

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Visitors: Welcome!

Located in your pew you will find:

- ✦ Cards for submitting prayer requests during Joys and Concerns; please place your cards in the offering plate.
- ✦ Visitor cards to be placed in the offering plate, or you can text your name and contact information to the pastor: (609) 316-7165
- ✦ 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

Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme

Rossini-Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

To the God of Life, who created all things good,

we give thanks and sing praises together.

To the God of Love, who nurtures and guides us,

we open our minds and hearts together.

With the Spirit of Christ in our midst,

we walk this journey of faith together.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PH 288

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things, but we are frequently caught in the mire of doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of courageous discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin and into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, help us to hear your voice, however it comes to us. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 85:8-11 (Pew Bible pp. 543-544)

Psalm 105

“Sing to God”

Musical notation for Psalm 105, "Sing to God". The music is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Sing — to God. — Sing prais - es, sing prais - es, sing prais - es to the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Kings 19:9-12 (Pew Bible p. 326)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"A Voice of Sheer Silence"

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Spirit of the Living God
(repeat once)

PH 322

***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 **Why Me Lord** Kris Kristopherson
Sung by George Carmichael **(Chorus on Insert)**

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

***HYMN**

**My Life Flows On
(vv. 1-2, 4)**

Insert

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Spacious Firmament from Haydn’s Creation

Arr. Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD’S DAY

Pastor William Stell
Reader Kathie Ackerman
Communion..... The Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia
Communion Servers..... William Stell, Larissa Kwong Abazia, Donna & Gordon Potts
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Jane Erickson

Next Sunday, August 20, 2017

Reader Guy Tassi

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Ebola; Genesis of Exodus – interactive online resource; Presbyterian historic sites in St. Louis area; Presbyterian camps and conference centers; Self-Development of People; Young Adult Volunteer Program.

Joys: Lifting up Donna Potts’ sister, Alison, as a steward of the earth. Her year long preparation towards her Monarch Butterfly Project has yielded three beautiful Monarchs thus far and a few more on the way. Joy of Marjorie’s play; Ellis, Casey and Meredith participated.

Concerns: Prayers of healing for Heather Cephas, Winston & Victoria’s cousin; prayers for the growing number of people in need worldwide; prayers of health and hope for Barbara, Bobbi’s co-worker and for Margaret; continued prayers for Donna Valeri.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor William's ordination will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2017. We have booked a 38 person bus to take us to New York City (8:30 am – 4:30 pm). The cost will be **\$36 per person**, which includes tip. A **\$20 deposit per person** is needed ASAP to reserve your space. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a sign up sheet on the church counter. Please see Deb Branson or Jane Erickson if you have additional questions. Further details will follow.

Church Music: What would **you** like to hear? Anyone requesting to hear special selections during the Meditation, Prelude or Postlude, please see Bob, or email him with your request at MusicBob@Comcast.net.

Chat about the Holy Land: Sunday, August 20th, 1-2pm, in the manse. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to visit the Holy Land? Hayley Cohen, a Princeton Seminary graduate and friend of Pastor William's, has spent the last year living and working at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. Come hear Hayley speak about the expectations of pilgrimage versus the realities of the Holy Land, share stories from her own faith journey over the past year, and describe the experiences of the pilgrims in her care. There will be Q&A, pictures, snacks, and a cozy living room!

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Although we appreciate every donation we receive, we have an overabundance of green beans, corn, kidney beans, and pasta at this time. **We kindly request: tomato sauce; granola bars; canned beets, baked beans; toothpaste.** 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 8/13	Worship and Communion.....	9:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting	following Worship
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
Mon 8/14	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Wed 8/16	B&G	7:00 pm
Thurs 8/17	Men's Breakfast.....	8:00 am
	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 8/20	Worship	9:30 am
Mon 8/21	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 8/24	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 8/27	Worship	9:30 am
	Mission Meal	following Worship

***Church Office Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.
Pastor Stell will be in the office on Tuesdays and 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.***

