

International Student Breakfast

We served breakfast for **84** 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!

Fun and Fellowship for Free!

Presbyterians from the Eastern Shore are invited to a New Castle Presbytery special night with the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury. **The game starts at 7 pm, on Thursday, August 27.** The Presbytery will pay for tickets for all church members. We can have a great time together — and meet people from our nearby churches!

Fellowship Hosts:

July	12	Vicky Cairns
July	19	CRU Picnic Potluck
July	26	Ann Hales
Aug	2	Jonelle Jones
Aug	9	Betsy & Barbara Kipila
Aug	16	Lisa Bayles

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist

"Whose Miracle is Best?"

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Office Hours: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

Order of Worship: Sunday, July 12, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and minds:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. (Leviticus 19:2)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Zechariah 7:6-10)

CRU Joy LeFleur

One: We stand before God seeking a sign.

ALL: But the signs we see confuse us.

One: So we must ask God for guidance,

ALL: And God is quick to direct us.

One: As we gather in worship,

ALL: God will show us a better way.

One: As we gather in worship,

ALL: God's Spirit is made known in our faithfulness.

Choral Introit "#####"

*** Hymn: "We Are Your People"**

436 (Blue Hymnal)

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

Call to Confession:

We are God's people – loved, chosen, and transformed. We are called to holiness, but our imperfections stand in our way. We are created in

Current Prayer Concerns:

Mike Lebo— *Brother of Dee Lebo*

Dawn Butler

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

William Steger

Christine Ruskin - Friend of Marty Cropper

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

Chris Hazard— Brother of Ann Hales

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

Nancy & Rich Wright

Patti Seaman—Sister of Jonelle Jones

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

Roger Baker

We will keep each prayer request printed here for four weeks. If there is a continuing need or a change of situation, please notify the church office.

Pastor Jon's Info:

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Pastor Jon will be unavailable July 14-16 for continuing education. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact one of our elders.

Calendar, Birthdays, and More

Sun	July	12	CRU - Weekly Prayer	7:00 PM
Mon	July	13	CRU - Outreach Training	6:00 PM
Wed	July	15	Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Fri	July	17	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	July	18	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM
Sun	July	19	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Sun	July	19	CRU Picnic Potluck	After Worship

Birthdays: Chris Greenwood (7/13)

Flowers:

~ A basket of flowers is dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of my Husband, Leroy Cropper, Jr and in remembrance of our wedding day, July 11, 1964. I will always love you. Marty

chancel vases open for dedications:

July 19th 2 vases

July 26th 2 vases

God's own image, but our actions fall far short of God's glory. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Our God, we live in the presence of your Spirit and we are called forward by Jesus into acts of compassion. But we find Jesus' road too hard, and we tire of following in true faithfulness. So we have sought shortcuts. We try to earn God's love, and in doing so, we fail to realize God's power. We try to live by our own strength, instead of accepting that the only thing that matters is faith through love. We realize that our own acts will not save us, but we try to make a way by ourselves. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

Even when we fail God, even when we do not follow God's unlimited love and compassion, God fills the heavens with glory. God's everlasting light surrounds us. God never stops speaking truth to us, so that we can devote our lives to what is good and right. We can still join our voices to God's proclamation for the whole world. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hallelujah! Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "#####"

Faith Testimony from CRU:
Andrew Blackwell

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)
O God, may our ears be open to your truth.
May these words lead us to follow you. May
we learn of your everlasting life, and become
courageous enough to live to our fullest in the
midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Exodus 7:8-13
(Page 60 in pew Bible)
CRU Rachel Akyea

2nd Reading: Acts 13:4-7
(Pages 1091 & 1092 in pew Bible)
Pastor Jon Berquist

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth
Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "Whose Miracle is Best?"
Pastor Jon Berquist

* Hymn: "Jesus the Very Thought of
Thee" # 310 (Blue Hymnal)

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

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's
Prayer

* Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
138 (Blue Hymnal)

Charge
Benediction
Response "#####"
Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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