

# 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

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Arr. Lowden

(See March Newsletter)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Bring the gift of laughter. Come into God's presence with singing!

**For the Lord is full of grace, God's mercy never ends; faithful and loyal from generation to generation.**

### \*HYMN

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**  
(vv. 1-3)

**PH 466**

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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:** Numbers 21:4-9 (Pew Bible p. 139 in the Old Testament)

### Psalm 107

### God Shepherds the Poor



God shep - herds the poor, sav - ing them from  
dan - ger, bring - ing them home,  
bring - ing them home.

**SECOND READING:** John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible p. 94 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children: God do you love me?

**Congregation: For God so loved *you* that he sent his one and only Son so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but may have everlasting life.**

*(From John 3:16)*

SERMON

**"Lifted Up"**

Melissa A. Martin

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

**What Wondrous Love Is This**

**PH 85**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Brief Affirmation of Faith 11.1-2)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

**PH 579**

THE OFFERING

**THE OFFERING IN MUSIC**

**Be Still My Soul**

Liebergen

\*THE DOXOLOGY

**PH 592**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”:** Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday; PC(USA) Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson; Fair Food Program (FFP); Young Adult Volunteer program; International Women’s Day; Gun Violence and children; Constanza Petersen of Eugene, Oregon-Young Adult Volunteer.

**Joys:** Prayers of joy for Bob Lowden’s beautiful piano prelude this past Sunday; Prayers of joy that Simmee’s sister’s cardiologist said her heart is fine.

**Concerns:** Traveling mercies for Karen and Erin as they visit Kara in Rome, Italy; Prayers for healing and recover from a stroke for Bob; Prayers for Robert Joe’s son, David, who is in the ICU in Texas; Prayers of healing for Sue, friend of Linda’s who had heart valve surgery; Prayers for Marlene’s great-granddaughter Bella, Prayers for Jodi’s mother-in-law, in the hospital and suffering from dementia, and Jodi’s husband who faces some difficult decisions.

***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](mailto:PastorWilliam@bordentownpresbyterian.org) or call him at (609) 316-7165.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School continues through March!** Join us from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings in the Julien House for donuts, coffee, and a discussion of current events in light of our faith. If you'd like to join, let Pastor William know, so that he can include you in the weekly discussion guide e-mails.

**Are you or someone you love living with grief or loss?** In April/May, we are hoping to offer a 6-week course in grief recovery (meeting once a week for two hours each time), led by certified specialist Caryl Tipton (Robert Joe Lee's wife). If you'd be interested in participating, please write your name down on the sheet on the back table and mention which of the suggested times would work for you. Thank you.

**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: coffee, canned potatoes, toilet paper, kids cereal.** 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.***

### **Holy Week Schedule**

- Palm Sunday Service, March 25 at 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Service, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Ecumenical Service, March 30 from 12:00—3:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Service, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.

# CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

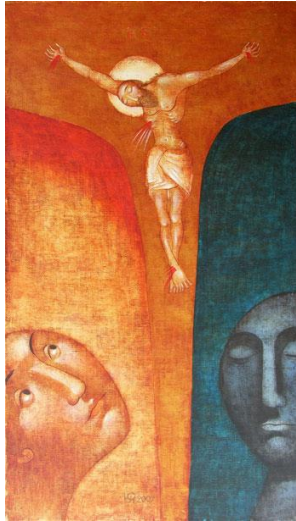
<b>Sun 3/11</b>	Church School .....	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School .....	9:15 am
	Worship/Guest Preacher .....	10:30 am
	Deacons Meeting .....	12:15 pm
	Yoga Church .....	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
<b>Mon 3/12</b>	Women's Bible Study .....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Wed 3/14</b>	Buildings and Grounds .....	7:00 pm
<b>Thurs 3/15</b>	Men's Breakfast .....	8:00 am
	Session .....	7:00 pm
	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm

## NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 3/18</b>	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
<b>Mon 3/19</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 3/22</b>	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm
<b>Sat 3/24</b>	Hike .....	10:30 am

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day  
March 11, 2018, 10:30 am*



"Crucifixion" Julia Stankova,  
Bulgaria, 2009 (Oil)

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