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
August 13, 2017, 9:30 am*



The Prophet Elias by Daniele da Volterra

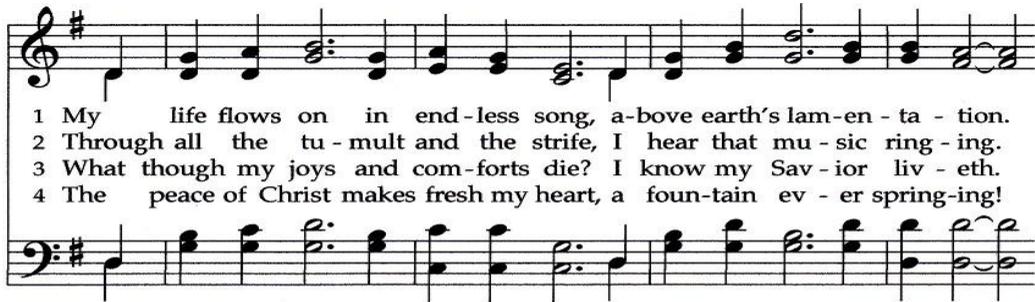
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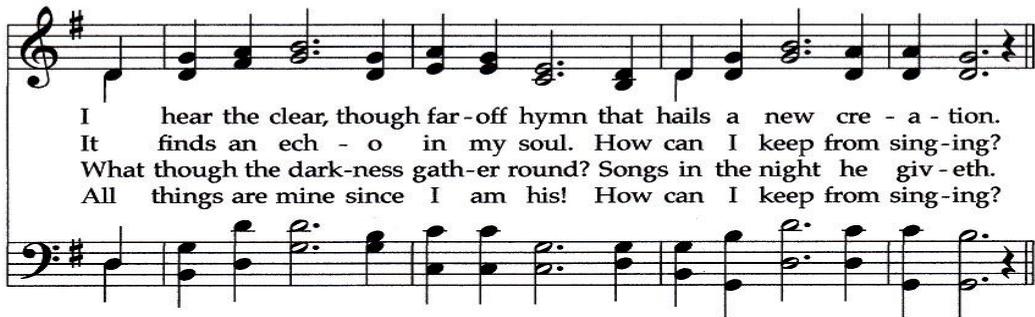
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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

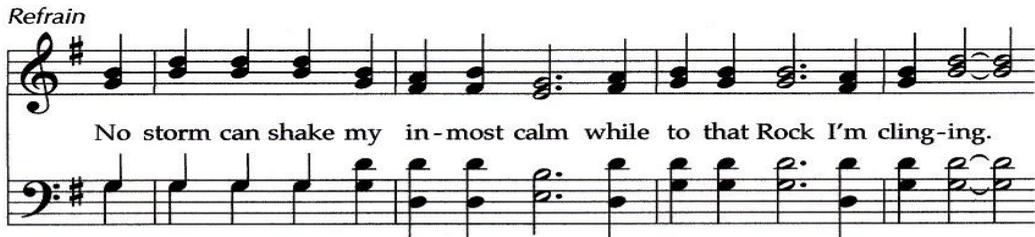


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

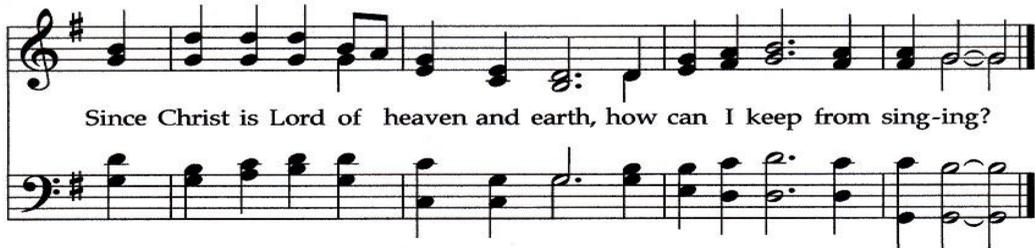


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

Why Me Lord (Chorus)

Lord, help me, Jesus, I've wasted it so help me, Jesus,

I know what I am

Now that I know, that I needed you so help me, Jesus,

my soul's in your hands.