

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Located in your pew you will find:

- ✦ Index cards for submitting prayer requests during Joys and Concerns; please place your index cards in the offering plate.
- ✦ Visitor cards to be placed in the offering plate
- ✦ A pew envelope for an offering

We hope the service enables you to worship God meaningfully.

** = 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

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*HYMN

“O God, You Are My God”

PH 198

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 76 in the NT)

Psalm 63

Your Love is Finer Than Life

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for
you, your love is finer than life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'you, your love is finer than life.' The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

SECOND READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 685 in the OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Kristin Austew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" **PH 298**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI** **PH 579**

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC "Sun of My Soul" **Forrest**

***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**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

PH 85

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

PIANO POSTLUDE

“Revive Us Again”

Arr. Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

ReaderJohanna Heine

Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanist.....Robert Lowden

Deacon of the Month Karen Chamberlin -- (609) 760-7701

Fellowship Pat Andrus

Next Sunday, March 31, 2019

Reader Marlene Lyszcak

Fellowship Hour Lisa Van Pelt

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Embracing Change; Presbytery of Detroit; Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, Iowa; 2019 Big Tent – Baltimore, MD; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Missionary Kid.*

Prayers of Joy *(from worship last week)*

- Johanna expresses joy for her friend Donna who had a lung transplant and is doing great.
- Johanna expresses joy for her friend Anna who is fostering 2 children and is now pregnant.
- Pat Terry thanks everyone for their prayers and cards during his recovery.
- Joy that Linda and Ted Miller are in worship and Ted is healing.

Prayers of Concern *(from worship last week)*

- Johanna asks for prayers for her Dad, Klaus after finding out chemotherapy did not work and is on immunotherapy now, and prayers for her Mom who is caring for him.
- Dana asks for prayers of peace for Meghan, Cora and Marley.
- Karen C. thanks everyone for their prayers, her Aunt Carole passed away Friday. Continued prayers asked for her cousins Candy and Jeff and they grieve her loss and make funeral arrangements.
- Prayers for our Muslim sisters and brothers after massacre.
- Peter requests prayers for his friend Todd.
- Jeremy asks for prayers for Margaret who is in the ICU with heart issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kristin's Installation -- Join us Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm as Rev. Kristin Austew is installed as our pastor! A pot luck soup and salad reception will follow, hosted by the Deacons. Use the link that has been emailed or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering -- We will be collecting for *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering during the season of Lent. We will dedicate that offering on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Look for special offering envelopes in the pew racks. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world – sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: *Canned meats, Spam, tuna, jarred pasta sauce.* 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/>.

***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.



CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 3/24	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
Mon 3/25	Women’s Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women’s AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 3/28	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 3/31	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal.....	11:30 pm
Mon 4/1	Women’s AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 4/4	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

***Pastor Kristin will have open office hours each week on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 am-12:30 pm.
Availability outside of those hours should be scheduled in advance.***

***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.***

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

March 24, 2019, 10:30 am



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