

# Welcome to all who gather here today.

## Located in your pew you will find:

- ✦ Index cards for submitting prayer requests during Joys and Concerns; please place your index cards in the offering plate.
- ✦ Visitor cards to be placed in the offering plate
- ✦ A pew envelope for an offering

We hope the service enables you to worship God meaningfully.

*\* = 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

“The Palms”

J.B. Faure-Lowden

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks! God’s love is constant and devoted to us.

**Let us say over and over: God’s hope is unfailing in caring for us.**

Give thanks, O give thanks! Justice is the gate God opens to all.

**Let us say over and over: God hears the cries of those who are forgotten.**

Give thanks, O give thanks, people of God! God comes to bring us new life.

**Let us say this over and over: God takes the stone tossed aside by us to build the foundation of salvation.**

### \*HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PH 89

### WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so busy thinking about ourselves, God of constant love, that we cannot begin to ponder what was in Jesus' mind. We shout for joy on a day like this, smiling as we wave our palms, yet quickly toss them aside as we go out into the world. We harden our faces, not in discipleship, but to turn away those who come looking for help from us. Yet, because he was fully human like us, God of unfailing compassion, we too can be more like Jesus. So, as we begin our journey through Holy Week and beyond, may we choose humility over pride, weakness over strength, compassion over bully, and seek to do whatever we are called to do, without any promise of reward. We pray this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus.

*Silence is kept*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God dares us to think like Jesus, knowing that if we do, we will discover the gifts we can offer, the words of hope we can share, the grace we can use to bless those around us.

God hears our prayers, listens to our hearts, fills us with forgiveness, and walks with us in these moments and in all the ones to come. Thanks be to God for such incredible mercy! Amen.

## SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Luke 19:28-40 (Pew Bible p. 83 in the NT)

### Psalms 118

### Fling Wide the Gates

Musical score for the hymn "Fling Wide the Gates" (Psalm 118). The score is written for voice and piano. The lyrics are: "Fling wide the gates! Fling wide the gates! Wel-come the king! Wel-come the king!". The music is in 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment includes a left hand with chords and a right hand with chords and a few melodic lines. The score includes markings for "Sw." (Swell) and "Gt." (Grow) in the piano part, and "Ped." (Pedal) in the left hand.

**SECOND READING:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (Pew Bible p. 681 in the OT)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**WORD AND WONDER WITH ALL AGES**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

Cat Stevens

*Children bring their fish banks forward.*

*Chime Choir led by Cathy Elliot-Shaw*

**SERMON**

Rev. Kristin Austew

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**“I Danced in the Morning”**

**PH 302**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The 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.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**PH 579**

**THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING IN MUSIC**

**“Lift High the Palms of Praise”**

Thornhill/Nix  
*Sunday School*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**PH 592**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

God in the highest, you came to us in a human being who humbled himself like a slave.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the nations that worship power and might; may they be ruled by humility and peace.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are in prison—the repentant and the unrepentant and those falsely accused.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are ill or infirmed or are rejected because they are seen to be weak.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

#### 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**

**"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"**

**Insert**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Now we will set aside our palm branches,

**to go and serve at God's side in a broken and fearful world.**

Now we will pick up our cloaks and follow Jesus wherever he leads,

**to learn from those the world ignores, to be touched by the grace within them.**

Now we will sing songs of wonder,

**as we work alongside the Spirit, sustaining the weary with peace and hope.**

**PIANO POSTLUDE**

**"The Lord's Prayer"**

**Malotte-Lowden**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**SERVING THIS LORD’S DAY**

Reader ..... Robert Joe Lee  
Director of Music ..... Gwendolyn Huber  
Accompanist..... Robert Lowden  
Deacon of the Month ..... Bobbi Maiuro – (609) 865-4853  
Fellowship ..... Kathie Ackerman and Margaret Conover

**Next Sunday, April 21, 2019**

Reader ..... Elke McAteer  
Fellowship Hour ..... Easter

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”:** *Mission; Church in Russia; Public Prayer; International Day of Farmers’ Struggles; Young Adult Volunteer (YAV); Medical Mission; Student Loan Forgiveness.*

**Prayers of Joy** *(from worship last week)*

- Loren Grabowski, as they welcomed a new baby boy to their family this week, their first grandchild
- Joy for Joan Ewen’s 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Joy for Pastor Kristin’s Installation and reception this afternoon

**Prayers of Concern** *(from worship last week)*

- Prayers of comfort and strength for Edith Van Arsdale
- Prayers of healing for Ron Barnard and prayers for strength and guidance for Dot and family
- Prayers for Jeffrey’s great-grandma, Irene Conover, recovering from a fall at 92
- Prayers for friends Jim and Candy Moose as they prepare for Jim’s surgery tomorrow for prostate cancer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** – We will be dedicating this offering today in worship. Look for special offering envelopes in the pew racks. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world – sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, and support for people who are experiencing hunger, poverty and oppression.

**St. Mary’s Food Pantry Current Needs:** *1 lb. bags of rice, cereal, pasta sides, baked beans, soap, toothpaste.* Please place items in the right-side basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit their website: <http://stmarysbordentown.org/food-pantry/>.

***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.***



# CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 4/14</b>	Church School .....	9:15 am
	Palm Sunday Worship .....	10:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting .....	12:00 pm
	Youth Welcome Back Lunch .....	12:00 pm
<b>Mon 4/15</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 4/18</b>	Men's Breakfast .....	8:00 am
	Maundy Thursday Service & Communion .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:00 pm
<b>Fri 4/19</b>	Good Friday Ecumenical Service .....	12:00 pm
	@ Fieldsboro United Methodist Church	

## NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 4/21</b>	Worship & Communion .....	10:30 am
<b>Mon 4/22</b>	Women's Bible Study .....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Tues 4/23</b>	<i>Pastor Kristin Away through May 1</i> .....	
	Newsletter Deadline .....	
	Matsiko World Orphan Choir .....	7:00 pm
<b>Thurs 4/25</b>	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:00 pm

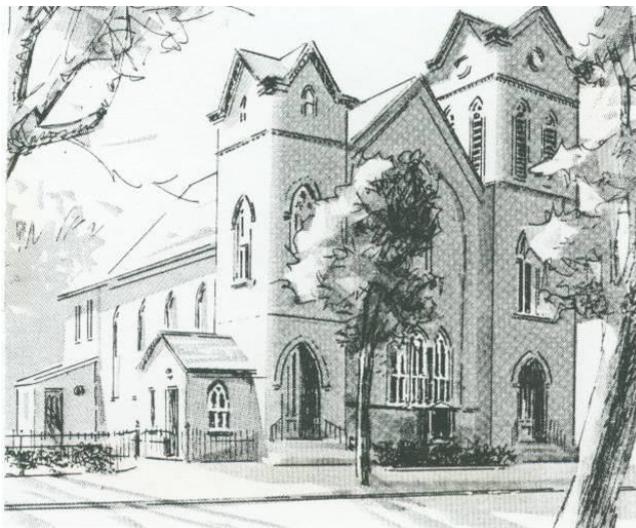
***Pastor Kristin will have open office hours each week on  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 am-12:30 pm.  
Availability outside of those hours should be scheduled in advance.***

***Our office manager Sheri Devlin's hours are 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.  
September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.  
July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.***

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day*

*April 14, 2019, 10:30 am*



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