

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

Yesterday

McCartney-Lowden

(Requested by Ron Barnard)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kindred in Christ, let us choose gratitude,

for God has showered us with gifts.

Kindred in Christ, let us choose serenity,

for God has promised to walk with us.

Kindred in Christ, let us choose joy,

for God is Love, and Love is all around.

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PH 464

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. Open us to your transformative work. In mercy, take our hand and guide our steps, that we may recognize and enter into your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. 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: Romans 12:10-15 (Pew Bible p. 162)

Psalm 105

“Tell Out the Deeds of the Lord”

Musical notation for Psalm 105, "Tell Out the Deeds of the Lord". The music is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Tell out the deeds of the Lord; — — — — — tell out the won-ders God has wrought."

SECOND READING: Exodus 3:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 50)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Take Your Shoes Off”

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

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

Insert

***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 He's Just the Same Today
(Sung by Gwendolyn Huber)

Arr. Burleigh

***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**

**Guide My Feet
(vv. 1-3)**

PH 354

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Revive Us Again

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

Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden

Deacon of the Month Pat Andrus (609) 499-1038

Next Sunday, September 10, 2017

Reader

Communion Servers..... Deb Branson, Lisa Van Pelt, Robert Joe Lee, John Burke

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QR Code for online giving

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Season of Peace; A Social Creed for the 21st Century; 2017 International Peacemakers; Wisdom Journey: A Declaration of God-Dependence; ‘No Strings attached’ Education Program; World Day of Prayer for Latin American Women; Community Outreach.

Joys: Under challenging times, love is springing up all over our city; Tricia’s birthday; Margaret Crozier’s medical tests were downgraded to monitoring only – thanks for prayers!

Concerns: Prayers for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey; prayers of comfort for the family of Ray Tiley, aka “Santa Ray”, due to his likeness to Santa Claus; prayers of comfort for the family of Brian Baker’s Uncle Howard.

Women’s Bible Study: Starting this year, we will discuss *Cloud of Witnesses*.

The Letter to the Hebrews is a significant book of the Bible, and is also much different from every other book in the Bible. It consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which you are a part, because you bring those groups with you wherever you go—they have helped to form you into the person you are. The community in which you study and worship, your family and friends, social and therapy groups - all are part of you. Our prayer is that the study of community in Hebrews will help us strengthen our own communities.

All women are welcome!! Conversation is lively and covers many of our daily questions. These studies do not require a great knowledge of the Bible, only a desire to look at our personal spirituality. **We meet the second and fourth Monday of each month.** This year classes start **October 2 at 7pm** in Julien House. **We are ordering books immediately; the cost is \$8.00. Please let Kathie Ackerman know if you are interested.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOGA CHURCH: Join us for a yoga class in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, 5-6pm, beginning on September 10th! No prior experience necessary. Bring your own mat or towel.

Pastor William's Office Hours will change from Tuesdays and Thursdays to **Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 am – 1 pm.**

Our church, as we did last year, will host a **Community Action** group of first year students from Princeton University in our Fellowship Hall, the first week of September (Monday the 4th through Friday the 8th).

Choir Dates: Thursday, September 14 at 7 pm in Play & Learn; **Handbells: Thursday, September 28 -1st rehearsal 8:15 pm; Christmas Choir rehearsals begin October 19.** *If you're interested in joining the choir, speak to Wendy in church or contact her via email: giduly@juno.com or phone (texts are ok).*

Church Music: What would **you** like to hear? Anyone requesting to hear special selections during the Meditation, Prelude or Postlude, please see Bob, or email him with your request at MusicBob@Comcast.net.

Readers Needed: Please sign up to be an occasional Reader for Sunday Worship. It's easy and all you have to do is read 2 things: *the Prayer for Illumination and the First Reading*. You will get an email with your script the Friday before Worship and a hard copy at church, so there is nothing to do but show up and read. **Thank you!**

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: Although we appreciate every donation we receive, we have an overabundance of green beans, corn, kidney beans, and pasta at this time. **We kindly request: Canned chicken; tomato sauce; granola bars; canned pork and beans; razors.** 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](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry)***.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 9/3	Worship	9:30 am
Mon 9/4	Labor Day!	
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 9/7	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9/10	Rally Day!	
	Worship and Communion	10:30 am
	Deacons' Meeting	following Worship
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Mon 9/11	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 9/12	Session	7:00 pm
Thurs 9/14	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
Sun 9/17	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:00 pm

Church Office Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Pastor Stell will be in the office on Wednesdays and 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
September 3, 2017, 9:30 am*



The Burning Bush

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