

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

“I’ll Walk with God”

Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

PH 298

WE CONFESS OUR SINS CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

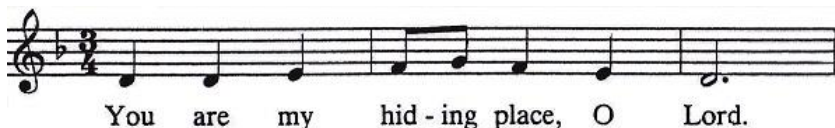
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible p. 181 in the NT)

Psalm 32

You Are My Hiding Place



SECOND READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pew Bible p. 78 in the NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Scandalous Grace"

Rev. Kristin Austew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PH 258

***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

“Come Thou Traveler Unknown”

D. Mennick

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

PH 261

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

PIANO POSTLUDE

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

Arr. Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD’S DAY

Reader Marlene Lysczak

Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanist.....Robert Lowden

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

Fellowship Lisa Van Pelt

Next Sunday, April 7, 2019

Reader Bobbi Maiuro

Fellowship Hour Installation & Reception 3pm

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Detroit Presbytery; Church of Amazing Grace International; Presbyterian Homeless Ministry; Multiracial Worship; God’s Anointing; Church of Amazing Grace International; Effective Mission.*

Prayers of Joy *(from worship last week)*

- Simmee expresses joy that Samantha remains cancer free after repeated 6 month evaluations
- Jeremy expresses thanks for prayers for Margaret who was able to be with us for worship this week

Prayers of Concern *(from worship last week)*

- Prayers for Ron and Dot during Ron's healing journey
- Pat Terry asks for prayers for the family of his lifelong friend, Bob Ecker. Bob passed away this week.
- Ted Miller asks for prayers for the family of his college friend, Paul Henry. Paul died a week ago.
- Tom, a visitor attending worship with us, asks for prayers that he gets his car running
- Prayers for the people of Mozambique
- Jeremy asks for prayers for Barb Schmidt whose mother Virginia passed away.
- Ben Freid asks for prayers for the family of Lucille Martin who passed away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kristin will be out of the office Thursday, April 4th and Friday, April 5th. For any *immediate* pastoral care needs, you may call her at (609) 817-4514.

Pastor Kristin's Installation -- Join us next 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: *Spam, canned meats, energy bars, Knorr pasta or rice sides.* 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 3/31	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal.....	11:30 pm
	CE Commission Meeting.....	12:00 pm
Mon 4/1	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 4/4	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/7	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Rev. Kristin Austew's Installation and Reception	3:00 pm
Mon 4/8	Women's Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 4/9	Session	7:00 pm
Wed 4/10	Building & Grounds.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 4/11	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:00 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.***

***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 31, 2019, 10:30 am



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