

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

Jesus, Lead Thou On

Bach/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, by his life, death, and resurrection,
we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PH 464

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure replaces mutual love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. 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: Psalm 55:17-18 & 22 (Pew Bible p. 523)

Psalm 116

"Our Blessing Cup"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words "Our blessing cup is a com -". The second staff continues the melody for "mun - ion with the blood_of the Lord." with a long note on "Lord." followed by a double bar line.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27 (Pew Bible p. 158)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Just Be Yourself"

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour
(vv. 1-3)

Insert

*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

Can't Carry these Burdens Alone
(*Women – SSA*)

M. Barrett

*THE DOXOLOGY

PH 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Young Adult Volunteers (YAVS); US and Guatemalan Partners; NEXT Church National Gathering; Theological Conversations; First Presbyterian Church in Bend, Oregon; Commission on the Status of Women; Everdith (Evie) Landrau – Young Presbyterian Minister.

Joys: Paul Sootkoos’ birthday, Friday.

Concerns: Prayers of healing and a smooth recovery for Wendy Huber; prayers of comfort and strength for the family and friends of Harry O'Malley; prayers for Cathy Elliott Shaw's coworkers, Phil and Cheryl; health for Jennifer Elliott, a friend of Linda Miller; prayers of comfort for Marty and Tara Datel; prayers of healing for Rev. Courtney Cromie's mother, Margaret, and sister, Cammie; prayers of healing for Alan Mack, Jennifer Cicero’s father.

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.

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....

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

Leadership Vacancies for Strawberry Festival: The festival is scheduled for **Friday, June 2nd from 6 to 8:30 pm** here at our church. Our chairperson, Pat Andrus, is **seeking volunteers** to serve as crew leaders for several categories. ***Unless someone steps forward to plan, organize, and supervise children's activities they will not happen this year.*** We also need volunteers for publicity, beverage prep and service, strawberry cutting Friday morning, set-up and clean-up, and cake coordinator. **See sign up charts on back counter.** If you think you can give your time and effort in any way at all, please see Pat, call her at 499-1038 or send her an e-mail at **jandrus@comcast.net**. This event has been a long standing tradition that will only be successful with your help. **Thanks to all!!**

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Coffee; tea bags; canned beets; bottled water; toothpaste; soap; shampoo; conditioner. ***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.***

CALENDAR

THIS 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 (<i>Historic Smithville Park, Easthampton, NJ</i>)	10:30 am

NEXT WEEK

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
Mon 5/8	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 5/9	Session.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 5/11	<i>The Wanderers</i> (Meet at JH).....	9:45 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sun 5/14	<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	
	Children's Chime Choir.....	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 30, 2017, 10:30 am



Midnight Prayer by William Stell, Age 6

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