

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

PIANO PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

Bradbury/Lowden

September's Hymn of the Month

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above

and called us to living intimacy through the beloved one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

PH 473

vv. 1-4

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in love for others. 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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 (Pew Bible p. 42 in the New Testament)

Psalm 45

Praise the Lord



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27 (Pew Bible p. 229 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Doers of the Word”

Christopher Small

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

PH 467

vv. 1-3

***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 “I Love You, Lord” Laurie Klein/Arr. Lloyd Larson
Bobbi & Dana Maiuro, Duet

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Terry Fouse Presiding

INVITATION

Communion will be served by *intinction* today. (*A piece of bread is pulled from the loaf and dipped into the cup.*) Please come forward at that time. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *‘A Season of Peace’; The Key to Successful Ministry; First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina – Service of Reconciliation; Small Churches; Former Co-Moderator Denise Anderson; Donor-Advised Fund (DAF); Rwanda – Genocide Aftermath.*

Joys: Prayers of thanksgiving from Deb and Mike for all the cards and prayers following the death of Mike’s brother-in-law, John; joy for Dana who has accepted her first ever full-time job starting this September teaching K-5 music in Millville, NJ; from Johanna that Chris’ tooth was removed and all went well.

Concerns: Prayers of peace and comfort from Barbara for the family of Shanann and her 2 children (granddaughter of her cousin) who were murdered in Colorado; from Bobbi for the McCain family; peace and healing for all victims and perpetrators of genocide, especially the Rohingya in Myanmar; traveling mercies from Robert Joe for Hannah as she flies to Belgium for a semester abroad; strength and healing from Linda and Ted for Lloyd, Jonathan’s father-in-law, awaiting surgery for cancerous tumor on his liver; from Ben whose first church announced that they are closing their early childhood school. This was sudden and will affect many people--children, parents and teachers.

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Growing up as the son of a pastor in Amarillo, TX, Christopher Small has always been around, and participated in ministry. He took this passion for ministry with him to Princeton Theological Seminary where he graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2015. Christopher is a former hospital chaplain who loves to spend time listening to anyone who needs to be heard. He also has a passion for teaching and preaching the word of God. Since graduating from seminary his primary vocation is as a husband to Brigid, and stay at home dad to his two children, Mary Allison, 4, and Declan, 1. Christopher continues to serve in his local church through reading scripture and teaching adult education classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Sale: Mission Commission is having a Book Sale to Benefit Inner City Youth of Trenton through September 15. Browse the tables in Fellowship Hall for books of all kinds. Suggested donations for book purchases--paperbacks: \$.50/hardback \$1. Proceeds as well as leftover books, will be given to the Classic Book Store in Trenton where credit received will be applied to an existing program which gives free books to the youth of Trenton. Call Bobbi Maiuro or Nancy Grim if you have any. Thanks in advance for your help.

Women's Bible Study: We hope to make Bible Study an exciting time this year. The study is suitable for all ages, talking about how God is with us at all times. Please consider joining us on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month at Julien House. See the September newsletter for more details. Books are available, let Jane or Kathie know if you're interested, we'll begin on September 24th.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: *Canned meats, canned fruit, energy bars, canned corn.* 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/>

Please pick up your interim financial statements on the back counter. Thank you.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 9/2	Worship/Communion	10:30 am
Mon 9/3	Princeton University Students arrive	
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 9/6	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9/9	Worship.....	10:30 am
Mon 9/10	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 9/11	Session	7:00 pm
Wed 9/12	Building & Grounds.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 9/13	AA	7:30 pm

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.

September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

First Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
September 2, 2018, 10:30 am*



Bloody Redemption
By Charlie Mackesy

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