

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.*

TOLLING THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE (Isaiah 40:1-11)

Joseph Campo and Tricia Bangit with daughter, Sylvia

SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

READING: A Tight-Fisted Hand at the Grindstone

HYMN

**Creator of the Stars of Light
Verses 1-2**

PH 4

READING: The Face in the Knocker

HYMN

**Creator of the Stars of Light
Verses 3-4**

PH 4

READING: Party at Fezziwigs

***HYMN**

What Child Is This?

PH 53

READING: The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner

CAROL

People, Look East!

READING: The Two Children—Ignorance and Want

CAROL

Gaudete

READING: Grieving for Tiny Tim

CAROL

Christmas in the Great Hall

READING: Christmas Morning

CAROL

Come, O Rose

READING: The End of It

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC *Eatnemen Vueli* (Song of the Earth)

***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**

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

PH 50

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Faith of my Fathers

Finley-Arr. Lowden

(Requested by Jeremy and Margaret Mills)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Readers Choir Members
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Lisa Van Pelt, 324-9149

Choir

Kathie Ackerman
Pat Andrus
Tricia Bangit
George Carmichael
Ben Freid

Nancy Grim
Robert Joe Lee
Bobbi Maiuro
Dana Maiuro
Elke McAteer

Casey McEniry
Ted Miller
Jeremy Mills
Melonie Newton
Rev. William Stell

Next Sunday, December 17, 2017 - *Christmas Pageant*

Rev. Stell's office hours are 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: Human Rights Day; Weekend Marked 26th Annual Observance of Children's Sabbaths; Hosts of International Peacemakers share excitement over recent visits; Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations celebrates United Nations Day; Finding God in El Guacio; Hands & Feet Initiative Launched in St. Louis; Reformation 500: More than a Celebration.

Joys: A joy that it's Dr. Bob Lowden's 2 year anniversary as our accompanist; prayers of thanksgiving for Dana's friend, Sara, who recently gave birth to Meredith Grace; prayers of thanksgiving for Marlie and Cora's Pop Pop, who has been released from the hospital and is doing well.

Concerns: Prayers for healing and recovery for Wendy Huber; prayers for successful treatment and support for Jean Allegretti.

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

Dr. Bob Lowden will be in Concert at the Homestead Senior Center in Mansfield, New Jersey **on Thursday, December 14th. Concert will begin between 1 and 1:30,** following their luncheon.

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.

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: canned chicken, sauerkraut; shampoo; toothpaste. *We are also in need of hams for Christmas!* 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 12/10	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
Tues 12/12	Session	7:00 pm
Wed 12/13	B & G	7:00 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

NEXT WEEK

Sun 12/17	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Pageant	10:30 am
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm
Mon 12/19	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 12/21	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Percussion Ensemble.....	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sun 12/24	Christmas Eve	
	Worship	10:30 am
	Worship and Communion	8:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

December 10, 2017, 10:30 am



A Christmas Carol Cantata

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