

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

Canon in D-Pachelbel

Arranged for Hand Bells and Piano by Lowden (*Requested by Cathy Elliott-Shaw*)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE **2017 Confirmands**

Bringing forth the greens to be placed in the Advent Wreath

SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait with vigilance, for the time is drawing near:
Emmanuel, God-With-Us, is on the way.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PH 2

*Please bring forth your purple and white ornaments to hang on the tree. Please bring the
Chrismons and greens for the chancel evergreen bough.*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Refrain: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 694 in the Old Testament)

Psalms 80

Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Lord, make us turn to You, show us Your
face, and we shall be saved. _____

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-7 (Pew Bible p. 166 in the New Testament)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"All Good Things"

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Be Still, My Soul
(vv. 1 and 2)

Insert

Please bring forward your gold and silver ornaments to hang on the tree. Place the wreaths in the pews over the center candle globes Place swags in the pews over the window candle globes.

WELCOMING OUR CONFIRMANDS Chloe Arnold, Elizabeth Bolinger, Casey McEniry,
Ethan Murray, Montana Pell, and Alex Ryba

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A New Creed {1968} of the United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC Let There Be Peace on Earth (piano) arr. Lowden

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: First PC of South Amboy Honor's NJ's Finest; Be the Church; A Pilgrimage of Environmental Repair and Rebirth on the Hudson River; Christian Formation leaders identify lifelong Christian pastors of faith; More than 70 churches join covenant as Hunger Action Congregations; Mission co-worker, Doug Dicks, is returning to his spiritual home; Presbyterian Documentaries on immigration and refugees shown in Dayton.

Joys: Bill and Karen Deets visiting and worshipping with us; Matt VanPelt and Bill Cook on break from college and worshipping with us.

Concerns: Simmee asked for prayers for Susan King and her grandchildren; Karen Deets asked for prayers for her sister, Joan; Pat Andrus asked for prayers of healing for her niece, Dala; prayers of healing for Cathy Robertshaw; Cora and Marlee ask for prayers of healing for their grandpa; continued prayers of healing and guidance for Wendy; prayers for Paul Sootkoos for healing in mind, body and spirit; prayers requested for those grieving or struggling in various ways throughout the holidays.

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

During our office manager's recovery from illness, church office hours are on hold. Rev. Stell will be in the office more often, but his official office hours will remain 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 or call him at (609) 316-7165.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Lowden will be presenting a **Christmas Concert at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cinnaminson, tonight, between 6:30 and 7**, following their 5 o'clock Pot Luck Dinner. Concert will be held in their sanctuary.

Instrumental Christmas Carol Group Rehearsals are expected to be on **Thursday, December 14th and 21st at 7 pm** in Play and Learn. If needed, on Sunday morning **December 17 at 9:45** in Fellowship Hall. Warm up on **Sunday, December 24 at 9:45 am** in Fellowship Hall.

On **Friday, December 8th at 7 pm**, **Dana Maiuro** will be participating in a MESSIAH Sing-In as a soloist and as a member of the choir. The event will take place at the **1867 Sanctuary at 101 Scotch Road in Ewing Township**. **Bob Lowden** will be the accompanist.

Christmas Party in the Manse! Join us on **Friday, December 15th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm** (come and go as you please) for conversation, snacks, and gingerbread house making!

Grocery Bag Mission Meal: Our church has been asked to provide cans of hearty soup, pasta dishes (like Chef Boyardee), and other easy-to-open, microwaveable meals for a mission meal project at First Baptist Church. Items can be placed in the basket at the back of the sanctuary and will be delivered to the Baptist church at the end of each month. Thank you!

Hygiene Kits Mission Project: On Sunday, December 17th, after the service, we will assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service. Look for a list of items to be purchased and donated in upcoming bulletins!

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: shampoo; conditioner; body lotion; deodorant. We are also in need of hams during the holiday season! 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 12/3	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	
	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 12/4	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 12/7	Percussion Ensemble.....	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 12/10	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship (<i>Cantata and Silver Tea</i>)	10:30 am
	Youth Group Christmas Party.....	following Worship
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm
Mon 12/11	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 12/14	Percussion Ensemble.....	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Friday 12/15	<i>Christmas Party in the Manse</i>	7:00-10:00 pm
Sun 12/17	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
December 3, 2017, 10:30 am*



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