

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

Londonderry Air

Arr. Lowden
(By request)

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

And remember where our journey has taken us so far.

Over mountains and through valleys,

Along streams of living water and in frightening wildernesses,

Our God has led us. Our God has sustained us. Our God has abided with us.

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

*HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
(vv. 1-5)

PH 210

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and become more and more free from sin, through Christ our Lord. 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: Colossians 3:12-15 (Pew Bible p. 201 in the New Testament)

Psalm 51

Be Merciful Lord



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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-10 (Pew Bible p. 192 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Three Promises”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**I Need Thee Every Hour
(vv. 1-3)**

Insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A New Creed (1968) of the 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

Reflection on the Beauty of the Earth

Arr. Eithun

***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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PH 276

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For The Beauty of the Earth

Casner/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
Fellowship Pat Andrus
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Pat Andrus 499-1038

Next Sunday, March 25, 2018

Fellowship Pancake Breakfast/Mission Meal

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: 2018 Women of Faith Awards; Robert Rasmussen, former Presbyterian Mission co-worker; Selena Hilemon, Young Adult Volunteer in Asheville, NC; Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II preaches at the APCE Conference; Dessa Palm, mission co-worker and cultural worker in the Philippines; 1001 New Worshiping Communities; Supporting Young Adult Volunteers

Joys: Prayers of joy for the beautiful music provided by the choir last Sunday; Happy Birthday to George Carmichael and Christopher Freid; Prayers of thanksgiving that there were no injuries from the tree that fell on the church side yard during the recent storm.

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for Pat following the death of her husband Jerry; Prayers of healing for Boyd who is in ICU and for his family making decisions for him; Prayers of healing for Rev. Bruce Stevens who will be having heart surgery in the near future; Continued prayers for David who is still hospitalized in Texas. He is now able to breathe on his own and his family is hopeful; Prayers for Nancy’s sister Joan who is in the hospital.

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 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: Beefaroni, tuna, canned fruit. 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 at First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown

- 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.

Spring Senior Luncheon: Save this date. Noon on Saturday, April 21st in Fellowship Hall. Details will follow.

Care Notes: We have recently received a new selection of care notes. Be sure to check display racks at back of sanctuary.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

Sun 3/25	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
Palm Sunday	Church School	9:15 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Pancake Breakfast & Mission Meal	11:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
Mon 3/26	Women's Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 3/29	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
March 18, 2018, 10:30 am*

*"Above all, clothe yourselves
with love, which binds everything
together in perfect unity."*

Colossians 3:14

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