

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual/
Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

Blessed by the Lord, our protector!

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed by God's holy name!

*HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

PH 267

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. 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 9:38-50 (Pew Bible p. 45 in the New Testament)

Psalm 124

Our Help is in the Name of the Lord



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SECOND READING: James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible p. 231 in the New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Our Encouragement to Pray”

Christopher Small

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“Abide with Me”

PH 543

***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

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel L. Schutte

Marjorie Polunas-Tafel, Soloist

***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**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

PH 370

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O God of Earth and Space

Hebrew Melody/
Arr. Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVING THIS LORD’S DAY

Guest Preacher.....Christopher Small
Reader.....Donna Potts
Director of Music.....Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist.....Dr. Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month.....Karen Chamberlin-609-760-7701
Fellowship.....Simmee Darpino

Next Sunday, October 7, 2018

Guest Preacher.....Christopher Small
Reader.....
Fellowship Hour.....Bobbi Maiuro

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *Presbyterian Mission at Holguin; Latino Hispanic Presbyterian Women (Mujeres Hispanas Latinas Presbiterianas); Priesthood of all Believers; Vital Congregation; Legacy of Charles F. Easley Sr.; Psychological Help ‘hotline’ in Cuba; SoulFood Greenhouse.*

Concerns

- Prayers for Sunday Schoolers were requested as they begin their school year.
- Johanna asks for continued prayers for her friend Donna post lung replacement surgery.
- Johanna also asks for prayers for her friend Kathy after losing her 9 year old son Tobias to cancer. Prayers of peace and the Holy Spirit in her and her family's life as they grieve.
- Simmee asks for prayers for her good friend Dominic.
- Prayers requested for strength and unity for married couples.
- Prayers requested for healing in relationships.
- Deb Branson asks for prayers for Donna Potts as she works as our church's Worship Chair and the stress and efforts that this causes during our time without a Pastor all the while juggling personal and family concerns.
- Deb also asks for prayers for the PNC as they move forward with 3 interviews while always taking into consideration the needs of all church members.
- Wendy asks for prayers for healing after having a very severe reaction to her recent chemo medication. She hopes to be discharged soon and feels she is on the mend.



***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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all choir members and those who would like to join! Please note that choir practice began on *September 13th*. Bob Lowden has graciously volunteered to “get choir started” while Wendy is away. It’s not too late, join us as we sing praises to the Lord! Thursday's at 7:00 p.m.

Book Sale EXTENDED: The Mission Commission Book Sale to Benefit Inner City Youth of Trenton will end today, Sunday, **September 30**. 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.

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 began on September 24th. Next meeting, October 8th.

Good Neighbor Guild Fundraiser Dinner and Concert at First Baptist Church, Bordentown on Saturday, October 13th. Roast pork and sauerkraut dinner served 5-6:30 PM. Music at 7:00 PM, various groups from area churches will perform. Tickets \$12-Adults, \$8 for Children 5-12. See Pat Andrus for advance tickets.

Fall Senior Luncheon, October 20th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Deacons will host our seniors for a German Oktoberfest meal. Sign-up chart is on the back counter. If you have any souvenirs, pictures or collectibles related to Germany, please bring them along to share.

St. Mary’s Food Pantry Current Needs: *spam--canned chicken--tuna--cereal--pop tarts.* 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/>

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

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| Sun 9/30 | Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Mission Meal..... | following worship |
| | Book Sale Ends | |
| | Youth Group..... | 6:00 pm |
| Mon 10/1 | Women's AA | 7:30 pm |
| Thurs 10/4 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | AA | 7:30 pm |
| | Bell Choir | 8:15 pm |

NEXT WEEK

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| Sun 10/7 | Worship..... | 10:30 am |
| | Youth Group..... | 6:00 pm |
| Mon 10/8 | Women's Bible Study | 7:00 pm |
| | Women's AA | 7:30 pm |
| Tues 10/9 | Session | 7:00 pm |
| Wed 10/10 | Building & Grounds | 7:00 pm |
| Thurs 10/11 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | AA | 7:30 pm |
| | Bell Choir | 8:15 pm |

First Presbyterian Church

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



Take Me to Church
by Marcia Hodges

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