

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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Arr. Lowden

**May's Hymn of the Month. See May's newsletter and listen to it on the church's website.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The almighty God has made this day.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Whatever burdens we carry from days past,

God invites us to rest today.

Whatever worries we feel for days ahead

God invites us to grow in love today.

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful
(vv. 1, 3-4)

PH 267

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, our conscience is not clear. We know that we routinely fall short in our life with you. Our attempts to love those dear to us have failed, and our unwillingness to love the strangers in our midst has grieved and pained you. By the power of your Spirit abiding within us, breathe your wisdom and compassion into our hearts and minds once again. Help us to live generously and victoriously, filled with the grace and peace of our resurrected Savior. 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: John 15:9-12 (Pew Bible p. 109 in the New Testament)

Psalm 98

All the Ends of the Earth



All the ends of the earth_ have seen_the pow-er of God;



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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (Pew Bible p. 172 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Disciplining Ourselves”

Rev. William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**Guide My Feet
(vv. 1-2, 4)**

PH 354

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the PCUSA's 1977 "A Declaration of Faith")*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's reign. Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the difficulty, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and others do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming of God's reign and in the Spirit's presence with us. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that reign and presence: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

O Sing We Alleluia

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Mission Worker Sunday; Mother’s Day; Sri Lanka Fair Trade; Rev. Buddy Monahan; New Worshiping Communities Research; Rev. Leslie Vogel, New Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico; Turkey’s Churches – Book of Common Christian Doctrine; 1001 New Worshiping Communities.

Joys: It was a joy to have the Sunday School help pack Mission meals; Traveling mercies for Kara as she returns from her semester in Rome; It’s a joy that the closing is complete on Jean Cifelli’s house, with special thanks to John for his hard work and financial contribution.

Concerns: Prayers for the family and friends of cousin Nan, who passed away this past Saturday; Continued prayers for brother-in-law Boyd who is still in hospice; Prayers for successful hip surgery for Bobbi’s sister Donna.

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

The Deacon Fund: Throughout the year, our Board of Deacons are faithfully serving members of our congregation through cards, gifts, phone calls, visits, prayers, and more. In addition, they host several larger fellowship events each year, like the Silver Tea during Advent, senior luncheons, and funeral luncheons. The Deacons rely on us, the congregation, for financial support. In your box of envelopes, there is an envelope marked "Deacon's Fund" just before the April 8th envelope. Please consider making a gift to the Deacons' work of compassion and hospitality. Thank you!

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: **baked beans, potatoes, spinach, tuna, canned meats.** Please place items in the 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/>

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 5/6	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting	12:15 pm
	Yoga Church	5:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 5/7	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 5/8	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 5/9	Building & Grounds	7:00 pm
Thurs 5/10	Wanderers	10:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 5/13	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 5/14	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 5/17	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir	8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 6, 2018, 10:30 am



An Athlete Wrestling with a Python (1877)

By Frederic Leighton

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