

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 of the above 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

All May Live a Godly Life

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CALL TO WORSHIP

God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt,

and this same God is leading us today.

God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness,

and this same God is providing for us today.

As God cared for God's people in the Hebrew scriptures,

so God is caring for us and for all of creation.

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(vv. 1-2)

PH 281

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray 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: Exodus 1:8-14 (Pew Bible p. 49)

Psalm 124

"Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord"



Our help is in the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Exodus 1:15-21 (Pew Bible p. 49)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"You Don't Have to be Moses"

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**For Everyone Born
(vv. 1-3, 5)**

Insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from PCUSA's "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC **I Don't Feel No Ways Tired** Arr. Burleigh

***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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PH 276

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Am

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 Donna Potts
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Jane Erickson

Next Sunday, September 3, 2017

Reader

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Young Adult Volunteer Commissioning Sunday; Ghana; 2017 Big Tent Bible study; Presbyterian Intercultural Network; 2017 Big Tent’s theme of “Race, Reconciliation and the Reformation;

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for the family of Allison Weber, Karen Chamberlin’s niece; Prayers of healing for Peggy Dey; prayers of strength and healing for Jeremy and Margaret; continued prayers of hope and healing for Robert Morphet, Jodi Hawryluk’s brother; prayers of safety for Deb Branson’s son, Paul and for Mike’s daughter, Stacy; prayers for the hatred in our world and those affected by it.

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

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.

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.

Readers Needed: Please sign up to be an occasional Reader for Sunday Worship. It's easy and all you have to do is read 2 things: *the Prayer for Illumination and the First Reading*. You will get an email with your script the Friday before Worship and a hard copy at church, so there is nothing to do but show up and read. **Thank you!**

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: Peanut butter; tomato sauce; pork and beans; canned potatoes; coffee; shampoo.** 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 8/27	Worship	9:30 am
	Mission Meal	following Worship
Mon 8/28	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 8/31	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9/3	Worship	10:30 am
Mon 9/4	Labor Day!	
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 9/7	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 9/10	Rally Day!	
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm

***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 27, 2017, 9:30 am*



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