

# First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown

Proper 19 Online Bulletin - Sunday, September 17, 2023 - 10:30 AM

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

## PRELUDE

“Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace”  
(St. Francis of Assisi)

Bob Lowden

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN PH 358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. *Silent prayer***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!”

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD TOGETHER

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING - 1 Samuel 24:8-10, 16-20

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 18:21–35

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

## SERMON

“*Repaying Good*”

Rev. Margaret Brungard

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## HYMN PH 347

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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.**

GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

MINUTE FOR MISSION Peace and Global Witness Offering

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"O Lord, Correct Me" (Handel)

Bob Lowden

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*You may send your prayer concerns to the pastor at [revmargaretbrungard@gmail.com](mailto:revmargaretbrungard@gmail.com)  
Please specify if you would like them kept confidential, shared with the prayer chain,  
and/or spoken in worship the following week.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN PH 354

"Guide My Feet"

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"  
(Peterson)

Bob Lowden

SHARING PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Serving this Lord's day – Pastor, Rev. Margaret Brungard; Interim Director of Music Ministry, Caryl Tipton; Collaborative Pianist, Robert Lowden; Liturgist, Monica Seguin [revmargaretbrungard@gmail.com](mailto:revmargaretbrungard@gmail.com) or cell phone: 609-438-1830. Her open office hours are Tuesdays 10am - 12pm and Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm.

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

There will be no Fellowship time following worship. All are invited to attend the Installation Service for Rev. Margaret Brungard here at First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown this afternoon, Sunday, September 17 at 4PM. A celebratory reception meal will follow.

Fall Nerf Night will be held in the church yard on Friday, September 22, 6-7:30PM. Open to all youth in the community in kindergarten-5th grade. Snacks, juice, protective eye wear & Nerf ammo provided. Please consider donating canned goods when you come! See Cristy Ortu for sign up information.

Good Neighbor Guild Fundraiser – Saturday, September 30. Sit Down pork Dinner (5PM) with Cabaret Entertainment (6:30PM). \$15 per meal, please make a reservation before 9/23, call 609-298-0805 and leave a message.

Grocery Bag Mission Meals - Our church has committed to providing several dozen cans of food to this ecumenical ministry every month. Please consider bringing in one or more cans of food as often as you can and place them in the left-hand basket in the rear of the sanctuary. Please bring canned goods with pop-top lids such as soup, chili, stew, and Chef Boyardee pasta meals.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs - *Cereal, tuna, sardines, razors, toothpaste, toilet paper, coffee, paper towels, baked beans, soup with meat.* We are also looking for used, 2-wheel shopping carts for our customers. 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”: *Evangelism Sunday; 1001 New Worshiping Communities and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance travel to Puerto Rico; Camille Hernandez author and educator is a guest on 'A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast'; Native American Day; International Day of Peace; Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake, Iowa welcomes Synod School attendees; Rev. DeEtte Decker leads Synod School's opening worship.*

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

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LIFE IN CHRIST

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# Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1975

Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.  
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.  
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,  
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart  
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

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**Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

***"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.***

***How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?***

***In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you!***

***Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.***

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**Guide My Feet**

***Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

***Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

***Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

***I'm Your child while I run this race,  
I'm Your child while I run this race,  
I'm Your child while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

***Search my heart while I run this race,  
Search my heart while I run this race,  
Search my heart while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

***Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!***

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