

Sunday, November 14th, 2021
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Rev. Dan McKenty—Pastor

"Time After Time"

Jacob Todd, Organist and Choirmaster
1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City MD 21842
Phone: 410-289-9340

Office: ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com

Pastor: ministerocpresby@gmail.com

Website: www.ocmdpresbyterian.org

Hours: 9:00 – Noon, Tuesday-Friday

Liturgy for Sunday, November 14th, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself." - Hebrews 9:26

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 16 (responsive)

Elder Marty Cropper

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 381

* Passing the Peace

Current Prayer Concerns:

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

Directory Updates: *No updates this week.*

Communion: When we are celebrating communion, we will serve non-alcoholic grape juice instead of wine.

Food Pantry

We are seeing an uptick in folks coming to our door seeking help with food. If you are able, please consider dropping off food items during office hours or on Sunday. We primarily need non-perishables that are easy to consume without added ingredients for preparation. Perishable items we can use include bread, eggs, and frozen dinners.



Thank you for your generosity of spirit, time, and resources. We continue to be neighbors helping neighbors.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Sunday evening, November 21st at 7PM**. This joyous event was cancelled last year, due to the virus, so we have even more reason to join hands with folks in our community this year and give thanks to God for his steadfast love through it all. Please bring canned goods with you. All donations will go to the our church's Food Pantry.

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Nov 14	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Nov 16	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Nov 16	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 17	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thu, Nov 18	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM Zoom
Fri, Nov 19	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: Alex Ayres (11/7), Sylvia Gilmore (11/10), Olive Hanes (11/15), Nathan Sauer (11/15)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ In honor of three of our grandchildren and the celebration of their birthdays: Stephen Alexander, October 31st; Kathryn Rose, November 4th, and Sydney today. We are blessed. ~ *Rich and Nancy Wright*

~ By Rich and Nancy Wright in honor of Nancy's cousin Mary Bradley and the celebration of her November 10th birthday. Many fun loving memories bring smiles to our faces.

Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner - Check the sign-up sheet on the glass table for items to bring to our Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner (after worship) on **Sunday, November 21st**.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting for the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City will be held on **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, immediately following our Lord's Day Worship Service. Nomination Forms for the positions of Elder and Deacon, are still available on the glass table at the back of the sanctuary.

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following Sunday worship for the remainder of November:

Nov 14th	Sarah Dypsky and Jan Owens
Nov 21st	Church Family Thanksgiving
Nov 28th	Jan Owens and Peggy Webster

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Jesus Christ, the Alpha, and the Omega, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Grateful for all of God's blessings upon us, with glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen .

Prayer of Dedication

Dear God,
we offer these gifts back to you.
Multiply them so that they might help
build up your kingdom on earth.
All glory, praise, and honor are due to you,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "Come Christians Join to Sing"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of abundant Life, your grace is our daily provision. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7 [NRSV]

Deacon Nancy Wright

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 13: 1-8

Rev. Dan McKenty

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us,

We're Marching to Zion

Isaac Watts

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

The sorrows of the mind
Be banished from the place;
Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing,
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.

God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way.
Shield them from danger
and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!

May the peace you left us,
the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains,
the peace that saves us.

Christ Jesus, hear us!
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Amen.



when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Time with Children & Youth Rev. Dan McKenty

Sermon: "Time After Time"
Rev. Dan McKenty

* Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" # 382

* Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (unison)
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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Source of all wisdom,
the nations are fraught with anxiety and fear,
and violence is all around us.
Guide all peoples in the way of peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the covenant,
our churches are torn by disputes and mistrust.
Soothe our angry spirits and reconcile us to your will.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of the cosmos,
we are killing your creation with our toxic ways.
Restore your good Earth and make us better stewards
of all you have given us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fount of compassion,
your children suffer from diseases and addictions.
Heal us, we pray, and make us whole.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

Source of all life,
in spite of your promises, we fear death
and cannot help but grieve for those we have lost.
Comfort us and restore our hope.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God,
you know our needs even before we ask.
Hear now our secret prayers.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us, O Lord, in the sure and certain hope
of your providential care
and guide us in your ways of justice, peace, and love,
until that day when we welcome Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray by saying, **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.**

***Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 435**

**Charge
Benediction
Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"**

Presbyterian Giving - A Garden Well \$1500

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, this season we will be seeking to broaden our mission work by leveraging the Presbyterian Giving process AND a *matching challenge* from our Deacons to purchase a Garden Well for a community in need. For the total cost of \$1500, First Presbyterian can gift a well and hand pump to provide a reliable and convenient source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation. Access to clean water, close to home, can transform a life — improving health, hygiene and daily living.

For every \$1 you donate, the Deacons' will match dollar for dollar, up to \$750.00.

Donations to this effort can be made by check (*note Garden Well in the memo section*) or through our Online Giving process. Please submit prior to **December 12th.**

