

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Visitors: Welcome!

Located in your pew you will find:

✚ **White* 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

**** Apart from the Joys and Concerns cards, you are invited to write an anonymous prayer on the colored index card in your bulletin and to place this in the offering plate as well.***

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

Poetic Contemplation

Lowden

(Composed and Dedicated to Rev. Terry Fouse. May your poetic beauty abound forever!)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters, brothers, all kindred in Christ:

Let us gather together with grateful hearts.

God is working wonders all around us,

and God is working wonders within us.

The glory of the Lord shines in the farthest star,

and the glory of the Lord shines in the depths of our souls.

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Jesus, our most faithful friend: on the night that you were betrayed, you asked us to stay awake with you and to pray. Distracted by many things and weary after a long day, we fell asleep. Oh God, our most faithful parent: even now, you call us to wakefulness — to pray and to love with our hearts, minds, hands, and feet. But we are still distracted, still weary, still more asleep than awake. Oh faithful Spirit, forgive us. Open us where we are closed, loosen us where we are stiff, and revive us where we seem dead, in the name of the Risen One. 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: Psalm 88:14-18 (Pew Bible p. 545)

Psalm 23

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in-to life._____

SECOND READING: Psalm 109:1-5, 29-31 (Pew Bible pp. 561-562)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Praying the Psalms"

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

PH 261

***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

The Strife Is Over
(Handbells)

Arr. Wagner

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Administered by Rev. Terry Fouse

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.

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, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PH 285

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Near the Cross

Arr. Lowden

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Pastor	William Stell
Communion Leader.....	Rev. Terry Fouse
Reader	Dana Maiuro
Director of Music	Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist.....	Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month	Amy Dallas, 259-5498
Fellowship	Kathie Ackerman
Communion Servers.....	Amy Dallas, John Burke, Pat & Jim Andrus

Next Sunday, May 14, 2017

Reader	Elke McAteer
Fellowship	Elke McAteer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Minute for Mission: Wills Emphasis Sunday; Rev. Dennis Hughes; UN Commission on the Status of Women; Partner Health Program in Democratic Republic of Congo; PC(USA) Delegation concludes onsite visit to Sierra Leone and Liberia; Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People; Korean-American churches.

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for the family of SaraLee Pindar, our former church secretary; strength for caregivers.

Church Office Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Pastor Stell will be in the office on Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm. In addition, he will host informal 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 the church office at (609) 298-1243 or his cell phone: (609) 316-7165.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to write a prayer on the index card in your bulletin and to place it in the offering plate.

A new church directory is in the process of being created. **In your bulletin is a data base update form. Please take home, fill out and return to church in the labeled basket.**

Spontaneous Game Night! Come to the manse ***this Wednesday (May 10th)*** anytime between 7:00 and 9:00 pm for games and snacks. You are welcome to bring something along (a game and/or a snack), or you can just bring yourself!

The Wanderers will meet at the Julien House on **Thursday, May 11th at 9:45 am** to carpool to the ***Ewing Homefront Family Preservation Center***. Afterwards, lunch at ***Angies*** in Bordentown.

Clothing Drive to support the Youth Mission Trip in June – more details TBA, so hang on to your clothing donations. Thank you!!

Volunteers Needed for Strawberry Festival: The festival is scheduled for **Friday, June 2nd from 6 to 8:30 pm** here at our church. Our chairperson, Pat Andrus, is **seeking volunteers** to serve as crew leaders for several categories. ***Unless someone steps forward to plan, organize, and supervise children's activities they will not happen this year.*** We also need volunteers for publicity, beverage prep and service, strawberry cutting Friday morning, set-up and clean-up, and cake coordinator. **See sign up charts on back counter.** If you think you can give your time and effort in any way at all, please see Pat, call her at 499-1038 or send her an e-mail at **jandrus@comcast.net**. This event has been a long standing tradition that will only be successful with your help. **Thanks to all!!**

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Canned sauerkraut; coffee; kids' boxed cereal; apple juice for kids; shampoo; conditioner. ***Our generosity with the empty egg cartons has been overwhelming (THANK YOU!) so perhaps a donation of one or two a month per family for now would be great!*** 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.***

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 5/7	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 5/8	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 5/9	Session	7:00 pm
Wed 5/10	<i>Game Night at the Manse</i>	7:00-9:00 pm
Thurs 5/11	<i>The Wanderers</i> (Meet at JH)	9:45 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells	8:15 pm

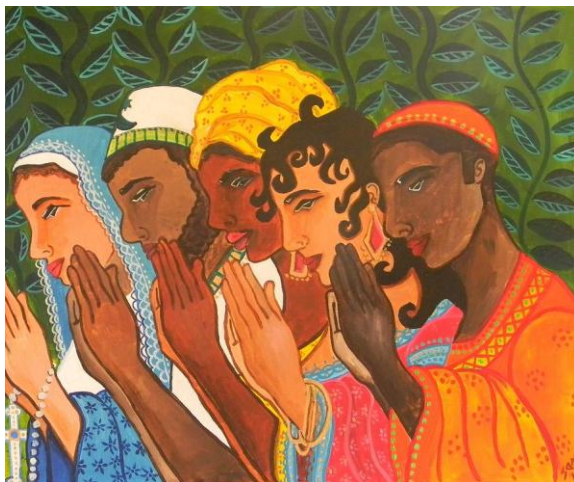
NEXT WEEK

Sun 5/14	<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	
	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
Mon 5/15	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Wed 5/17	Buildings & Grounds	7:00 pm
Thurs 5/18	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells	8:15 pm
Sat 5/20	<i>Street Fair and Play & Learn Open House</i>	9am – 4 pm
Sun 5/21	<i>Street Fair and Play & Learn Open House</i>	9am – 4 pm
	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting	following Worship
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	Hike	3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 7, 2017, 10:30 am



Samantha Rochard's Do So in Prayer

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