

Sunday, October 10th, 2021
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM



Jesus and the Rich Young Man

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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"Getting Our Heads Straight"

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Liturgy for Sunday, October 10th, 2021

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - *Micah 6: 6-8*

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

Buzzy Bayles

Seek good and not evil;
seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil,
that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Love Lifted Me"

* Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" # 4

* Passing the Peace

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way.

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.

Online Giving - Simple . . . Secure

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.

<https://www.ocmdpresbyterian.org/on-line-giving>

Please call or email the church office if you have any questions.

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.



Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Oct 10	Boy Scout Troop # 2173 <i>(New!)</i>	4:00 PM
Tues, Oct 12	Deacons' Meeting	3:00 PM
Tues, Oct 12	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Oct 12	Session Meeting	7:00 PM
Tues, Oct 12	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 13	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thu, Oct 14	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM Zoom
Fri, Oct 15	Harbor Island Board Meeting	4:30 PM
Fri, Oct 15	Narcotics Anonymous (NEW Mtg)	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 16	Rummage Sale <i>(Setup 6AM)</i>	7:00 AM

Birthdays: Larry Hak (10/15) and Sally Bradford (10/16)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In loving memory of Buzzy's Mom, Fanny Bayles as she celebrates her October 15th birthday with our Lord and Savior. Mom lived a caring Christian life and was loved by all who knew her. Miss you.

~ *Buzzy and Lisa*

~ In honor of our pastor as we recognize him on Pastor Appreciation Day today. We are blessed as a congregation to have Dan McKenty as the leader of this flock; teaching and preaching the Holy Word.

**** Chancel vases OPEN (10/17-1 vase) (10/24, 10/31-2 vases)****

Rummage Sale!

The next Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, **October 16th** from 7AM—1PM. The shed is now **locked** so that we may organize the dropped off items for the Sale next Saturday.

Setup will begin at 6AM. Please consider lending a hand. Many of our volunteers are out of town and we need all the help we can get.

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

Oct 17	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
Oct 24	Lisa Bayles and Ann Eicher
Oct 31	Marty Cropper and Ann Hale

O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin.
Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy.
Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

We have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens:
Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.

In 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

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us. With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

* 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

God of glorious power and wisdom,
how can we number your countless gifts?
Look upon our lives with favor,
and, by the gift of your grace,
prosper the work of our hands;
we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "Jesus is the King"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Reveal to us your Word, O God,
living and active in our world
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Let your Word pierce our hearts
and open our minds,
dividing good from evil,
truth from falsehood,
life from death;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16 [NRSV]

Elder Rich Wright

4:12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 4:13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

4:14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 4:16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 17-31 [NRSV]

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10:17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 10:18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 10:19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 10:20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 10:21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 10:22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

10:23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 10:24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

Psalm 90: 12-17

Wealth

by Langston Hughes

*“Halos of kindness
Brighter shine
Than crowns of gold,
And brighter
Than rich diamonds
Sparkles
The simple dew
Of love.”*

than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 10:26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Getting Our Heads Straight"

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* Hymn "Softly and Tenderly" # 326

* 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)

Sometimes the troubles of the world
seem impossible to address,
and the burdens of our lives
seem too much for us to bear.
Yet we trust that, for God,
all things are possible.

God alone can save us.
Therefore, we are bold to pray, saying,
God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for peace among the nations,
food for the hungry,
justice for the poor,
and a life of dignity for all people.
God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for new life in the church,
fresh energy in mission,
faithfulness in ministry,
and reconciliation in the body of Christ.
God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for the welfare of this community,
safe streets and homes,
good schools and jobs,
and the spirit of love among neighbors.
God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for the healing of all who suffer,
comfort for the afflicted,
hope for the despairing,
and strength for those who care for them.
God of mercy, **be gracious to us.** And we pray for

O God, in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will; through Jesus Christ our 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: "God Be with You" # 602

Charge
Benediction
Postlude and Response "Four-Fold Amen"

