

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

Silver Bells

Percussion

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Conover Family: Margaret, Keith, Jeffrey and Autumn

SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

The musical notation is in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from A Cradle Prayer)*

Jesus I love you, my Lord, my life. Where would I be without you?

Here in the quiet, the still, the night; I am in awe of you.

A Cradle Prayer Rebecca St. James and Charles Garrett
(Sunday Schoolers)

***HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

PH 23

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus down to save us. Please help us to remember all the wonderful lessons He came down to teach us and help us use those lessons to live our very best lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING: Titus 3:4-7 (Pew Bible p. 215 in the New Testament)

SERMON (Pageant)

"Super Powers"

Sunday School

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PH 31

***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

We Are the Reason

David Meece

***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**

Joy to the World

PH 40

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mary Did You Know?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

****SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday School (Pageant Actors) and Children's Choir

Corrin Arnold	Jeffrey Conover	Alicia Kitner
Meredith Bolinger	Marlie Guicheteau	Francesca Ortu
Clare Burke	Cora Guicheteau	Ellis Rominecki

Chimes Choir

Corrin Arnold	Marlie Guicheteau	Ellis Rominecki
Meredith Bolinger	Cora Guicheteau	
Clare Burke	Alicia Kitner	

Percussion Ensemble

Emily Albrecht	Keira McAteer	Grace Peterson
Chloe Arnold	Casey McEniry	Julia Peterson
Elizabeth Bolinger	Eliza Peterson	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: Creating a vital snapshot of Presbyterians; Presbyterian Churches in Presbytery of San Juan; Faith-based forum on supporting LGBTQ refugees deemed a success; Preteen tackles homelessness concerns in her community; The growing edges of Evangelism; Historic Englewood Church shows growth 19 months after devastating fire; McCord, Adams are most recently named chaplains at Lake and Prairies Universities.

Joys: Joy to have Wendy Huber with us today and prayers for continued recovery; Ben Freid's father's successful treatment; Joy for a successful cantata.

Concerns: Prayers of healing for George Carmichael.

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

Hygiene Kits Mission Project: *Today*, after the service, we will assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: shampoo; toothpaste; lotion; razors. 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).

Please pick up your envelopes for 2018; they will be on the back counter on Sunday, December 31st.

The Deacons have provided these addresses for those who wish to send greetings to:

Evelyn Seyebe

Champions at Porters Neck
1007 Porters Neck Road #336
Wilmington, NC 28411

***Paul. D. Sootkoos #156334**

Arkansas Valley Correctional Institution
12750 Highway 96 Unit 6P
Ordway, CO 81034

**Recommend using church return address.*

Edith Van Ardsdale

The Clare Estate, Room M004
201 Crosswicks Street
Bordentown, NJ 08505

CALENDAR

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

Sun 12/24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	Worship	10:30 am
	Worship and Communion	8:00 pm
Mon 12/25	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 12/28	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 12/31	Worship.....	10:30 am

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.

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
December 17, 2017, 10:30 am*

Christmas Pageant



3rd Sunday of Advent

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