

Sunday, April 12, 2026  
2nd Sunday After Easter

WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
*Together*

"What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."  
Micah 6:8

Around the world, millions of people face injustice in one form or another. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need.

The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



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# Order of Worship: Sunday, April 12, 2026

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### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no god apart from you. As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones 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. (Psalm 16:2-5)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

**Call to Worship:** (adapted from 1 Peter 1:3-5)

#### Elder Mabel Rogers

One: Blessed be God, the Father of our lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** In Christ, we have a new birth.

One: God gives us a living hope.

**ALL:** We inherit this hope from Jesus.

One: God protects us through faith.

**ALL:** Our faith resides in heaven.

One: We have received salvation.

**ALL:** Our salvation in Christ is both present and still to be revealed.

#### Choral Introit "Christ the Risen King"

\* Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
# 217 (Red Hymnal)

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

### Save the Date!

On Saturday, April 18, at 11 am, First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City and New Castle Presbytery will celebrate the installation of Pastor Jon. Please plan to be present with us! Lunch to follow.

### Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, April 12th Pastor Jon will lead a Bible study on Sunday mornings starting at 9 am. Let him know if you plan to join, or just feel free to come! We will study the book of Genesis

### Save the Date

Saturday, May 16, New Castle Presbytery Assembly in Wilmington DE

### Church Out Reach

Session is thinking about how to reach out to our community, to support awareness of our church and publicize our ministry. We're at the point of brainstorming. Would you be willing to volunteer for a meeting or two to talk about possibilities. Pastor Jon will lead this group, so please let him know if you can join.

### **WOW Meeting:**

WOW will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 11:00am.  
Our Bible Study continues with Lesson Seven:  
The Woman Who Was Bent Over and  
Lesson Eight: Remembering Jesus'  
Baptism. Ladies, please consider joining us for  
this bible study, meeting, and bring your own  
lunch after.

### **Save the Date:**

Lunch Bunch April 28 at Hooked  
8003 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

### **Rummage Sale**

I have scheduled a rummage sale on Saturday,  
May 2 from 7 AM until 1 PM with set-up at 6  
AM. A rain date is scheduled for May 9th. The  
shed is opened for donations. Please save  
winter things until later in the summer. Help is  
always appreciated.

Thank you, Jan Owens

### **Call to Confession:**

God has given us eternal salvation, yet we are too easily distracted. Too often, we limit the power of resurrection to a single day. After Easter, we return to facing our problems alone, instead of feeling Christ's enduring presence. And in the turmoil of the moment, we falter. We forget each other, and we consider only ourselves. We downplay the power of God's salvation of the whole world, and act as if God's love is barely enough for us alone. We neglect to share God's salvation with our neighbors near and far. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

### **Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

O God, we confess our forgetfulness. You give us the gift of eternal life, but we do not hold tight to your promises. Instead, we consider the power of resurrection to be short-term, to be limited to us alone, or even dependent on our own righteousness. For all these things and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

### **A time for silent meditation**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Easter is not a single moment. Easter resurrection is a visible proclamation of how God saves us for the life of each day. In God, we have new life, and this new life is abundant. No matter our sins, our forgetfulness, and our wrong decisions, God saves us. God's salvation is eternal. God never gives up on us, even though we lose the way. This is the assurance of

scripture: our salvation is not earned, but is a free gift of God through Christ and the Spirit, strong enough to save. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

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

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Choral Anthem: "He is Risen! He's Risen!"**

**Prayer for Illumination:** (unison)

O God, in your light, we see light. In your goodness, we recognize the goodness all around. In your peace, we listen patiently for your Word to come alive in all of us.

**1st Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:6-9**

**(Page 1200 in pew Bible)**

**Elder Vicky Cairns**

**2nd Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

**(Pages 1047, 1048 in pew Bible)**

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Time with Children & Youth**

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

## **Current Prayer Concerns:**

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin- *friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka- *friend of Marty*

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*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Patti Seaman— *sister of Jonelle Jones*

Capt. C.J. Edwards, *husband of Marty Cropper's niece*

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

## **Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:**

April 12 Mabel Rogers

April 19 Jackie Bates

April 26 Vicky Cairns

May 3 Karen Eberle

May 10 Anne Hales

May 17 Jonelle Jones

May 24 Barbara and Betsy Kipila

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	April	12	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Wed	April	15	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	April	15	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	April	17	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** NO BIRTHDAYS

### Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ To the Glory of our Risen Lord and Savior and in memory of Pastor Jon's brother, Jerry, who passed away too early twenty years ago April 8<sup>th</sup>

Special memories bring smiles.

