

Sunday, January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

**"Hope-Filled Following"**

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**Office Hours: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon  
Wednesday & Thursday**

Liturgy Sunday, January 21, 2024  
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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them destruction He had threatened." *Jonah 3:10*

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

**Ann Eicher**

From God comes my salvation

**For God alone my soul waits in silence**

God alone is my rock and my salvation

**God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

**Prelude**

**Choral Introit "He Lives"**

\* Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 369

\* Passing the Peace

**Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Forgiving God, we repent in all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

This is the word of the Lord

**In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.**

\* **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.

**Current Prayer Concerns:**

Thomas Simpson, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Marie McCallister, Betty Ignash, Tom Taylor, Lake Scott, Bryan Wayne-Records, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Margie Baugher Cramer, Mark Payne, Beth Miller, and Baby Owen.

**Those homebound or undergoing treatment:**

John Snyder and Marie McCallister (Marty Cropper's sister)

**Berlin Nursing Home:** For all those who we are unable to visit or sing with.

**Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:**

Jan 28 Marty Cropper & Carol Reese

Feb 4 Karen Eberly & Mabel Rogers

Feb 11 Beth Fisher & Peggy Webster

Feb 18 Nancy Wright & Brenda Wilkinson

Feb 25 Barbara & Besty Kipila

**Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!**

Tues	Jan	16	Mobile Showers	9:30 AM
Wed	Jan	17	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Jan	17	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Jan	19	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays** No Birthdays

**Flowers:**

Flowers in the chancel vases are given: ~ In loving memory of our mom Pauline Kipila who is rejoicing and celebrating her 110th birthday with our Lord and Savior. Mom was born January 24, 1914. Many loving memories keep you alive in our hearts. Barbara and Besty

## Morning Prayer

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today – mourning or gladness, buying or selling – help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

## Evening Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the assurance that I live forgiven and loved by you. I need your grace and want to share your grace with others. As I face this night, help be to pour out my heart to you and then rest in peace. Amen.

### Congregation Financials as of December 31, 2023:

Year-to-date **giving/income** ((\$159,068.88 from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): \$226,916.88

Year-to-date **disbursements** (includes \$20,000 for replacement windows at the Manse): \$236,458.92

## Invitation to the Offering

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us.

### \* 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

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people.

## Choral Anthem “Just As I Am”

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Speak to us your word, O God that we may hear Jesus’ call to be his disciples. Amen.

## 1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 62: 5-12 [NRSV]

### Elder Jan Owens

- <sup>5</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.
- <sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>7</sup> On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- <sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us
- <sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.
- <sup>10</sup> Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- <sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup> and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all  
according to their work.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 14-20 [NRSV]

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<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him

## Time with Children & Youth

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### Sermon: "Hope-Filled Following"

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\* Hymn: "Come, We That Love the Lord" # 18

## Service of Ordination and Installation for Deacons and Ruling Elders

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

that we may be for you a holy people  
baptized to serve you in the world.

Sustain your church in ministry.  
Ground us in the gospel,  
secure our hope in Christ,  
strengthen our service to the outcast,  
and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace  
in our life together,  
that we may be effective servants of the gospel,  
offering a compelling witness in the world  
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Declaration of Ordination and Installation

**Dawn, Lisa, Chris, and Mabel**, you are deacons and ruling elders,  
ordained and installed to ministries of service and governance  
in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life  
will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. **Amen.**

## Congregational Welcome

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

\* Hymn: "Amazing Grace" # 202

## Charge

## Benediction

Postlude and Response "This Is My Humble Prayer"

with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Do we, the members of the church, accept **Dawn, Lisa, Chris, and Mabel** as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

### Ordination Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants **Dawn, Lisa, Chris, and Mabel** whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit empower them to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God,  
pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church,

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

### STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us.

Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

### Clerk of Session Sue Latour

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City now ordains **Dawn Butler** to ministry as deacon, and installs her to active service in this congregation.

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: ruling elders **Lisa Bayles, Chris Greenwood, and Mabel Rogers.**

### Profession of Faith

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the

ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Constitutional Questions

**Dawn, Lisa, Chris, and Mabel**, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church

for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people