

Welcome to all who gather here today.

We hope the service enables you to worship God meaningfully.

In your pew are:

✦ Visitor cards - *Welcome!*

✦ A pew envelope for an offering

✦ Joys and Concerns cards for submitting prayer requests
(all to be placed in the offering plate)

* = *Please stand as you are able or remain upright in spirit*

PH = *Presbyterian Hymnal; Congregational responses in bold type.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

TOLLING THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PIANO PRELUDE

I Only Want to Say
from Jesus Christ Superstar

Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In him, the power of death has been emptied.

In us, the gifts of life have been planted.

Throughout God's world, hope is blooming. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

PH 113

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection

of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 16:8-11 (Pew Bible p. 496 in the Old Testament)

Psalm 118

Let Us Rejoice

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
joice and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! _____
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! _____

SECOND READING: Mark 16:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 54 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Easter Steps"

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Christ Is Alive!
(vv. 1-4)

PH 108

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

When it Was Yet Dark

S. Hatfield

Who Rolled the Stone Away

S. Hatfield

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing; Vital Congregations Revitalization Initiative; Plight of Migrants for Sub-Saharan Africa; Sri Lanka; Youth Worker Sabbath Day; CPJ Training Day; Presbyterian University of East Africa

Joys: For peaceful protest marches to raise awareness about gun violence and the need for stricter regulation of guns in USA.

Concerns: Safe travels for Liana as she flies from Japan to Seattle this week; healing for Prill as she recovers from hospitalization for an infection; Ashley having surgery; healing for Ozzie, Cathy’s beloved dog.

Our church now can accept online giving! Check out the “Give Now” button in the top right corner on our website.



QR Code for online giving

Our office manager Sheri Devlin’s hours are 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Rev. Stell’s office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm. In addition, he hosts office hours at Starbucks on Dunns Mill Road from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Fridays. You may also make an appointment with him on other days. To reach him, please email him at PastorWilliam@bordentownpresbyterian.org or call him at (609) 316-7165.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Please keep an eye on kids in Play & Learn's room. It looks like the handle of a locked cabinet was pulled on after church last Sunday, and this bent the top and bottom of the cabinet door. While it's okay for kids to use Play & Learn's toys, so long as everything is put back where it was found, it's still important to supervise them. Thank you!

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes on the back table: On Easter Sunday and the following Sunday, we will be collecting gifts for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's One Great Hour of Sharing initiative. These gifts go to communities recovering from natural or human-caused disasters, help to create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty, and provide resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives that they own and directly benefit from. We invite you to pick up an envelope from the back table near the bulletins and to place it in the offering plate on April 1st or April 8th. Thank you!

Are you or someone you love living with grief or loss? In April/May, we are hoping to offer a 6-week course in grief recovery (meeting once a week for two hours each time), led by certified specialist Caryl Tipton (Robert Joe Lee's wife). If you'd be interested in participating, please write your name down on the sheet on the back table and mention which of the suggested times would work for you. Thank you.

Free Devotional! 30 Days with the Belhar Confession: A handful of years ago, the PC(USA) added the Belhar Confession to our denomination's Book of Confessions. Written in South Africa during Apartheid, this statement of faith discusses reconciliation and justice from a theological, spiritual perspective. This 30-day devotional walks you through the confession with brief reflections and meaningful prayers for each day. **Pick up a copy for free on the back table!**

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: tuna, coffee, soap, canned fruit, toilet paper. Please place items in the basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, go to: [Facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry).

Spring Senior Luncheon: Save this date. Noon on Saturday, April 21st in Fellowship Hall. Details will follow.

Care Notes: We have recently received a new selection of care notes. Be sure to check display racks at back of sanctuary.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 4/1	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
Mon 4/2	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 4/5	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/8	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Deacons.....	12:15 pm
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 4/9	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 4/10	Session	7:00 pm
Wed 4/11	Building and Grounds.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 4/12	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 1, 2018, 10:30 am



Three Women

By Henry Osswa Tanner (1910)

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