

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 Don't Know How to Love Him

From Jesus Christ Superstar

Arr. Lowden

(by request)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This here is not a safe place,

and we are not called to be a safe people.

The Spirit of God moves swiftly, unpredictably, beyond our expectations.

Who knows what God will teach us? Who knows what God will ask of us?

The Spirit led Jesus down a path of radical love that ended in his death,

and we are both invited and compelled to follow him.

We follow together, trembling hand in trembling hand,

guided by the God of love as we work towards justice and peace.

*HYMN

Gather Us In

(vv. 1-2, 4)

Insert

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still, there is forgiveness with you. Therefore, we worship you, for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. 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: Philippians 3:18-21 (Pew Bible p. 198 in the New Testament)

Psalms 4

In the Night I Can Take My Rest

$\text{♩} = 100$ In the night I can take my rest, you a - lone keep my life se - cure.

SECOND READING: John 18:33-38 (Pew Bible p. 113 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Political”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

O God of Earth and Altar

PH 291

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(From PC(USA)'s "A Declaration of Faith" (1977))*

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

Jesus Shall Reign

Arr. Eithun

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***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**

Joy to the World!

PH 40

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

See The Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

Weiss/Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Pastor Rev. William Stell
Reader Donna Potts
Fellowship Karen Chamberlin
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Lisa Van Pelt 324-9149

Next Sunday, April 22, 2018

Fellowship
Reader Robert Hake

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Theological Education Awardees; Presbyterian Peacemaking Program; International Day of Farmers’ Struggles; NEXT Church Gathering; Young Adult Volunteer; Bible Study at GA223; Soul Fire Farm

Joys: Joan celebrated a birthday!

Concerns: Prayers of healing for Lisa recovering from a dislocated knee; Prayers of gratitude for Judie’s niece Katie on the successfully removal of her tumor, and prayers of strength as she continues her journey of treatment; Prayers of peace and comfort for John’s family as they grieve his loss; Prayers for Victoria and Winston's granddaughter Taylor who had a seizure; Prayers of peace and comfort for Marlene's granddaughter in-law Ariana for the passing of her 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

HomeFront Meal on Tuesday evening, April 24th: Our church will be providing dinner for about 40 tenants at HomeFront, a social service organization whose mission is to end homelessness in central New Jersey. Please review the insert in your bulletin and consider contributing to the meal. You can place the insert in the offering plate on Sunday the 15th or Sunday the 22nd. 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, canned meat, canned fruit, canned evaporated milk. Please place items in the 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/>

Spring Senior Luncheon: Our deacons will be hosting lunch for seniors in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 21st at 12:00 noon. The menu will feature baked ham and scalloped potatoes. Following the meal we will have a number of board games available to play. A sign-up chart is on the back counter.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 4/15	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 4/16	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tue 4/17	Mission Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs 4/19	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm
Sat 4/21	Spring Senior Luncheon	12:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/22	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Hiking Group	3:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 4/23	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 4/26	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 15, 2018, 10:30 am



Christ and Pilate (1890)

By Nikolai Ge

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