

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

PRELUDE

Mother's Day Prayer

Smith/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.

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children grow into the joy of salvation through 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 4:6-7 (Pew Bible p. 198)

Psalm 31

“I Put My Life in Your Hands”



Fa - ther, I put my life in your hands.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-15 (Pew Bible p. 231)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(vv. 1-2)**

Insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (PC{USA}'s 1983 "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC

“Lead Me in Your Truth”

Barter

***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**

**O for a World
(vv. 1-4)**

PH 386

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

God Gave His Son

Wilson/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
Reader Elke McAteer
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas, 259-5498
Fellowship Elke McAteer

Next Sunday, May 21, 2017

Reader Sam Stark
Fellowship Terri Platas

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Mothers’ Day; Mission Work; Self-Development of People National Committee member – John Etheredge; A mother’s odyssey to understand her transgender child; 1001 New Worshiping Community; Synod of the Sun; One Great Hour of Sharing – Safe and Abundant Water Around the World; Ecumenical Relations.

Concerns: Prayers of comfort for Vince and Maryanne Schino, neighbors of the Stonebacks; prayers of comfort for Jen Cicero, the director of Play & Learn, and her family; continued prayers for Jean Allegretti and Tom Adams.

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

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

A new church directory is in the process of being created. **Please remember to fill out a data base update form (on counter) and return it to church in the labeled basket.**

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

Graduates: If you have a family member graduating this year (8th grade, high school, college, etc.) please provide their name, school, and certificate or degree to the office. 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!

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 meat, tuna, spinach; granola bars; bottled water; kids' boxed cereal (no Cheerios, please). ***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 5/14	<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

NEXT WEEK

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
Mon 5/22	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 5/25	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sun 5/28	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal	following Worship
	Youth Group picnic (Manse)	6:00 -8:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 14, 2017, 10:30 am



Reginald Bottomley's A Mother and Child Looking at the Virgin and Child

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