

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

PIANO PRELUDE

On My Own

Arr. Lowden

(From *Les Miserables*, requested by Pastor William)

CALL TO WORSHIP

No one knows what tomorrow holds.

No one can predict our journey's next steps.

We cannot look into the future; but we can look back to the past

An remember where our journey has taken us so far.

Over mountains and through valleys,

along streams of living water and in frightening wildernesses,

Your God has led you. Your God has sustained you. Your God has abided with you.

Let us renew our trust in the God who is Love.

*HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PH 210

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, you have called us to be a people of compassion, but too often we slip into selfishness, desensitized to the suffering of others. You have called us to be a people of forgiveness, but too often we hold grudges, blame victims, and cling to bitterness. You have called us to be a people of hope, but it is so easy to worry, so easy to be afraid, so easy to feel helpless and hopeless. Breathe your Spirit upon us, O God. Plant the seeds of your gospel—the good news of God’s love—into each of our hearts, and nurture us until we bloom with your passion to serve this hurting world with courage and joy. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!”

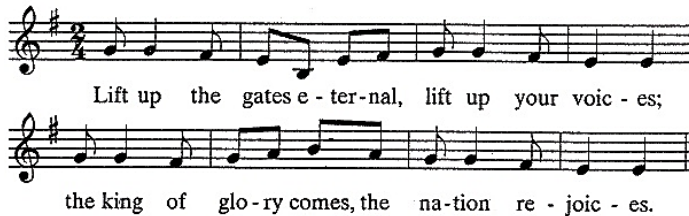
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:21-24 (Pew Bible p. 766 in the Old Testament)

Psalms 24

Lift up the Gates Eternal



Musical notation for the hymn "Lift up the Gates Eternal". The notation is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lift up the gates e - ter - nal, lift up your voic - es; the king of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es."

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 191 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“How Blessed We Are”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

God of the Sparrows

PH 272

DEDICATING THE NEW PIANO

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A New Creed (1968), United Church of Canada*

We are not alone. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

As Jabez Prayed

Lloyd Larson

***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**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

PH 438

***CHARGE**

SUNG BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You And Keep You

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PIANO POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Lowden

(Requested by Pastor William)

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

Next Sunday, July 22, 2018

Guest Preacher..... Rev. Mary Nickel
Reader

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Serious Juju, a 1001 Worshiping Community; Gender Equity; Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Office of Public Witness (OPW); Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea; South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC); Gun Control.*

Joys: Prayers of joy for Rev. Bruce who is recovering well from a stroke and surgery, continued prayers for his healing; Marlie and Cora’s great grandmother who celebrated her 97th birthday; for Johanna’s friend Anna and her husband as they are hoping to become parents; that four boys were rescued from the cave in Thailand.

Concerns: Prayers for the loved ones of Mary Carter and Maryann Morreale on their deaths; Jodi’s surgery this Friday; Wendy’s surgery this Friday; for Deb’s son Paul as he pursues a new possibility to shorten his sentence; healing in relationships; healing for Cristy’s son Michael who broke his collar bone last week; Chuck’s brother Fred who is waiting for decisions on heart procedure but having trouble regulating high blood pressure; safe rescue of the whole soccer team in Thailand and for the many people involved in that rescue.

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.
September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers needed to deliver meals to local motels on the first Tuesday of each month! The Methodist church in town, which hosts a community meal every Tuesday, has asked our church to help deliver meals to three or so local motels on the first Tuesday of each month (from 4:45 or so until 6:15 or so). A small group of us have been doing this for the past six months, but now we're in need of a few more volunteers. Even if you can't participate every month, please consider helping out with this ministry every once in a while! The upcoming delivery is on July 3rd. Reach out to Pastor William if you're interested. Thank you!

Farewell Luncheon! Everyone is invited to share a light lunch in Fellowship Hall following the worship service today. Come and join the party as we bid a fond farewell to Pastor William.

Annual Church Picnic Saturday, July 28th (*rain date July 29th*) at Caryl and Robert Joe's. All are invited. Please pick-up at flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: *Beefaroni, canned fruit, tuna, coffee.* Please place items in the right side basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit their website:
<http://stmarysbordentown.org/food-pantry/>

Please pick up your interim financial statements on the back counter. Thank you.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 7/15 Worship..... 10:30 am
 Luncheon.....following worship

Mon 7/16 Women's AA 7:30 pm

Thurs 7/19 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
 AA 7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 7/22 Worship..... 10:30 am
 Mission Trip Departure 11:00 am

Mon 7/23 Women's AA 7:30 pm

Tues 7/24 Newsletter articles due End of day

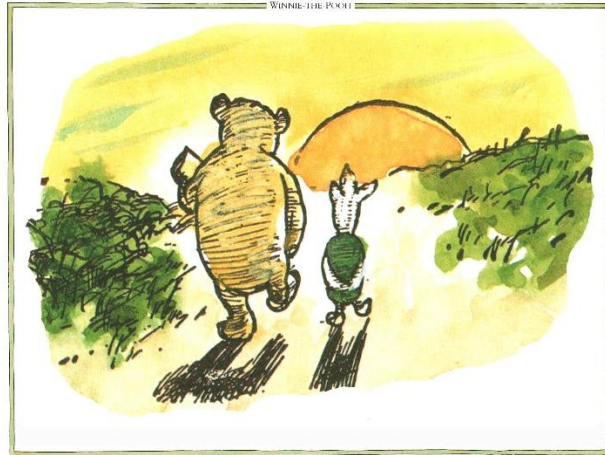
Thurs 7/26 AA 7:30 pm

Sat 7/28 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC..... 1:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

July 15, 2018, 10:30 am



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