

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Visitors: Welcome!

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

PRELUDE Improvisation on “The Empty Cross of Calvary” Gounod/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

PH 151

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. 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: Exodus 17: 1-7 (Pew Bible p. 64)

Psalms 16

“Show Me the Path of Life”

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

You will show me the path of life,
you, my hope and my shel-ter; In your pres - ence is
end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

SECOND READING: John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible p. 115)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Without a Doubt”

Rev. Courtney Cromie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“The Strife Is O'er”

PH 119

***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 **I'll Fly Away** (traditional)
(Sung by George Carmichael)

***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**

“Thine Is the Glory”

PH 122

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth

Calkins/Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD’S DAY

Guest Preacher..... Rev. Courtney Cromie
Reader Pat Andrus
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Pat Andrus, 499-1038
Fellowship Kathie Ackerman

Next Sunday, April 30, 2017

Reader Bill Walling
Fellowship Jane Erickson

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; Sierra Leone and Liberia; Presbyterian Pan American School; Presbyterian ministers break the silence about their fertility journey; “Living, Dying, Rising” speaker spotlight: Juan Sarmiento; PC(USA) delegation tours farming communities in Liberia.

Joys: Winston & Victoria Taylor having their daughter, Makhan and granddaughter, Taylor, at Worship.

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for the family of Judi Emmert, cousin of Linda Miller; prayers of healing for Sonia Santos and Ira; prayers for Tom and Jeannie; prayers for those with unseen illnesses struggling silently to heal.

Our guest preacher today is ***The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie***. On February 9, 2017, Rev. Cromie celebrated her 20th ordination anniversary. In recent years, she has worked in administrative positions for Lancaster Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary. From 2011 -2015, Courtney served as the designated/church plant pastor for Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Jackson, New Jersey. From 1997 - 2008, Rev. Cromie served as an associate pastor for congregations in Boca Raton, Florida; Yorktown, Virginia, and Silver Spring, MD. Courtney was born in Pittsburgh, PA and then moved to Ft. Lauderdale as a teenager. Rev. Cromie has always had a love for ministry and for the church. Her father was an ordained PC (USA) pastor and Courtney, her mother and her two sisters rarely missed Sunday worship. Rev. Cromie has a BA in Communications from Auburn University, a Master of Divinity, and a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Courtney enjoys talking about Jesus, studying the Bible, taking photographs, sharing content through social media, traveling, and fine dining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new church directory is in the process of being created. Pictures will be taken here at the church. Dates and times will be announced. Keep a look out....

Spring Senior Luncheon – Saturday, April 29th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Deacons will be serving a ***Make Your Own Salad Bar***. Following lunch, Bonnie Goldman will give a presentation about her rolling pin collection. There is a sign-up sheet on the back counter.

Clothing Drive to support the Youth Mission Trip in June – more details TBA, so hang on to your clothing donations. Thank you!!

Our annual Strawberry Festival will take place on Friday, June 2nd. Save the date! Many volunteers will be needed to make this a success. Pat Andrus is serving as chair person.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Canned beets, carrots; jarred tomato sauce; paper plates and cups; plastic utensils; personal hygiene items. ***Our generosity with the empty egg cartons has been overwhelming (THANK YOU!) so perhaps a donation of one or two a month per family for now would be great!*** 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.***

Church Office Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor Stell will be in the office on Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm. In addition, he will host informal 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 the church office at (609) 298-1243 or his cell phone: (609) 316-7165.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 4/23	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	Hike (<i>Tulpehaking Nature Center</i>).....	3:00 pm
Mon 4/24	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 4/27	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sat 4/29	Senior Luncheon	12:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/30	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	Mission Meal.....	following Worship
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 5/1	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 5/4	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sat 5/6	Hike	10:00 am
Sun 5/7	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
April 23, 2017, 10:30 am*



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