

# 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

### PRELUDE

**Mother's Day Prayer**

Lowden

### CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we give thanks for mothers

**and for every motherly presence in our world.**

For those who give birth to new life in various ways,

**for those who protect and nurture the vulnerable,**

for those whose wisdom instructs our minds and hearts,

**and for those whose courage calms our many fears,**

we give thanks to you, God, our first and perfect Mother,

**who gives life and hope to all of creation.**

### \*HYMN

**For the Beauty of the Earth**  
**(vv. 1-4)**

**PH 473**

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, you are our judge, for you alone know us fully. You know the sins we hide from others: the unkind thought, the unspoken word of grace, the helping hand not offered. You alone know how we harbor jealousies and resentments; hoard resources for ourselves; and hold onto prejudices, judging others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your marvelous light, so that we may live before others as you intend. We seek your tender mercy, for you love us as a mother loves her little child. In Christ's name 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:** Proverbs 3:5-6 (Pew Bible p. 586 in the Old Testament)

Psalm 1

**Happy Are They**



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

**SECOND READING:** Acts 1:21-26 (Pew Bible p. 118 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*"Was It God, or Was It Chance?"*

Rev. William Stell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN**

**God of the Sparrow**

**PH 272**

**\*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**

**Faith of Our Mothers**

**\*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**                                      **God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us**                                      **PH 261**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                      **The Lord Be Exalted**                                      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 ..... Dana Maiuro  
Fellowship ..... Deb Branson  
Director of Music ..... Gwendolyn Huber  
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden  
Deacon of the Month ..... Megan Arnold 234-7296

### **Next Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Fellowship ..... Bobbi Maiuro  
Reader ..... Robert Joe Lee

## 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:** Joe and his wife are expecting a baby girl in September; thankful for a self-propelled lawn mower for the church.

**Concerns:** Prayers for the Lynch family following the unexpected passing of Thomas.

***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

**Helping Our Youth through the Pentecost Special Offering:** We will be collecting one of our four annual special offerings on May 20th (Pentecost Sunday). All of the funds donated will support our denomination's youth in their faith formation and mission work. 40% of the funds will be retained by our own congregation for the purpose of helping students in our youth group pay for the summer mission trip. Envelopes for this special offering are in the backs of your pews. Please consider giving to our youth through this initiative. Thank you!

**Don't forget your Per Capita!** Our church pays \$37 per member to our Presbytery each year, which helps to cover the cost of the assistance that they give us (as well as **Presbytery's** various mission efforts). There's a Per Capita envelope at the front of your envelope box. If you're able to pay this amount at some point during the year, please do! Thank you.

**Want a cat (or know someone who wants one)?** Jean Allegretti's two cats, Principe and Benjamino, are looking for a new home! Principe is 7 years old and Benjamino is 5 years old. They are both male and have been neutered. They are healthy (current on their shots), friendly, lovable, and well-behaved. If you're interested in adopting them, or if you know of a good home for them, reach out to Pastor William!

**Graduate News Wanted:** If you have a family member graduating this year (8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college, etc.) please share this with us by providing their name, school, and certificate or degree to the office. If they are graduating from high school, let us know their college and major, or other future plans. You may email the information, drop it off, or call and leave a detailed message. Thank you for helping us honor your young person's accomplishment!

**St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: soap, toilet paper, canned fruit.** 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/>***

# CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 5/13</b>	Children's Chime Choir .....	8:55 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
<b>Mon 5/14</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 5/17</b>	Men's Breakfast .....	8:00 am
	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm

## NEXT WEEK

<b>Sun 5/20</b>	Children's Chime Choir .....	8:55 am
	Sunday School.....	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Yoga Church .....	5:00 pm
<b>Mon 5/21</b>	Women's AA .....	7:30 pm
<b>Thurs 5/24</b>	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	AA .....	7:30 pm
	Bell Choir .....	8:15 pm

# First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day*

*May 13, 2018, 10:30 am*



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