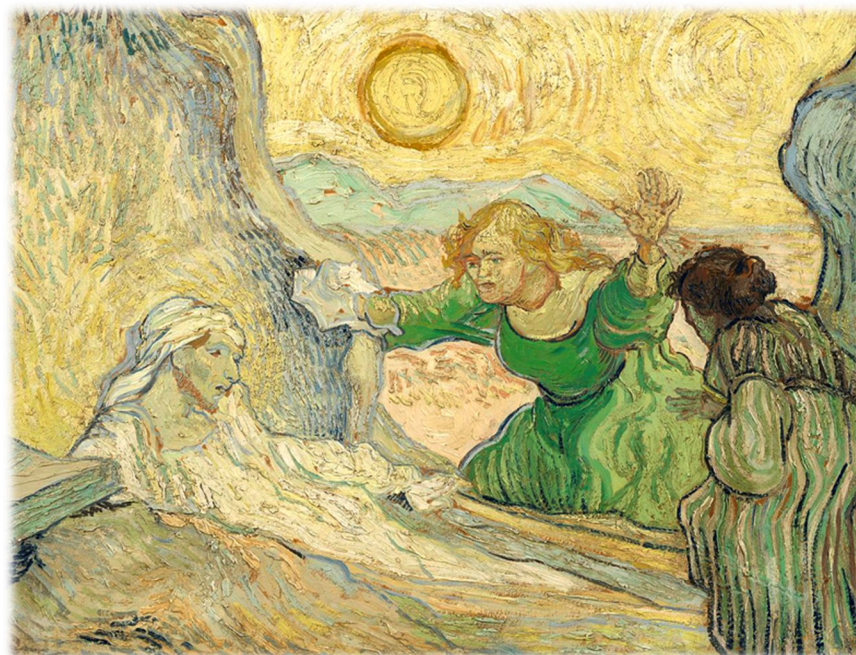


Sunday, March 22, 2026  
5th Sunday of Lent



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“Coming into the World”

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Help celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord  
Jesus

this Easter Sunday April 5th. by adorning our  
sanctuary

with lilies, tulips or hyacinths dedicated to  
loved ones.

Forms are located on the glass topped table in  
back of sanctuary.

Completed forms will need to be returned by  
March 22nd along with

payment. Forms may be placed in offering  
plate,

or given to Marty Cropper.

Easter Lilies....\$14.00

Hyacinths.....\$10.00

Tulips.....\$10.00

All are in 6" pots. and are yours to take home  
after

Easter morning service.

If dedications are same as last year, no need to  
complete another form, just let Marty know.

# Order of Worship: Sunday, March 22, 2026

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Your future is not in the flesh; your future is in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit brings you back to life. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the same God who raised Christ from the dead will give you life also, through the Spirit that lives in you. (adapted from Romans 8:9-11)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 130)

Elder Karen Eberle

One: Out of the depths, we cry to God.

All: Lord, hear our voice.

One: If God counted our sins, we could not stand.

All: But God is full of forgiveness.

One: And in God's word, we hope.

All: For God is full of steadfast love.

#### Choral Introit "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

\* Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"  
# 485 (Blue Hymnal)

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

#### Call to Confession:

We experience the struggles of life, and we are too quick to give up hope. We find it too easy to





**As surely as the sun  
rises, he will  
*appear;*  
he will come to us  
like the winter  
rains, like the  
*spring rains*  
that water the  
earth.**

Hosea 6:3

believe that God does not care for each of us. God's love can fill our lives, but too often we choose to be empty and stay far away from God. Because of the life that God gives us, in the company of these saints, we confess our own shortcomings.

#### **Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

O God, we confess to you that our loneliness and disappointment shake our faith. We fall into discouragement when we doubt your power. We question your love and we fail to recognize your intent to save us and all your world. For all these things, we ask for your forgiveness.

#### **A time for silent meditation**

#### **Assurance of Pardon:**

God embraces us in our deepest injuries and comforts us. God's presence soothes our loneliness, and shows us how to live together. When we are tired and cannot go on, God dwells in us. This is the assurance of scripture: that even when we are dead to sin, God brings us back to life. Hallelujah! Amen.

