

Sunday, July 27, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Rev. Dianne Deming

"A Far-Fetched Tour"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, July 27, 2025
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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Elder Marty Cropper

The Spirit is here to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us
a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will
join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

ALL: Be still and know that I am God.

Choral Introit "The Family of God"

*** Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 1**

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

Call to Confession

**We welcome to our pulpit today,
the Rev. Dianne Deming.**

Dianne is an Honorably Retired member of New Castle Presbytery, having served congregations in California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. She and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Frank Deming, moved to Rehoboth Beach in 2003 with their two sons. Dianne was the Transitional Pastor of NCP's Wicomico, Milford, and Seaford churches.

**Our next game night will be sometime in
September, date TBA**

Donation to Mercy Chefs

At their recent meeting, Session voted to give \$ 1000 to a group called Mercy Chefs in response to the Texas flood in Kerrville. Mercy Chefs is a faith-based, non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization. They exist to provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies, and partner with existing like-minded organizations to further their mission by providing food service in underserved communities across the country and around the globe. Keep that area of Texas in your prayers along with other areas that received flooding this past week.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers we are called to be people shaped by your ethical and selfless life—one that is so much at odds with accepted lifestyles of today. We confess how easy it is to be drawn into these worldly lifestyles, and we need your constant help to make our behavior consistent with yours. Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful—inform us with your Spirit, so that we speak the truth—your truth—at all times. Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control -direct us with your Spirit, that we might handle our anger responsibly. Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity -mold us with your Spirit, so that all our dealings are carried out honestly and ethically. Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand -instruct us with your Spirit, so that our words truly bring grace o those who hear. Renew us with your Spirit so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain. Fall afresh on us, O Holy Spirit, and make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life, so that we live, love, and forgive as graciously and compassionately as he did. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

We are enabled to be kind to one another, to be tenderhearted, to forgive one another, and to be forgiven, because Jesus feeds us with his life, a life given to save us from sin. Hear, then, the good news:those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Thanks be to God!

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory:

* Doxology: (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Without Him"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

Lord God, as we hear your written Word, guide us to understanding and faithful response. With gratitude and praise we pray, Amen.

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:22-5:2

(Pp. 1158-1159 in pew Bible)

Rev. Dianne Deming

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Summer Brenner

Sermon: "A Far-Fetched Tour"

Rev. Dianne Deming

* Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love" # 284

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

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 3 *WHITE MARLIN NO FELLOWSHIP*

Aug 10 Robin Quinn

Aug 17 Vicky Cairns

Aug 24 Karen Eberle

Aug 31 Ann Hales

Sep 7 Jonelle Jones

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	July	27	CRU weekly Prayer	7:00 PM
Mon	July	28	Book study	4:30 PM
Wed	July	30	Int Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Wed	July	30	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Aug	1	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	Aug	2	Sligo By The Sea	9:00 AM

Birthdays: *Dennis Sew (7/29) David Hass (7/30)
Ann Eicher (7/31) Kim Brenner (8/1) Karlah Fitzgerald (8/1)
Rich Wright (8/2)*

Flowers:

The basket of pink flowers is placed by Bob and Dee Lebo in loving memory of our daughter, Caitlyn as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow with Jesus.. Caitlyn left her earthly home way too soon to live with Jesus but we know she is alive and well in His arms.

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

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Email: djhj3675@gmail.com

Cell phone: (843) 568-6480

Always available by texting or calling.

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.

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

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

* Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
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Charge

Benediction

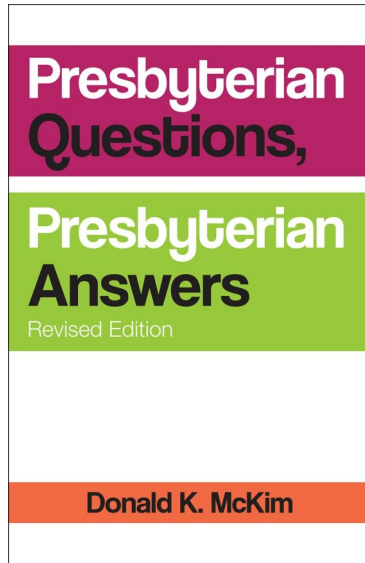
Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude:

Music license: CCLI-#1650329.

Book study: Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers

The book study on "Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers," will be meeting on **Monday, July 28 and Monday, August 4 at 4:30** in the Fellowship Hall. They have been enlightening discussions so far. We are learning a lot about what it means to be Presbyterian. Come and join us anytime! On July 28, we will be discussing what we as Presbyterians believe about the Bible.



International Student Breakfast

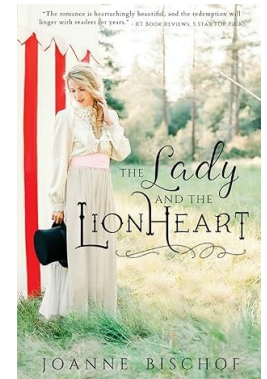
We served breakfast for **87** students this past Wednesday!

Thank you to all who prepped, baked, cooked, served, and cleaned! We are the hands and feet of Christ; how awesome to share and reflect God's love and grace.

Thank you for all who help!

SAVE THE DATE

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



Pastor Debbie's return

Pastor Debbie will be returning to the manse tonight. She will be back in the pulpit next Sunday, August 3, when we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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