

# 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

The Palms

Faure/Lowden

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### \*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
(vv. 1-3)

PH 88

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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:** Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible p. 198 in the New Testament)

## Psalms 118

## Fling Wide the Gates

Fling wide the gates! Fling wide the gates! Wel-come the king! Wel-come the king!

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score is divided into four measures, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first two measures are marked 'Sw.' (Swell) and the last two are marked 'Gt.' (Grow). The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

**SECOND READING:** Mark 11:7-10 (Pew Bible p. 47 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

“Should We Be Celebrating?”

Rev. William Stell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN**

**I Danced in the Morning  
(vv. 1-3)**

**PH 302**

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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, God's 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**

**Palm Sunday Introit**

**Brook**

**\*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**

**Go to Dark Gethsemane  
(vv. 1-3)**

**PH 97**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Hosanna to the King**

Rasley/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 ..... Robert Joe Lee  
Fellowship ..... Pancake Breakfast/Mission Meal  
Director of Music ..... Gwendolyn Huber  
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden  
Deacon of the Month ..... Pat Andrus 499-1038

**Next Sunday, April 1, 2018**

Fellowship ..... Kathie Ackerman  
Reader ..... Elke MaAteer

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”:** Boundless Hospitality; First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa – Young Adult Volunteer Program; Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Annual Event; U.S. and Guatemalan partners; Border Ministry; Transformation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Rusty Edmondson and Sara Armstrong, PC(USA) Mission Co-workers in Peru

**Joys:** Birthday of Simmee Darpino and several others this week; Simmee’s sister, Vesta, is receiving good reports from medical testing; Ray is doing very well at home recovering from a heart attack.

**Concerns:** Boyd who is now in hospice care; Maxine who begins treatments this week; Healing for Eddie who is battling cancer; Thad and his family who are mourning his father’s death; Continued prayers for David’s recovery; A mom recovering from a mastectomy, Phil who had an emergency appendectomy.

***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: cans of evaporated milk, peanut butter, jelly, pork and beans.** 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**

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

## NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 4/1</b>	Children's Chime Choir .....	8:55 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Yoga Church .....	5:00-6:00 pm
<b>Mon 4/2</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 4/5</b>	Choir.....	7:00 pm
	AA.....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir.....	8:15 pm

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day  
March 25, 2018, 10:30 am*



*Palm Sunday*  
By Evans Yegon

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