

# 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

If We Only Have Love

Brel/Lowden

### CALL TO WORSHIP

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

**Love your neighbor as yourself.**

What does this mean for us who follow Jesus?

**That to Love is the fulfillment of the law.**

What are we called to do?

**To live a life of faith working and acting through love.**

May our lives be lived out in worship to you and following you that the world will know we are Christians by our love.

**Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN

**“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”**

PH 476

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We give thanks for Your constant presence in our lives, O Lord. We confess, though, that we are not always as aware of Your presence as we should be. We often live our lives as if we are the judge and jury of the world. Too frequently we miss the opportunity to tap into Your always present love and share it with others. Teach us to walk softly. Guide us toward love and humility. And, create in us a peace that passes all understanding so that You may be glorified. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*Silent Prayer*

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

### SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

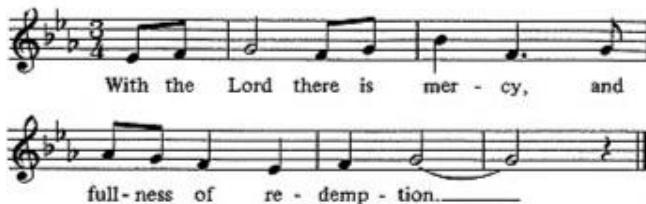
### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-40 (Pew Bible p. 225 in the New Testament)

Psalm 130

**With the Lord There is Mercy**



**SECOND READING:** Joshua 2:1-24 (Pew Bible p. 194 in the Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON**      **"A Melting Heart of Faith – The Story of Rahab"**      Rev. Courtney Cromie

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

## **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

PH 383

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Isaiah 55:8-12 NIV*)

**"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."**

#### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

## THE OFFERING

## \*THE DOXOLOGY

PH 592

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **JOYS AND CONCERN 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**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**PH 276**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**O For A Heart To Praise My God**

Wesley/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 .....	Donna Potts
Director of Music .....	Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist.....	Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month .....	Jodi Hawryluk, 609-558-5577

**Next Sunday, August 19, 2018**

Guest Preacher.....	Melissa Martin
Reader .....	

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”:** *College and Young Adult Sunday; Hunger; Holiniana (Holly) Rakotondralambo, International Peacemaker from Madagascar; The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins (PC(USA) Office of Public Witness director; Michael Muot Put, International Peacemaker from South Sudan; Texas Kids Attend Camp Experiencing the Daily Struggle of Hunger.*

**Joys:** Prayers of joy for John who celebrated his birthday on Sunday; Ellis who is on her first trip to Johnsonburg; a successful production of Peter Pan, Marjorie and the kids did a wonderful job; discovering family right within our church.

**Concerns:** Prayers for Linda’s co-workers niece who has been diagnosed with a heart tumor, Karen who is battling cancer; the wildlife and the fire fighters threatened by the fires in California; those with mental illness; Bonnie who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Rev. Cromie, that God will be with her through this season of transition.

***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.***

***September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.***

***July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.***

## **ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER**

The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie has been a minister for 20 plus years serving churches and seminaries. Most recently Courtney was the pastor at Frenchtown Presbyterian. In years prior, she was Director of Vocations at Lancaster Seminary and Pastor-in-Residence for Princeton Seminary. Rev. Cromie has served new church development congregations in Bayville and Jackson, NJ. In the early years, she was associate pastor for First Presbyterian in Boca, Yorktown Presbyterian in Yorktown, and Colesville Presbyterian in Silver Spring.

Courtney has a BA from Auburn University and a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary.

Courtney enjoys photography, painting, social media, travel, and fine arts and dining.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Book Sale:** Mission Commission is having a Book Sale to Benefit Inner City Youth of Trenton from August 18 through September 15. We are looking for donations of gently used books. All books will be \$1 and the sale will work on the honor system. Proceeds as well as leftover books, will be given to the Classic book Store in Trenton where credit received will be applied to an existing program which gives free books to the youth of Trenton. The church will be open on Wednesday, August 15th , and Saturday, August 18th, 10 am- 12 noon, for book drop-off. Call Nancy (609-933-1142) or Jane (609-298-6589) for drop-off at any other time should you not have access to the church. Thanks in advance for your help.

**St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs:** *canned corn--canned tuna--canned chicken--peanut butter--jelly--ALSO empty 1 dozen cardboard egg containers.* Please place items in the right side 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/>

**Please pick up your interim financial statements** on the back counter. Thank you.

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 8/12</b>	Worship.....	10:30 am
<b>Mon 8/13</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 8/16</b>	Men's Breakfast .....	8:00 am
	AA.....	7:30 pm

### NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 8/19</b>	Worship.....	10:30 am
<b>Mon 8/20</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Wed 8/22</b>	Newsletter Deadline .....	End of day
<b>Thurs 8/23</b>	AA.....	7:30 pm

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day*  
*August 12, 2018, 10:30 am*



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