

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

Adagio

G. Merkel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God celebrates every human triumph,

And our God grieves every human tragedy.

Our God is cheering at the Winter Olympics,

And our God is crying at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Let us cheer, cry, and labor with the Spirit,

Who is bringing peace, justice, and joy to our world,

And let us remember that not one speck of creation

Is beyond the reach of the God who is Love.

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PH 298

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible p. 735 in the Old Testament)

Psalm 25

To You O Lord

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

To you, O Lord, I lift my—
soul, to you, I lift my soul._____

SECOND READING: Genesis 9:8-13 (Pew Bible p. 7 in the Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Ashes and Rainbows”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

God of the Sparrow

PH 272

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, God's 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

Come Thou Traveler Unknown arr. Eithun
(*Bells and Keys*)

***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**

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
(vv.1-4)**

PH 280

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort

J. W. Franck

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Pastor Rev. William Stell
Reader Casey McEniry
Fellowship Mary Terry
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Bobbi Maiuro 291-0359

Next Sunday, February 25, 2018

Fellowship Bobbi Maiuro

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Young Adult Volunteers; Everyday epiphanies; Office of Public Witness; Red Hand Campaign; Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery; Financial Aid for Service award recipients.

Joys: Bob’s beautiful music Saturday night; Donna Potts’ co-workers Denise and Tom joining her for church; the Art Show was a joyous and wonderful community event; welcoming three new members and returning members.

Concerns: Prayer for Chuck’s co-worker and friend Mickey who is battling lung cancer; prayers for Robert’s son David who is having a hard time finding a job; prayers of comfort for all those grieving for loved ones they have lost.

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

Our office manager Sheri Devlin’s hours are 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School in the Julien House, 9:15-10:15! Join us for the rest of February as Pastor William leads a small group discussion based on "The Wired Word," a resource that discusses current events in light of our faith. Come whenever you can!"

Weekend Retreat (for adults) at Camp Johnsonburg! Pastor William is hoping to lead a weekend retreat for 12 members from Friday, April 27th to Sunday, April 29th! We would all be staying together in a recently-renovated lodge. There would be group activities and devotionals to enjoy together, and there would also be ample down-time. If you're interested, sign up on the purple sheet in the back!

To all my friends, I thank you for your terrific support and generosity shown to me at last week's concert. Love and blessings to you all, Bob Lowden.

Free Devotional! 30 Days with the Belhar Confession: A handful of years ago, the PC(USA) added the Belhar Confession to our denomination's Book of Confessions. Written in South Africa during Apartheid, this statement of faith discusses reconciliation and justice from a theological, spiritual perspective. This 30-day devotional walks you through the confession with brief reflections and meaningful prayers for each day. **Pick up a copy for free on the back table!**

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: shampoo; toothpaste; body 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.***

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 2/18	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 2/19	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 2/22	Percussion Ensemble	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 2/25	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal.....	11:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 2/26	Women's Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 3/1	Percussion Ensemble	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
February 18, 2018, 10:30 am*



Rainbow by Boris Kustodiev

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