00am



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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PRELUDE *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* Tune: Olivet, arr. Dale Wood

### CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Too often we come to the Lord dry and lifeless, seeking from him a breath of life.

PEOPLE: **We need God to lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried, so that he may call us forth to live again.**

PASTOR: We come to God thankful that he loves us as we are.

PEOPLE: **We are creatures of his hand, and a community formed by his Spirit.**

PASTOR: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, God forms us and conforms us to his will.

PEOPLE: **He is the potter, we are the clay. May his will be done through us this day and throughout our lifetimes.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Please respond "amen" to this and all prayers*

### \*HYMN 460

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

1. **Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;  
All on earth Your scepter claim, All in heaven above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign.**
2. **Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit; Three we name You,  
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You.  
And adoring bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have sought us out and we have fled.  
You have offered to ease our burdens,  
and we have tied ourselves down with unnecessary cares.  
You have forgiven us and given us light, yet we still pursue darkness.  
Help us to turn around and come to you face-to-face.  
Teach us repentance that is rooted in works of love;  
lead us onto the narrow path of your will,  
and guide us through the Valley of the Shadow of death.  
Call us to follow Jesus, so that we learn to follow his example  
of living and sacrificing for others, of dying and rising again. 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

***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.***

### JUNIOR SERMON

*God is Good, God is Great*

Pastor Jeff

- 1. God is great, God is good, and we thank him for our food.  
By his hand, we are fed, give us Lord our daily bread. Amen.***
- 2. Thank you God for giving us food! Thank you God for giving us food!  
Thank you Creator, thank you Redeemer, thank you Sustainer!  
Amen.***
- 3. God is good, God is great, God he gave us chocolate cake.  
He's a righteous dude, he gave us food, rub a dub dub 3 men in a  
tub – thank you God for this great grub, amen, amen, amen, amen.***

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Aimee Nishimura, Cello

## **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 130**

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> **It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 11:1-7, 14-15, 17-44

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Winning Hand*

Pastor Jeff Hatch

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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\*HYMN 403

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!**
- 2. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saver, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH – A Brief Statement of Reformed Faith** (*section on “God”*)

**In life and death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we believe in this God and will serve no other.**

**We trust in God, sovereign in love, whom Jesus called Abba, Father,  
who created all things good  
and made us equal in God’s image,  
male and female, every race and people.**

**But we rebel against God:  
we exploit neighbor and nature, debase ourselves,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God’s condemnation.**

**Yet from the beginning God chose a covenant people for the blessing of the  
nations, and remains faithful still,  
like a mother who will not abandon the child in her arms,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we confess that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of  
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.



**DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET** - 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> (should the way be clear) from 9am to 2pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors or outdoors for \$20 each. Table space is limited to 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 - or call her at 973-948-5197.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS** – We are still open but are doing things a little differently. We are asking patrons to call us when they arrive, then we fill their bags and leave them out front for them to pick up so that as few people as possible are in the Fellowship Hall. We definitely **need donations**, if you are able to donate, please leave them next to the door of the Fellowship Hall and let Jean Ransom know that they are there. Thank you.

**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 either mail in your special offering or hold it until we return to the sanctuary and donate it then. 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!

## JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (we use "**debts/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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please either <b>mail</b> in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church PO Box 1 Branchville, NJ 07826	or <b>go</b> to: <a href="https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/fpcbranchville">https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/fpcbranchville</a> to make an online donation
or <b>TEXT</b> —We now have giving through text on your phone. Just text the word <b>GIVE TO 973-874-1277</b> and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You can make a donation using your credit card or your checking or savings account.	We are in contact with the Presbyterian Foundation who offers an app for giving, and will hopefully be bringing this option to you soon.

OFFERTORY

*"O Savior, Hear Me!"*

Christoph von Gluck

\*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

\*HYMN 536

***Lord, Make Us More Holy***

1. **Lord, make us more *holy* (3x)     until we meet again.**  
    **Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.**
2. **Lord, make us more *loving* (3x)     until we meet again.**  
    **Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again**
3. **Lord, make us more *patient* (3x)     until we meet again.**  
    **Patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.**

## **WE GO TO SERVE GOD**

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

HYMN 586

POSTLUDE

*"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

Tune: St. Anne, arr. Janet Linker

**BOLD** means the congregation singing or saying

\*The pastor standing, and you may also if you care to

Peace I leave with you;  
**MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.**  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and  
**DO NOT BE AFRAID.**

JOHN 14:27 NIV