

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

Cantilene

Dubois/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Every new year, every new day, every new moment is a gift from God.

As we enter a new year, we look back and say, "Thank you."

The year ahead will hold successes and failures, beauty and pain.

Come what may, God's gifts will abound, and Love will dwell with us.

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

PH 469

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have asked us not for perfection, but for repentance. Yet, we hate to acknowledge our own mistakes, and we routinely fail to be gracious with ourselves. You have asked us not for certainty, but for trust. Yet, we speak with self-assurance instead of humility, and we prefer easy answers over honest questions. You have asked us not to be respectable, but to be courageous. Yet, we care more about how we look in the eyes of others than we care about whether or not we are being faithful to you. Forgive us, loving God, and help us to walk in the footsteps of Christ with a spirit of repentance, trust, and courage. 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: Mark 1:9-11 (Pew Bible pp. 34-35 in the New Testament)

Psalm 29

The Lord Will Bless All People

The Lord will bless all peo - ple, all
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Lord will bless all peo - ple with peace.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:26-28 (Pew Bible p. 189 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**I Will Come to You
(vv. 1-2, 4)**

Insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Excerpts from the PC(USA)'s Declaration of Faith (1977):*

We testify that the Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. The Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC For All that You Have Done Arr. Sorenson

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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** **Loving Spirit** **PH 323**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness** **Bach/Lowden**

***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 Joseph Campo
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas 259-5498

Next Sunday, January 14, 2018

Reader

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Presbyterian Peace Delegation visits No Gun Massacre Site; Democratic Republic of the Congo; South Korea’s War and Women’s Human Rights Museum; Hands & Feet Initiative; Research Services; Facing Racism; Christian churches in Zimbabwe.

Joys: Thanks for the precious time with family and friends this past week.

Concerns: Wishes for peaceful New Year's celebrations; wishes for peaceful protesting in Iran; traveling mercies for Kara Chamberlin as she travels to Rome for her studies.

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

Please pick up your envelopes for 2018 on the back counter.

Choir rehearsals resume on **Thursday, January 11** at the usual time. **Hand Bell Choir** rehearsals resume on **Thursday, January 25** at the usual time. The choir will sing the Anthem on Sunday, January 7th.

The **Julien House will be closed on Tuesday, January 9th** for a professional carpet cleaning.

The **West Point Concert Band** will be giving a free concert at **Bordentown Regional High School, 318 Ward Avenue in Bordentown on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.** Tickets to this wonderful evening of music are free but seating is limited. For more information or to reserve tickets contact Robert Violette at bordentownmusic@gmail.com. This concert is brought to you by the City of Bordentown and the Bordentown Military Institute Alumni Assoc.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Beef-a-Roni; peanut butter; canned chicken; granola bars; kid's cereal; toothpaste; shampoo; razors. ***We are no longer collecting empty egg cartons.*** 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.***

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.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 1/7	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting	following Worship
	Youth Group (Pizza Lunch).....	12:00 pm
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
Mon 1/8	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 1/9	Session.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 1/11	Wanderers (<i>Pizza lunch in FH</i>)	12:00 pm
	Percussion Ensemble.....	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 1/14	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 1/15	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 1/18	Men's Breakfast.....	8:00 am
	Percussion Ensemble.....	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 1/21	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
January 7, 2018, 10:30 am*



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