

First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Online Bulletin - January 29, 2023 - 10:30 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDIATION

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN PH 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. *Silent prayer*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE “Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!” PH 145, Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -- Micah 6:1-8

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 51:10-17

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,

and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;

if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

SECOND READING – 1 John 4:7-19

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERMON

“God is Love”

Rev. Christopher Small

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN PH 359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

THE OFFERING

*As we continue to provide support to our community during this time, we hope you will
consider giving through [this link](#) or by mailing your regular tithes and offerings.*

OFFERTORY

“Steal Away” (trad./arr. Howard)

Choir

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN 139

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Festive Postlude”

Lowden

SHARING PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome back to guest preacher Rev. Christopher Small. Also serving this Lord's day: Interim Director of Music Ministry Caryl Tipton; Accompanist Robert Lowden; Liturgist Monica Seguin.

Please use the Joys and Concerns card in your pew for any prayer requests.

Our annual congregational and corporation meeting will be held next Sunday, February 5, immediately following worship. The Annual Report was sent via email to all active and affiliate members who have email addresses. We will also have a limited number of printed copies available the day of the meeting. If you are comfortable reading the report online, we hope that you will not need a printed copy as well. This is to reduce the cost of printing as well as to live up to our Earth Care Congregation status.

Please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes and your 2022 Giving Statements on the back counter/table in the sanctuary.

Join us for Fellowship Time following worship. Please consider signing up to host, on your own or with a buddy. Contact Candy Walling to volunteer at (609) 298-2581.

We are truly grateful that pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Terry Fouse. If you are in need, please contact him at 609-585-3248 (h) or 609-540-4035 (c).

If you are in need of assistance with housekeeping, grocery shopping, laundry or meal preparation, please contact Judie Martin. We currently have someone working with a homebound church member who is looking for more work hours. Interested people would be responsible for checking references and setting up an interview.

Struggling or do you know someone in our church family who is? Our Congregational Care Team would love to offer support. Please reach out to Judie Martin @ (609) 505-0068 if you, or someone you know, could use help and support.

If anyone needs a portable oxygen unit you can contact the office.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs - *Beefaroni, cereal, sugar, canned peaches and pears, cat food*. You may place donations in right basket at rear of sanctuary OR drop them off when the pantry is open. Thanks for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit: <http://mmotcp.org/food-pantry>.

Please Remember in Your Prayers – From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Union Presbyterian Seminary; COP27 climate conference; Reels vs static photos; World Interfaith Harmony Week; Presbyterian Peace Fellowship-inspired Guns to Gardens events*.

Today's worship service recording will be available following worship on our website at <http://www.bordentownpresbyterian.org/worship.html>

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GOD

Lamentations 3:22-23

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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More Love to Thee, O Christ

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MORE LOVE TO THEE 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.4

Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856

William Howard Doane, 1870

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee a -
3. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise; This be the

prayer I make On bend - ed knee. This is my ear - nest plea:
lone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:
part - ing cry My heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

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THE TRIUNE GOD

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

TEXT: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757, alt.
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

ITALIAN HYMN
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