

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 **Sonata in A (Opening Theme and Variation)** Mozart-Lowden
(Requested by Pat Andrus)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is bigger than we could ever imagine,
and God's love is wider than we would dare to hope.
God's call to follow Christ is harder than we know,
but God's Spirit will guide us, brighter than the sun.

*HYMN **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** **PH 298**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our kindred. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not share our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarrelling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. 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 14:10-12 (Pew Bible p. 163)

Psalm 114

Alleluia



SECOND READING: Matthew 18:21-33 (Pew Bible p. 20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“As We Forgive Our Debtors”

Pastor William Stell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

PH 347

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*United Church of Christ's Statement of Faith – Part 1*)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify. You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC **Gather Us In** Marty Haugen
(Sung by Marjorie Polunas-Tafel)

***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**

In Christ There Is No East or West

PH 439

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sound the Loud Timbrel

Avison-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

Fellowship

Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden

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

Next Sunday, September 24, 2017

Reader

Fellowship

**Readers and Fellowship Volunteers Needed: To be an occasional Reader for Sunday
Worship, please see Donna Potts. To volunteer for Fellowship, please see Kathie
Ackerman. Thank you!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Theological Education Sunday; New Immigrant Clergywomen’s Leadership Institute; Young Adult Volunteers; ‘Theological Conversations’; Synod School 2017; Journey to Faith; New Worshiping Communities.

Joys: Thanks to all the people who helped the Ackermans in so many ways, complete their move; Joan Ewing at Worship; we have a signed contract for the sale of Jean Cifelli’s house, and are waiting for the successful completion of all inspections.

Concerns: Prayers of healing for Nancy Grim; prayers of comfort for Winston & Victoria; prayers for Elke’s mom and sister; Richard Stoneback and his daughter, Rochelle and family; and all others living in Florida, dealing with Hurricane Irma; prayers for all those who have moved or are moving; prayers of hope and health for a friend’s sister.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yoga Church: Join us for a yoga class in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, 5-6 pm. No prior experience necessary. Bring your own mat or towel.

Helping Hurricane Harvey/Irma victims: If you'd like to make a donation in church, pick up an envelope at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like to make an online donation, go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/tropical-storm-harvey> or <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-irma/>. If you want to write a check, make it out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, write "DR000169-Harvey" or "DR000194-Irma" on the memo line, and send it to P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264. **Thank you!**

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

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.

Looking to Borrow Keyboards: Dana Maiuro is looking for keyboards that might be collecting dust in people's basements that she can borrow for a keyboard unit with her 8th graders this year. She will return them when finished and can even come pick them up if necessary! Doesn't have to be a full 88 keys (storage might actually be easier if they aren't!) 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 pork and beans; canned chicken breast; rice side dishes; toilet paper; bars of soap; 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 9/17	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Hike (<i>Delaware Raritan Canal State Park</i>)	3:00 pm
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 9/18	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Wed 9/19	B & G	7:00 pm
Thurs 9/21	Men's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9/24	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Mission Meal.....	following Worship
	Yoga Church	5:00-6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Mon 9/25	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 9/28	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA	7:30 pm
	Handbells.....	8:15 pm
Sun 10/1	Children's Chime Choir	8:55 am
	Church School	9:15 am
	Worship and Communion	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.

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*Worship on the Lord's Day
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