Chancel vases open for dedications April 2026  
April 19<sup>th</sup> two

#### Prayer concerns:

**Capt. CJ Edwards**, husband of Marty Cropper's niece has been deployed to Saudi Arabia

**Sunday, April 26, at 12:00 noon, Deacons' Meeting following fellowship**

#### Pastor Jon's Info:

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## Sermon "Recognition" Pastor Jon Berquist

### Recognition

\* Hymn: "He Lives" # 220 (Red Hymnal)

#### Affirmation of Faith:

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

\* Hymn: "Amazing Grace" # 202  
(Red Hymnal)

#### Charge

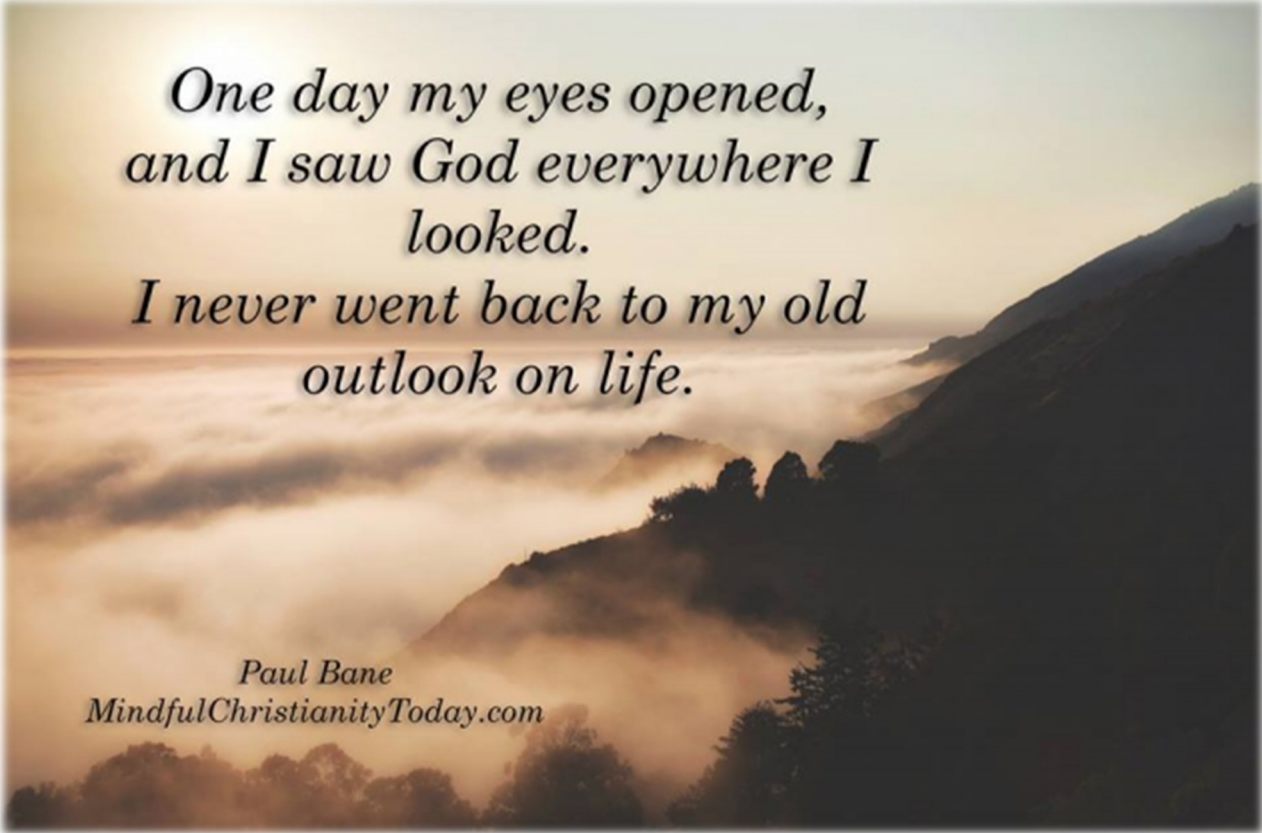
#### Benediction

#### Response "Three-Fold Amen"

#### Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*



*One day my eyes opened,  
and I saw God everywhere I  
looked.  
I never went back to my old  
outlook on life.*

*Paul Bane  
MindfulChristianityToday.com*

**"May you see the face of Christ  
in everyone you meet  
and may they see  
Christ's face in you."**

**- Celtic Prayer**

**LEVEL  
UP**

*Lent 2026*