



SERMON NOTES...



Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisida, 1573-1610. Supper at Emmaus

Sunday, September 13, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Anonymous. Transfiguration

**First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist**

Are You Convinced?

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Order of Worship Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Please prepare yourself for worship in quiet prayer.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

What we had at first came through glory. What remains has come in much more glory. Therefore, we have hope, and we act with great boldness. *(adapted from 2 Corinthians 3:10-11)*

Welcome and Announcements

Barbara Kipila

Prelude

Choral Introit "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Call to Worship *(adapted from 2 Corinthians 7:2-4)*

Barbara Kipila

One: Let us make room in our hearts for God.

ALL: In God, we live together and we worship together.

One: In God, we bring our whole selves.

ALL: We gather once more for the worship of our God.

One: In worship, let us find God's own consolation.

ALL: In worship, let us hear God's call to a pure life.

One: In worship, we set aside our differences,

ALL: So that we live as Christ's one body,

One: Always to the glory of God.

ALL: Praise God! Amen!

***Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

Calendar

Wed. Sept. 16th Handbell quartet 5:00 pm

Wed. Sept. 16th Choir practice 6:00 pm

Tuesday September 15th

W.O.W. meeting Tuesday @ 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday September 15th

Session Meeting The session will meet on Tuesday at 1PM in Fellowship Hall.

Friday, September 18th

Narcotics Anonymous - Surfing with Serenity will meet on Friday at 7PM in Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hosts:

September 13th Jackie Bates

September 20th Vicky Cairns

September 27th Oceans Calling – No Fellowship

We invite you to bring additional food to share

Current Prayer Concerns

- ♦ Dee Lebo – *Liver cancer*
- ♦ Donna Greenwood - *Prayers and Thanksgiving for her sister Bonnie*
- ♦ Dawn Butler - *For continued recovery and rehabilitation*

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.

Chancel vases available for dedications

2 vases	September 20th
1 vase	September 27th

Pastor Jon's Info

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Call to Confession

In this world, we are tested. We recognize our need for mercy and grace, and yet our steps continue to falter. In your God's light, we discover our weaknesses. For all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Our God, we hear your word. We feel your presence.
But we believe that our voice is tiny in this vast world.
We know that others reject you, and so we stay silent.
We strive to be like others, to build up our credibility
and earn others' respect. But all of this search for
attention dulls our senses to the call of your holiness.
We copy the world and fail to seek after you alone.
For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.**

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon *(based on Hebrews 4:16)*

In the power of God's love, we know that God seeks us no matter what lesser things we seek. But God still gathers us together. God consoles us, encourages us, and calls us forward to approach God's free gift of grace, and to live into the experience of God's mercy. Our salvation can never be earned our accomplishments, but is eternally assured in the wideness of God's mercy. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** *(unison)* #622 in Red Hymnal
The words are available on the laminated sheets in each pew.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)* #624 in Red Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "At the Table of the Lord"

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: 1 John 5: 13-15

*Vicky Cairns
page #1210 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 28: 23-24, 28-31

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page # 1110 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: *Pastor Jon Berquist*

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***Hymn:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
#298 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.

***Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God"
#555 in Blue Hymnal

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.*