

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

Pastoral

Bruckner/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you
and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes with trustworthy words
for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PH 285

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully: we are your creatures, in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our world, our nation, our neighbors, our families, our friends, and ourselves. Help us to receive your wisdom. Lead us to honesty, courage, and faith, so that we may begin again with renewed strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

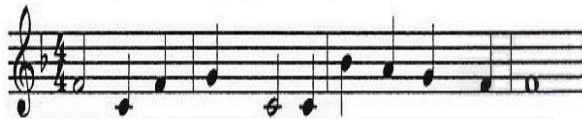
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 247 in the Old Testament)

Psalm 139

Lord, You Have Searched Me



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

SECOND READING: 1 Samuel 3:10-19 (Pew Bible p. 247 in the Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"How to Hear God"

Rev. William Stell

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

***HYMN**

Loving Spirit

PH 323

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Religious Tale

Granados/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

Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden

Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas 259-5498

Next Sunday, January 21, 2018

Guest Preacher..... Ms. Mary Nickel

Reader

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”: Race Relations Sunday; Speak Antiracism; Mary, Jesus’ mother; Synod of the Covenant; Bible Explorations; Jinishian Memorial Program; PC(USA)’s National Offices; Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, OH.

Joys: Robert Joe's 70th birthday; welcoming Robert Joe's children, Hannah, Joshua, and Hannah Lee.

Concerns: Prayers for Jean Allegretti and her loved ones; prayers of healing for Joe Davies, husband of Joyce Davies; prayers of healing for Ben Stec; safe travels for Linda Blackwell's niece, Bazil, traveling from Greece to New York City; safe travels for Kara Chamberlin as she travels to Rome for a semester abroad.

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

Adult Sunday School for 5 Weeks: Beginning **January 28th**, Pastor William will lead a **5-week Sunday School class for adults, 9:15-10:15 am**. We'll be using "*The Wired Word*," a weekly PC(USA) resource that will guide our group's discussions of current events in light of our faith. Sign up with your e-mail at the back table, so you can receive "*The Wired Word*" each week before class (although you can easily participate in the discussion even if you haven't read beforehand!). You can come just once or for all five weeks!

Our congregation's **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th**, following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee; to receive the 2017 budget; to hear reports; and to conduct any other business that properly comes before the meeting. **Next Sunday, there will be copies of the Annual Report on the back counter for you to take and review before the meeting.**

Per Capita for 2018: The annual per capita amount for 2018 is **\$37.00** per congregation member. Per capita is a combined amount requested by Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly to support the administrative costs of our denomination. Our congregation is a recipient of many of the services provided by each of these judicatories, including help in securing a pastor (Presbytery was immensely helpful in hiring Pastor William!), offering Christian education resources, Presbyterian leadership training for Elders, Deacons, and teachers, opportunities for retreats, and more. \$37 per member is not a big burden when compared to the services rendered. Please help our congregation fulfill its responsibility by using the Per Capita envelope in your envelope box. Thank you!!

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: toothpaste; shampoo; canned fruit, chicken, Chef Boyardee pasta and meatballs. 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.***

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

Hand Bell Choir rehearsals resume on **Thursday, January 25** at the usual time.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

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| 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 |

NEXT WEEK

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|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Mon 1/22 | Women's Bible Study | 7:00 pm |
| | Women's AA | 7:30 pm |
| Thurs 1/25 | Percussion Ensemble..... | 6:00 pm |
| | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | AA | 7:30 pm |
| | Handbells..... | 8:15 pm |
| Sun 1/28 | Children's Chime Choir | 8:55 am |
| | Church School..... | 9:15 am |
| | Adult Sunday School | 9:15 am |
| | Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | <i>Congregational Annual Meeting.....</i> | <i>following Worship</i> |
| | Mission Meal | following Worship |
| | Yoga Church | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| | Youth Group..... | 6:00 pm |

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
January 14, 2018, 10:30 am*



The Lord Calls Samuel

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