

Sunday, August 10, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
The Rev. Dr. Jon Berquist

"Today is the Day"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, August 10, 2025

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: 18 "Forget the former things; 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." These verses speak of God initiating a new phase or work, a fresh start, and encourages believers to recognize and embrace this new beginning.
Isaiah 43:18-19

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Jackie Bates

One: God's light is drawing us forward, calling us to look ahead.

All: May we look forward to where God is calling us next.

One: "Behold, I make all things new," God tells us.

All: May we look forward to where God is calling us next.

One: "God's word is living and active," God assures us.

All: May we look forward to where God is calling us next.

One: "Today is a new day which the Lord has made," God reminds us.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God. Hallelujah! Amen!

Choral Introit "This is the Day"

*** Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy" # 441**

*** Passing the Peace** - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Call to Confession:

We look for holiness. We seek peace with our neighbors. But our efforts will be impossible if we are not honest with God and with each other about our failings and our profound need for grace. In this spirit, let us confess our sins to God:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God, we know that we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. Sometimes our sins are careless mistakes made in our unawareness, and sometimes intentional deeds of disrespect or harm. We shortchange God's power and love; we underestimate the image of God placed in every person; we refuse to acknowledge the joy of every corner of God's creation.

Assurance of Pardon:

God makes all things new — and that includes every one of us. God's love overwhelms all of our failings, not only cleansing us but transforming us; not only on the surface but deep inside. God has released you from whatever sin bound you and whatever mistakes restricted you. You are set free; you are pardoned; you are loved. Go forward and live in this assurance, and in a life worthy of the God who calls all creation good.

*** Gloria Patri** (unison) **#622**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** (unison) **#625**

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "God is So Good"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

1st Scripture reading: Luke 12: 54-56

(p. 1032 in pew Bible)

Elder Nancy Wright

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-2, 14-15

(p. 1193 in pew Bible)

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Today is the Day"

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* Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
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Affirmation of Faith – The 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

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca,

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Marie McCallister-sister of Marty Cropper

Christine Ruskin-friend of Marty

Joe Nasatka-friend of Marty

Eric Richardson-friend of Lisa Bayles

Kent Mitchell-friend of the congregation

Amy Etheridge– Friend of Beth Fisher

Mark Payne– Friend of Beth Fisher

Larry Steele — Family of Dee Lebo

Pat and Ben Steele — Family of Dee Lebo

Jessica Colbert + Family — Family of Vicky Cairns

Beth Miller — Friend of the Hales

Chuck Shorley — Friend of the Hales

Scott Blank — Friend of the Hales

Chris Hazard — Brother of Ann Hales

Andy Hales — Son of Steve and Ann Hales

Margie Baugher Cramer— Friend of Buzzy Bayles

Paul Whitson

Dave Smith

The Friends and Family of Sandy Akers

Trip Kory

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Aug 17 Vicky Cairns

Aug 24 Karen Eberle

Aug 31 Ann Hales

Sep 7 Jonelle Jones

Sep 14 Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Sep 21 Jan Owens

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Tues	Aug	19	Book Club	11:30	AM
Tues	Aug	19	Session Meeting	1:00	PM
Wed	Aug	20	Choir Practice	6:00	PM
Fri	Aug	22	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00	PM
Sat	Aug	23	Sligo By The Sea	9:00	AM

Birthdays: *Debbie Haas (8/11) Jan Philips (8/16)*

Flowers: flowers in the chancel vases are given

~ By Rich and Nancy Wright in honor of our daughter, Robin Quinn and the celebration of her birthday on August 21st. You are such a blessing to us and we just plain love you.

~ On the 80th anniversary of the end of Word War II, in memory of the 50-60 million people who died as a result of the War, and in honor and memory of all the men and women who served in the US armed forces during the war. Especially our dad, Irv Mumford, and his brothers, Paul and Bill (Navy), our grandfather Irv Sr. (Merchant Marine), and our great uncle Charlie and Henry Ackerman. (Army). Japan announced its unconditional surrender on August 15, 1945. On August 27, Dad's ship, the USS YMS 276 (minesweeper) was the 8th ship to enter Tokyo Bay to do a protective sweep of the harbor prior to the arrival of the Allied fleet. on September 2, 1945, the formal surrender was signed on the deck of the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Dad had the privilege of being able to observe the ceremony from the deck of his own ship. David Julie And Danny and Liz

Pastor Debbie will now be taking all prayer requests.. Email her at djhj3675@gmail.com or text her at 843-568-6480..

forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen .

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

*** Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" # 410**

Charge

Benediction

Response:

Postlude: "Three-Fold Amen"

Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions

Music license: CCLI-#1650329.

Welcome to the Pulpit this Morning **Rev. Dr. Jon L. Berquist.**

Rev. Dr. Jon L. Berquist has recently served as a transitional pastor in two churches in California, and has taught seminary at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Currently, he is a visiting scholar at Claremont School of Theology. He's also been a non-profit President supporting churches and education for ministry. He holds a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Vanderbilt University, and is the author of books and articles for the church and for the academy. Jon has been an ordained minister for 35 years. He and his wife, Rev. Sally Willis-Watkins, moved to Delaware at the start of 2025, along with their two dogs.

New Announcement

If you have any articles for the September Newsletter, the deadline is August 25th.

Announcement

the lunch bunch will meet on Tuesday, August 26 at 11:30 AM at Starr Restaurant, located at
11605 Masters Ln, Berlin, MD 21811

**reminder that the session will meet this
Tuesday, August 19 at 1:00 PM**

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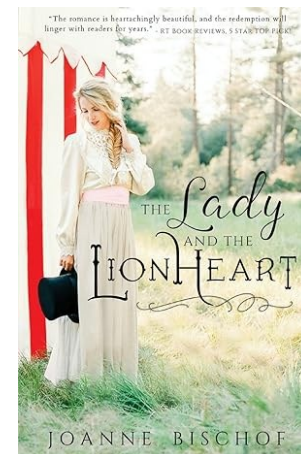
Always available by texting or calling.

Samaritan Shelter

This Sunday August 17, we will be collecting our "3rd Sunday" household items for Samaritan House, a project which we are continuing to support. Please remember to shop for Samaritan House when you go to the grocery store.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next book club meeting will be **This Tuesday, August 19 at 11:30.** The book selection is "The Lady and the Lionheart" by Joanne Bischof



Coming in September:

A brand new sermon series and Bible study titled, "Wilderness Promise," both based on Pastor Debbie's recent conference Bible study at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Stay tuned.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Beginning August 1st the following prices will be in effect.

Chancel vases.....will stay at \$30.00 a vase
basket of flowers.....\$40.00
3 roses in a vase.....\$ 24.50

Thank you,
Marty Cropper