

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

Air on a March Theme

Purcell/Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

The almighty God has made this day.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Whatever burdens we carry from days past,

God invites us to rest today.

Whatever worries we feel for days ahead,

God invites us to grow in love today.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PH 288

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, who comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will by our own power. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us and that all things are possible with you. Forgive us, lead us, and make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. 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 Corinthians 13:1-7 (Pew Bible p. 175 in the New Testament)

Psalm 51

Be Merciful, O Lord



Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be—
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Pew Bible p. 171 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“It Doesn’t Matter if You’re Right”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**For Everyone Born
(vv. 1-3, 5)**

Insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*PC(USA)'s Declaration of Faith, 1977*)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC **Let All the World in Every Corner Sing** *Albrecht*

***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**

In Christ There Is No East or West

PH 439

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

March

Lefebure-Wely/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 Donna Potts
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas 259-5498

Next Sunday, February 4, 2018

Pastor Rev. William Stell
Reader Bobbi Maiuro
Communion Servers..... Cathy Elliott-Shaw, Donna Potts, Simmee Darpino, Meg Arnold

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”: Poor People’s Campaign; Bonn Climate Conference; World Council of Churches; Deeper Cultural Shift’ on Sexual Harassment and Abuse; Pacific Presbytery; 1001 New Worshiping Community; The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People.

Joys: Prayers of gratitude that Gordon Potts is feeling better each day; prayers of joy on the occasion of Mae's 90th birthday.

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for Joyce Davies and the family and other loved ones of Joe Davies; prayers for the family of Margaret Kossakowski and for her sister, Joyce; prayers for Kim Friend’s mother; prayers for William Nixon, grandfather of Michael and Zachary Lyszczak; prayers of healing for Cathy Elliott-Shaw's mother, Barbara.

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

Our congregation's annual meeting is today! All church members are encouraged to participate in the meeting after the worship service.

Adult Sunday School starts at 9:15 am each Sunday in February! Join Pastor William and others for discussions of current events in light of our faith!

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!!

Wanted: Current addresses for all college students. Deacons are planning to send care packages to them for Valentine's Day. Please be sure our church office has up to date addresses. If you can donate some home baked goodies to include in those packages, please sign up on chart found on the back counter and bring goodies to church Sunday, February 11th.

The Wanderers will be enjoying lunch together on **Thursday, February 8th at 12:00 pm** at the Town and Country Diner.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: canned chicken; Ramen noodles; granola bars. 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.***

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!**

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 1/28	Church School	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Congregational Annual Meeting.....	following Worship
	Mission Meal	following Worship
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 1/29	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 2/1	Percussion Ensemble	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 2/4	Children's Chime Choir.....	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 am
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting	following Worship
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 2/5	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 2/8	Percussion Ensemble	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Fri 2/9	Annual Art Show.....	6:00-9:00 pm
Sat 2/10	Art Show (12-3 pm) and Piano Concert (7 pm)	See Insert for details and times
Sun 2/11	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School.....	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Art Show.....	12:00 - 3:00 pm
	Yoga Church.....	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
January 28, 2018, 10:30 am*



Harmony by Leon Zernitsky

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