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

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

**\* Doxology (unison) #625**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Choral Anthem: "Worthy is the Lamb"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

1st Scripture reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

(p. 349 in pew Bible)

Deacon Nancy Wright

2nd Reading: John 11:25-27, 38-44

(p. 1063, 1064 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 "Coming into the World"

Pastor Jon Berquist

\* Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

# 316 (Blue Hymnal)

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,



**Good Friday  
Cross Walk**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 AT NOON

Christian Community Will Meet At  
**The Son'Spot on Worcester Street**  
And The Walk Will Conclude At  
**The Atlantic United Methodist  
Church on 4th Street**

For More Information Call 410-289-7430

Join Us for Easter Sunrise Service  
Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> on the Boardwalk  
at N. Division St.

*Cross Walk  
On The Ocean City  
Boardwalk To Lift Up  
The Name Of Jesus!*

Everyone is invited to our community's  
**Easter Sunrise Service** on Sunday, April 5th at 6 a.m.  
on the Boardwalk at North Division Street.

Ministers, musicians, and singers from many of Ocean City's  
Christian churches will participate. This service will  
celebrate our risen Lord with singing, scripture and preaching.  
This is always a wonderful service and we hope you can attend.

Bleachers and a limited number of chairs will be provided.  
You may want to bring a blanket.

For additional information call 410-289-7430.

*(If there is rain, the service will relocate to Atlantic United Methodist Church on 4th Street.)*

**Lunch Bunch:**

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday April 24th at 11:30 am, at  
Pines Pub (11002 Nicholas Lane) in Ocean Pines MD.

Please joins us for a delicious meal and some fun and  
fellowship.

### **Church Out Reach**

Session is thinking about how to reach out to our community, to support awareness of our church and publicize our ministry. We're at the point of brainstorming. Would you be willing to volunteer for a meeting or two to talk about possibilities. Pastor Jon will lead this group, so please let him know if you can join.

### **Bible Study**

After Easter, Pastor Jon will lead a Bible study, on Sunday mornings starting at 9 am. Let him know if you plan to join, or just feel free to come!

### **Save the Date!**

On Saturday, April 18, at 11 am, First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City and New Castle Presbytery will celebrate the installation of Pastor Jon. Please plan to be present with us! More details soon.

### **Save the Date**

Saturday, May 16, New Castle Presbytery Assembly in Wilmington DE

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

\* Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #388  
(Blue Hymnal)

Charge  
Benediction  
Response "Gospel Amen"  
Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

### **Pastor Jon's Info:**

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## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed	Mar	25	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Mar	25	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Mar	27	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *Danny Mumford (3/25) Mary Snyder (3/25)*

## Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ By Rich and Nancy Wright in memory of Rich's Father, Miles and the celebration of his birthday March 26th and in honor of our Grandson, Gregory Miles Darnes as he celebrates his birthday on March 29th.

~ In memory of our parents Irv and Juanita Mumford on the 75th anniversary of their becoming members of our Church. They became the 214th and 215th members in our "old" church (now the Baptist Church) on March 25, 1951. Coincidentally, Danny was born one year to the day later! David and Julie and Danny and Liz

**Chancel vases open for dedications March 2026**  
March 29, 2026.. two (2)

### Maundy Thursday

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for the dinner on Maundy Thursday

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller  
Lydia Frasca  
Bob & Dee Lebo  
William Steger  
Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*  
Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*  
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*  
Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*  
Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*  
Carol Reese  
Sarah & Cliff Dypsky  
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  
Rich Wright  
Bob Reese  
Patti Seaman—*sister of Jonelle Jones*

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Mar	22	Marci Russell
Mar	29	Jonelle Jones
April	5	Easter NO FELLOWSHIP
April	12	Mabel Rogers
April	19	Jackie Bates
April	26	Vicky Cairns
May	3	Karen Eberle
May	10	Anne Hales
May	17	Jonelle Jones