

Relief Needed

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." - Luke 3: 10,11

Afghan Refugees

Church World Service:

cwsglobal.org

In the coming weeks, tens of thousands of Afghans will arrive in the United States. They are fleeing retribution or persecution from the Taliban and have one goal: to live in safety. It is in our power to help them obtain it.

World Relief: worldrelief.org

Today, over 80 million people around the world have been forced to leave their home. Each day, that number grows by over 44,000. These families are fleeing for their lives, praying for their safety and desperately seeking refuge. If you're like us, you believe that everyone deserves a place to call 'home'. You believe that families and young children deserve safety and security.

Hurricane Ida

American Red Cross:

redcross.org

The Red Cross is working across with our partners to provide help to people struggling with the heartbreaking damage left behind by Hurricane Ida. In Louisiana and Mississippi as temperatures soar, more than a million people are without power and some areas may not have electricity for weeks; homes and businesses are destroyed; cell phone, water and sewer services are down; roads are impassable; and many communities remain flooded.

Haiti

Project Hope: projecthope.org

Project HOPE is on the ground delivering critical medicines and medical supplies in the aftermath of the 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on August 14. At least 650,000 people in Haiti are in need of humanitarian assistance in the departments of Sud, Grand'Anse, and Nippes. More than 2,000 people have died, over 12,000 are injured, and devastation is widespread near the city of Les Cayes, about 80 miles west of Port-au-Prince.

Sunday, September 19th, 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM



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Liturgy for Sunday, September 19th, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: 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. ~ *Psalm 16: 7-11*

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

Elder Lisa Bayles

Let us be taken into the gracious arms of our Lord as if we were children.

Like children, let us be loved and cared for by our Lord.

How tenderly the Father carries us through life!

We will be his faithful children and worship the Lord all of our days.
Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Have Faith in God"

* Hymn: "Nearer My God, to Thee" # 393 (vs 1, 3, & 5)

* Passing the Peace

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of wisdom,
forgive our foolishness.

We desire what we do not need
and corrupt our relationships with envy.

You urge us to gentleness,
but we stir up conflict.

Give us your grace,
that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

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.*

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following Sunday worship during the rest of September and October:

Sept 26	Jan Owens and Peggy Webster
Oct 3	Ann Hales and Sue Latour
Oct 10	Mary Snyder and Carol Reese
Oct 17	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
Oct 24	Lisa Bayles and Ann Eicher
Oct 31	Marty Cropper and Ann Hales

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Tues, Sep 21	WOW-Women of Worship	11:00 PM
Tues, Sep 21	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Sep 21	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Sep 22	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thu, Sep 23	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM Zoom
Fri, Sep 24	Narcotics Anonymous (NEW Mtg)	7:00 PM
Sat, Sep 25	South Beach Condo Meeting	3:00 pm

Birthdays: Virginia Miller (9/23)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In honor of Ellen Hays' two granddaughters celebrating their September birthdays. Emma Marie Hays on the 17th and Emily Christine Hays on the 22nd. We are sure that Mom is smiling down from Heaven and saying "Amen!" ~ *The Hays Family*

Online Giving - *Simple ... Secure*

By making use of the Presbyterian Foundation's online giving portal, we are providing a way for members and friends to setup a secure one-time or recurring donation to First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City.

You can use the **Give Now** button on our church website and/or download the **GivePlus Mobile app** onto your smartphone. In the **GivePlus** app, our church is listed as "**Ocean City Presbyterian Church**". For either method, you will need to setup a simple, secure profile. Through either path, during the checkout process, you will be given an opportunity to add 2% to your donation to cover the transaction fees. Please consider covering the fee to help us keep costs to a minimum.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The God who loves and sustains us hears our plea.
The Lord desires for us a welcome
into the blessed community of freedom and light.

We are forgiven.

Remember the poor and the outcast,
welcome the child,
and we will know, as well, our own welcome,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* **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

We have been made capable
of being good stewards of what God has given us.
Let us, with gratitude in our hearts,
give from what has been given to us, by grace.

* **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

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, O Lord,
and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you.
Transform these gifts into signs of welcome
for all who are touched by their use.
Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day,
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "We Believe"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Your Word is our wisdom;

it gives us insight, strength, and courage.

Open our hearts and our minds on this day,
that we might receive what you want to give.

Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: James 3: 13-18, 4: 1-3, 7-8 [NRSV]

Deacon Carol Reese

3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

3:14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly unspiritual, devilish. 3:16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 3:18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 4:2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 30-37 [NRSV]

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9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." 9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. 9:33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 9:36 Then he

Fear and Faith

Poet: Harry Emerson Fosdick

Fear imprisons, faith liberates;
fear paralyzes, faith empowers;
fear disheartens, faith encourages;
fear sickens, faith heals;
fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable -
And, most of all,
Fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life,
While faith rejoices in its God.



took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Time with Children & Youth
Rev. Dan McKenty

Sermon: "Pushing Past the Fear"
Rev. Dan McKenty

* Hymn "Where He Leads Me" # 373

* 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)
God of understanding,
through the Word read and proclaimed,
and through your Word incarnate, Jesus Christ,
you give us the direction we need
and show us that there is nowhere else to go but to you
with our joys and our concerns.

We pray for our world that too often follows
the advice of wickedness that leads to war, to violence,
to conflict between ethnicities, to fear.

We pray for the women in this world
who, as payment for their devotion and love,
as capable wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, and mothers,
receive rejection, abuse, heartbreak, and hate.



We pray for relationships that are broken
by conflicts and dispute, by murder and deceit,
and that cannot find a way back to restoration and healing.

We pray for our children
who have been called the first
in God's heart and kingdom
but are not welcomed, loved, heard, or spoken to.

We pray for those who are suffering, who are ill or stricken with
disease. Those we love who we now name out loud and those we
pray for in our hearts. And we pray for

We believe in you, God of justice and mercy,
and we ask, trusting in your power,
to heal the wounded hearts,
to restore the brokenness of the world,
and to lead us to everlasting peace.

All of these prayers and we petitions we bind together
and present to you in the strong name of our Lord and Savior who
taught us to pray to you 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: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 286**

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"

The Two Ways

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1