

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

How Wondrous and Great

Johnson/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a stop on the road through the wilderness.

We are traveling together. We hope we're on the right path.

We stop here, craving sustenance for the journey.

We stop here, seeking our daily bread.

The road ahead is long. We do not know what all it holds,

But we know that we will need Your nourishment and guidance.

Together, we ask You: "May we come in?"

Smiling, you assure us, "You are welcome. All are welcome."

*HYMN

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong, and it never ends.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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 4:7-9 (Pew Bible p. 241 in the New Testament)

Psalm 62

Rest in God Alone



Rest in God a-lone, rest in God a-lone, my soul, my soul.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:26-38 (Pew Bible p. 127 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Baptizing Eunuchs”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**Let Us Build a House
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)**

Insert

***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

You Are the Branches

Jothen

***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

God Welcomes All
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Humbly I Adore Thee

Casner/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 Gordon Potts
Fellowship
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Lisa Van Pelt 324-9149

Next Sunday, May 6, 2018

Fellowship Simmee Darpino
Reader Joseph Campo

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Creation Lab; Madagascar farmers; Stewardship; Commission on the Status of Women; Youth Summer Programs; May Friendship Day; Refugee Services

Joys: Prayers of thanksgiving for the senior lunch on Saturday.

Concerns: Prayers for Rebecca as she deals with radiation treatments for cancer; Prayers for Linda grieving for husband John.

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

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: tuna--beefaroni--spinach--baked beans.

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 4/29	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

NEXT WEEK

Sun 5/6	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting	12:15 pm
	Yoga Church	5:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 5/7	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 5/8	Session Meeting.....	7:00 pm
Wed 5/9	Building & Grounds.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 5/10	Wanderers.....	10:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 29, 2018, 10:30 am



*Icon of Philip and the Ethiopian,
Chora Museum, Istanbul*

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