

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Visitors: Welcome!

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

PRELUDE

Peace and Calm Within

Steven Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people of God!

To bless the Lord means to practice gratitude.

For all that God has done and for all that God is,

We are grateful, and we strive to be ever more so.

In the rain and sunshine alike, people of God,

Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PH 298

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, 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 14:16-18 (Pew Bible p. 109)

Psalm 66

“Let All the Earth”

Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord;—

Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord!—

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord;—' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a double bar line at the end. The lyrics 'Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord!—' are written below the second staff.

SECOND READING: Psalm 66:8-12 (Pew Bible p. 528)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Thanking God for the Rain”

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PH 276

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER (Margaret Conover)

***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 "My Maker's World" Curry

***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**

Wherever I May Wander

PH 294

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Gentle Spirit

Donald F. Callender

***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 Sam Stark
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas, 259-5498
Fellowship Terri Platas

Next Sunday, May 28, 2017

Reader Kathie Ackerman
Fellowship Bobbi Maiuro

*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.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Presbyterian Heritage Sunday; Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly meeting in Puerto Rico; Madagascar; Syrian Presbyterian Fellowship; Rwanda; Words Matter Paper; Coffee Shop in San Juan, PR.

Joys: Prayers of thanksgiving for children and grandchildren and the joy of being a mother and grandmother; joy that Jamie is now home; Terri Platas got a job; the Barnards celebrate their third great grandchild, Molly Marie; Alicia Kitner is well and had a sleepover.

Concerns: Prayers for comfort for the family and friends of Hannah Chautain, aunt of Sandy Carmichael; prayers of comfort for the family of Jean Avila.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: If you are willing to help distribute posters around town, please pick some up off the back counter. **There are still some blank spaces on sign up sheets.** Please add your name before you leave today. Thanks to all those who have already volunteered!! Our youth group will be in charge of games for the children. **The festival is scheduled for Friday, June 2nd from 6 to 8:30 PM in our church yard.**

Strawberry Jam: Please return any jam jars from previous strawberry festivals ASAP. We are making more strawberry jam and need the jars. There is a box in the church kitchen to put them in.

Estate planning: If you want to start thinking about how you might leave a legacy of stewardship in our church for years to come, consider picking up some of our new resources about estate planning and charitable giving on the table at the back of the sanctuary!

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

Bordentown City Wide Yard Sale: Saturday, June 3rd, 9 am -3 pm (8:30am set up)
The **Youth Group** will be hosting their own yard sale during the City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 3rd. If you have anything you're just looking to get rid of and would like to donate, we will gladly take it off your hands!! If you would like to set up your own table, that works, too! **Tables are \$10 a piece for church members and \$15 a piece for non-church members. (\$25 for 2: non-church members).** Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown. You can bring payment with you (if you're renting tables) or drop it off/mail it to the Julien House, Re: Dana Maiuro - Yard Sale Payment.

Estate Sale: The entire contents of Jean Cifelli's home, 18 Dewar Avenue in Groveville, will be available for purchase at an estate sale. **A special preview and opportunity to purchase will take place on June 4 from 12 - 3 pm for members of the congregation only.** The sale will be open to the public on June 9, 10 and 11 from 8 am to 3 pm.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Canned meat, tuna, chicken, baked beans; snack or granola bars; cookies; jarred tomato sauce; bottled water; shampoo; deodorant. 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 5/21	<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

NEXT WEEK

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
Mon 5/29	Women’s AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 6/1	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Fri 6/2	<i>Strawberry Festival!</i>	
Sat 6/3	<i>City Wide Yard Sale</i>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sun 6/4	<i>Youth Sunday!</i>	
	Children’s Chime Choir.....	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Percussion Ensemble	11:45 am
	<i>Estate Sale (Congregation only)</i>	12-3 pm

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
May 21, 2017, 10:30 am*



Mya Carter: Family Togetherness and Rain

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