

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

Prelude Sostenuto in B^bm

Mozart-Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

The almighty God has made this day.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Whatever burdens we carry from days past,

God invites us to rest today.

Whatever worries we feel for days ahead,

God invites us to grow in love today.

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth
(vv. 1-4)

PH 473

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (Pew Bible p. 686)

Psalm 133

“The Lord Anoints and Blesses”



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

SECOND READING: Matthew 15:10-18 (Pew Bible p. 17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Was Jesus Religious?”

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

O God of Earth and Altar

PH 291

***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 **Deep River** Trad Arr. Burleigh
(Sung by Gwendolyn Huber)

***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**

Be Thou My Vision

PH 339

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E^b

Rinck-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 Guy Tassi
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Jane Erickson

Next Sunday, August 27, 2017

Reader Donna Potts

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Youth in the Church and World; Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People; Milk With Dignity; Rwanda; South Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY; Church Leadership Connection (CLC) at Big Tent; Niger.

Joys: Anne Hernandez’s father worshipping with us; thanks to George Carmichael for his singing.

Concerns: Prayers of healing for Rebecca Capizzi, Emily Del Vecchio’s cousin; for Janice Linton, Emily Del Vecchio’s friend; continued prayers of healing and hope for Donald Elliott; safe travels for Leah Shaw returning from Sweden; prayers for Charlottesville residents; prayers of comfort for Tricia’s family; prayers of healing for Paige; prayers to ease tension between USA and North Korea.

Women’s Bible Study: Starting this year, we will discuss *Cloud of Witnesses*.

The Letter to the Hebrews is a significant book of the Bible, and is also much different from every other book in the Bible. It consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which you are a part, because you bring those groups with you wherever you go—they have helped to form you into the person you are. The community in which you study and worship, your family and friends, social and therapy groups - all are part of you. Our prayer is that the study of community in Hebrews will help us strengthen our own communities.

All women are welcome!! Conversation is lively and covers many of our daily questions. These studies do not require a great knowledge of the Bible, only a desire to look at our personal spirituality. **We meet the second and fourth Monday of each month.** This year classes start **October 2 at 7 pm** in Julien House. **We are ordering books immediately; the cost is \$8.00. Please let Kathie Ackerman know if you are interested.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chat about the Holy Land: TODAY, 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!

YOGA CHURCH: Join us for a yoga class in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, 5-6pm, beginning on September 10th! No prior experience necessary. Bring your own mat or towel.

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.

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: Jarred 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](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry).

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

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

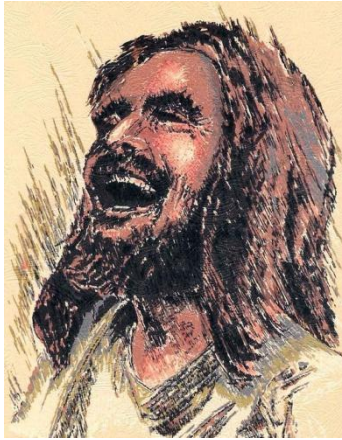
NEXT WEEK

Sun 8/27	Worship	9:30 am
	Mission Meal	following Worship
Mon 8/28	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 8/31	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 9/3	Worship.....	10:30 am

*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.*

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*Worship on the Lord's Day
August 20, 2017, 9:30 am*



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