

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

PRELUDE

Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

J. L. Adam/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters, brothers, all kindred in Christ:

By grace, we are the family of God.

Just as ties of blood cannot be undone,

So ties of the Spirit bind us into Eternity.

Though earthly ties may wear or wane,

We are all united, together, in the God who is Love.

*HYMN

Wherever I May Wander

PH 294

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

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

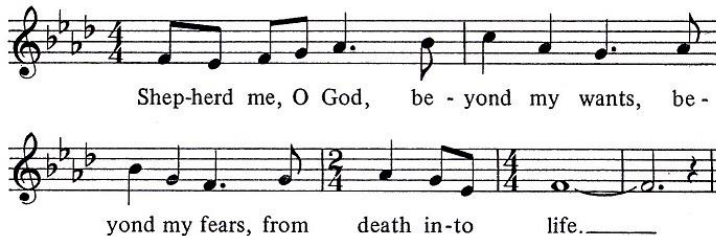
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-19 (Pew Bible p. 240 in the New Testament)

Psalms 23

Shepherd Me O God



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in-to life. _____

SECOND READING: Matthew 12:46-50 (Pew Bible p. 13 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Who’s Your Family?”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

PH 438

***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

O Sing We Alleluia

Curry

***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**

**O for a World
(vv. 1-4)**

PH 386

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lord Christ, When First Thou Came to Men

Haase/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 Robert Hake
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Lisa Van Pelt 324-9149

Next Sunday, April 29, 2018

Reader Gordon Potts

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Earth Day Sunday; Practicing Resurrection; Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; Nepal; Earth Care Congregation; Josh Heikkila, PC(USA) mission co-worker; Children

Joys: Prayers of joy that all three of Debbie and Mike's children have found their way into recovery programs.

Concerns: Prayers for safe travels for Bazil and John, Linda's niece and her husband; Prayers for Rebecca and her family as she deals with a cancer diagnosis and depression; Prayers for successful corrective hip surgery for Bobbi's sister Donna; Prayers for a special intention for guidance on a difficult personal choice.

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!

The Deacon Fund: Throughout the year, our Board of Deacons are faithfully serving members of our congregation through cards, gifts, phone calls, visits, prayers, and more. In addition, they host several larger fellowship events each year, like the Silver Tea during Advent, senior luncheons, and funeral luncheons. The Deacons rely on us, the congregation, for financial support. In your box of envelopes, there is an envelope marked "Deacon's Fund" just before the April 8th envelope. Please consider making a gift to the Deacons' work of compassion and hospitality. 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: *canned beets, canned spinach, canned meat, toothpaste.* 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/>

CALENDAR

THIS 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

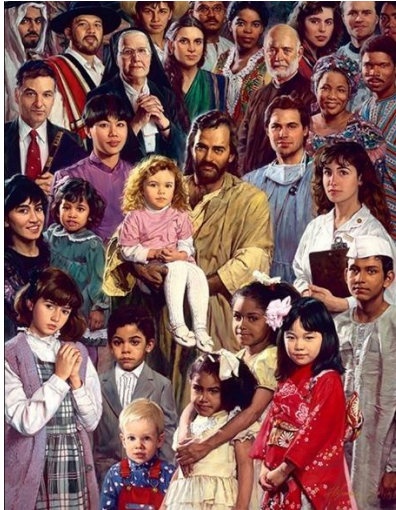
NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/29	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Mission Meal	11:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 4/30	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 5/1	Mission Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs 5/3	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 22, 2018, 10:30 am



The Family of God
by Nathan Greene

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