

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

PIANO PRELUDE

America the Beautiful

Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has been generous to the land where we live.

For waves of grain, mountain majesties, and fruited plains, we say, "Thank you!"

God has been gracious to our nation's many peoples.

For the crowning good of brotherhood, the beauty of kinship, we say, "Hallelujah!"

At times, we have been people of oppression instead of freedom,
and terror instead of courage.

Even so, God has been merciful. Lord, continue to have mercy.

For those who have given much, even their very selves,
to the work of liberty and justice,

we are grateful, and we remember you.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and minds,
and may the peace of Christ reign throughout the earth.

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have fled from your goodness. We would rather go our own way than humble ourselves before you. We would rather hold onto our resentments than answer your call to be gracious. We would rather cling to what we think is ours than answer your call to be generous. Forgive us and restore us, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world, by the power of the risen 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: 1 Peter 5:6-11 (Pew Bible p. 235)

Psalms 68

“My Lips Are Filled with your Praise”

My lips are filled with your praise,
with your glo - ry all the day long.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "My lips are filled with your praise,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "with your glo - ry all the day long." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

SECOND READING: Acts 1:6-11 (Pew Bible p. 118)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Why Jesus Left"

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Spirit of the Living God
(repeat once)

PH 322

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 47 and 49*)

Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature, Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit, he is never absent from us. He is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Furthermore, through Christ, we have our own flesh in heaven, as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, to himself. He sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power, we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC "Climbin' Up the Mountain Spevacek

***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** **I Will Come to You** **Insert**
(vv. 1-2, 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **God's Truth Is Marching On** 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
Reader Kathie Ackerman
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Amy Dallas, 259-5498
Fellowship Bobbi Maiuro

Next Sunday, June 4, 2017 (Youth Sunday)

Reader Youth Sunday
Fellowship Donna Potts

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Disability Inclusion; Racism and Racists Anonymous’ Series; Gwynn Garrity, Heart of a Pastor; Ellen Smith, regional liaison for Eastern Europe, based in Germany; West Virginia Earth Care Congregation; Bob and Kristi Rice, Mission Co-workers for South Sudan; 1001 New Worshipping Communities.

Joys: Brandon Hudik, grandson of Mae Hamilton, graduated from Yale University and Mae attended! A joy to have Mary & Steve Hake and Steve & Carrie Stell here for Robert Hake’s graduation from PTS. Thanks for a successful surgery for Naomi Heller, Cathy & John Robertshaw’s granddaughter, from Matthew.

Concerns: Prayers for health and a successful surgery Terry Fouse’s brother; prayers of healing for Amy, cousin of Karen Chamberlin; prayers of healing for Cathy Seaman’s Uncle Gordan; prayers of healing for Christopher Freid; prayers of healing for Naomi Heller; prayers of hope and healing for Donald Elliott, Cathy Elliott-Shaw’s brother; prayers for safe travels for Jeremy Mills’ family; prayers for safe travels for Hannah Lee, Robert Joe’s daughter, as she flies to Spain to study abroad.

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) 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. **The Youth Group will be in charge of the Yard Sale. If you would like to donate to this fundraiser by donating items to sell, please note a sale price on the item(s) and drop it/them off at the church between 8 am and 9 am on June 3rd. There is NO rain date!**

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 chicken, tuna, Spam, beef stew, fruit; coffee; granola bars; cases of bottled water; shampoo; deodorant; toilet paper; kids' cereal (no Cheerios, please). 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.*** **Thanks for the empty egg cartons – only one per month per family, please! THANK YOU!**

CALENDAR

THIS 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** **Memorial Day**
Women’s AA 7:30 pm
- Thurs 6/1** Choir 7:00 pm
AA 7:30 pm
Handbells..... 8:15 pm
- Fri 6/2** **Strawberry Festival!**
- Sat 6/3** **City Wide Yard Sale** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

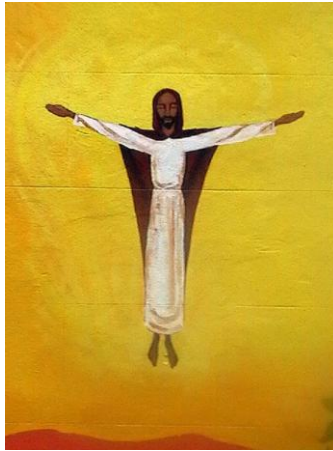
- Sun 6/4** **Youth Sunday!**
Worship..... 10:30 am
Estate Sale (Congregation only) 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Mon 6/5** Women’s AA 7:30 pm
- Tues 6/6** **Play & Learn Graduation**
- Thurs 6/8** AA 7:30 pm
- Fri 6/9** **Estate Sale** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Green Fair 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Sat 6/10** **Estate Sale** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Sun 6/11** Worship and Communion 10:30 am
Estate Sale 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Deacons’ Meeting following Worship

**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.**

First Presbyterian Church

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 28, 2017, 10:30 am



Graffiti of Christ's Ascension in Bristol, England

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