

# 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

**Because He Lives/He Lives**

Arr. Lowden

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The crucified one is now the risen one.

**In Christ, Love has triumphed over suffering and death.**

As Creation sings a new song, let us listen.

**As the Spirit moves in new ways, let us reach for resurrection.**

### \*HYMN

**Morning Has Broken**

**PH 469**

### WE CONFESS OUR SINS

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. 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:** John 20:19-23 (Pew Bible p. 115 in the New Testament)

### Psalm 133

### The Lord Anoints and Blesses



The Lord a-noints and bless-es, gives life for-ev-er - more.

**SECOND READING:** John 20:24-28 (Pew Bible p. 115 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

*"Pursuing Thomas"*

Rev. William Stell

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**PH 466**

**\*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**

**A Gaelic Easter**

**Arr. Drennan**

**\*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.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”:** West End Belt-Line Farmers Market (WEB); Presbyterian Church at Tenafly; Sri Lankan tea plantations; NEXT Church Gathering; Holocaust Remembrance Day; Clean Energy Initiatives; NEXT Church Gathering

**Joys:** Bob Lowden creating music for us; Celebrating Dana’s birthday today; Nancy’s sister Joan is doing well at rehab.

**Concerns:** John’s eye surgery; Mike’s (former intern here) mother took a bad fall requiring many stitches; Marjorie’s mom having surgery; Lisa’s speedy recovery from dislocated knee cap; Safe travels for Stan and Jodi as they leave for vacation.

***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](mailto:PastorWilliam@bordentownpresbyterian.org) or call him at (609) 316-7165.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Are you or someone you love living with grief or loss?** In April/May, we are hoping to offer a 6-week course in grief recovery (meeting once a week for two hours each time), led by certified specialist Caryl Tipton (Robert Joe Lee's wife). If you'd be interested in participating, please write your name down on the sheet on the back table and mention which of the suggested times would work for you. 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: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap.** Please place items in the basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Spring Senior Luncheon:** Our deacons will be hosting lunch for seniors in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Sun 4/8</b>	Children's Chime Choir .....	8:55 am
	Church School .....	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School .....	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Deacons.....	12:15 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
<b>Mon 4/9</b>	Women's Bible Study .....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Tues 4/10</b>	Session .....	7:00 pm
<b>Wed 4/11</b>	Building and Grounds.....	7:00 pm
<b>Thurs 4/12</b>	Wanderers.....	2:00 pm
	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm

## NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 4/15</b>	Children's Chime Choir .....	8:55 am
	Adult Sunday School .....	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
<b>Mon 4/16</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 4/19</b>	Men's Breakfast .....	8:00 am
	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm
<b>Sat 4/21</b>	Spring Senior Luncheon .....	12:00 pm

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day*

*April 8, 2018, 10:30 am*



*Christ and St. Thomas sculpture*

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