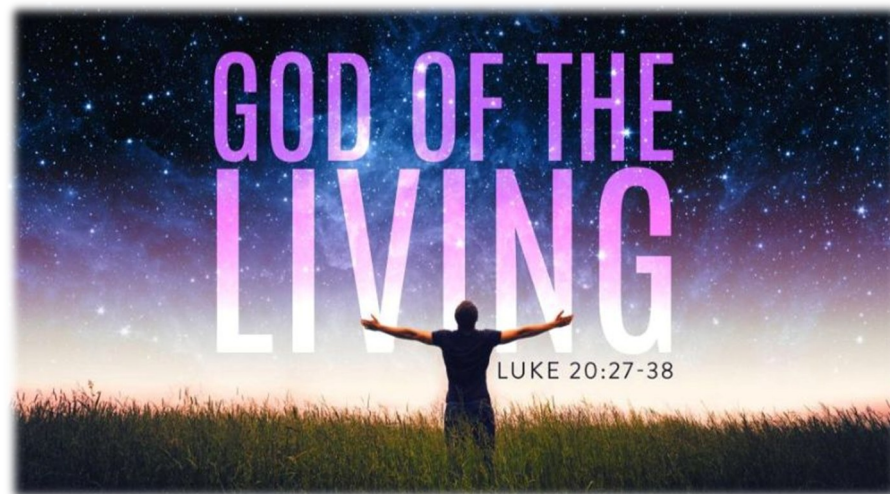


Sunday, November 9th, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Samaritan House Collection for November

The 3rd Sunday collection for Samaritan House will be on Sunday, November 16 for the month of November. Please remember when you do your grocery shopping to pick up household supplies like toilet paper, zip-loc bags, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, aluminum foil, etc. Anything that you need to maintain a house are things that are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Samaritan Ministries and given to Nancy Wright.



What is the meaning of Christ the King Sunday?

Each year on the Sunday before Advent begins, we in the church, celebrate the liturgical day known as Christ the King Sunday. This year we will mark that day on November 23. What is it exactly? Christ the King Sunday celebrates Jesus spiritual kingship and dominion over all creation, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter growing secularism and remind believers of their ultimate allegiance to Christ rather than to earthly powers. The feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent, emphasizing that Christ's reign is both a present reality in the lives of believers and a future hope for the ultimate culmination of his kingdom.

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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"God of the Living, not the Dead"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, November 9, 2025

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

And I realize what I'm saying- people don't necessarily want to hear this- we want to be surrounded, when we die by the people closest to us here! And please hear me, I do believe that we will be reunited with loved ones in the afterlife... But I also believe that when we die and open our eyes for the first time, we will be in a new understanding of what 'loved one' means... love is love is love- becomes real! And we don't feel that need to claim just one or two or ten souls as 'our family' - all do not have the feeling of fear or caution and we will have all the knowledge needed to understand perfectly; all the emotions that we have here, that guide us, right or wrong, will give way to only love.

<http://www.theologicalstew.com>

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Elder Chris Greenwood

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

Choral Introit "We Shall See His Lovely Face"

* Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 43

A Brand New Book Study

New Small Group Discussion on
Thursday, November 13th at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you plan to attend so enough copies can be made. The book is titled, "Celebrating Life: Catching the Thieves that Steal Your Joy," by Luci Swindoll (sister of Chuck).



We will stop this book study for an Advent Bible study later in November and resume the study of the book after Christmas. Come and join us for a look at a fun book! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

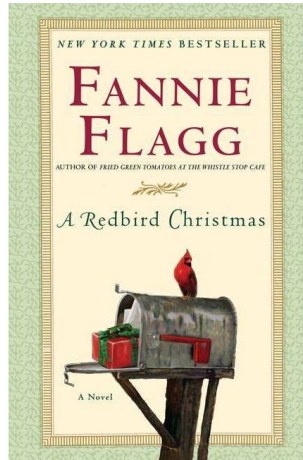
We will be having two classes upcoming for those who may become new members of the church. If you are interested, please let Pastor Debbie know. The first one will be from 12-1 PM. on Sunday, November 30, and the second one will be on Sunday, December 14 from 12-1 PM. At both, lunch will be provided.

Ocean City Presbyterian Is Hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service!

On Sunday, November 23 come and join the community for an ecumenical Thanksgiving service to be held at our church beginning at 6 PM. Several local pastors will be participating in this service. Cookies and beverages will be served following the service to give community folks an opportunity for fellowship.

Save the Date

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 16 at 12 noon** following the WOW meeting. The next selection is "A Red Bird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg. This from Amazon: Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community known as Lost River, a place that time itself seems to have forgotten. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. There he meets the postman who delivers mail by boat, the store owner who nurses a broken heart, the ladies of the Mystic Order of the Royal Polka Dots Secret Society, who do clandestine good works. And he meets a little redbird named Jack, who is at the center of this tale of a magical Christmas when something so amazing happened that those who witnessed it have never forgotten it. Once you experience the wonder, you too will never forget A Redbird Christmas.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Advent Bible study will begin on Thursday, November 20 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will pause our current study by Luci Swindoll and resume that in January.

The Advent study will use a book titled, "Blessings of the Manger" in which we will take at the Lectionary Bible texts for each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Come and join us as we look forward to the coming of our Lord and Savior.

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

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us, in your abundant life. But we don't know how to rest And we have forgotten how to trust: We seek material goods that we don't really need. We befriend people not always out of love. We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus, questions that try only to prove our point, not to grow in understanding of your desires for us. Slow us down, Holy One. Attend to us, Holy One, And show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.

Assurance of Pardon:

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins. Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Beams of Heaven"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us, then, to listen well. Open our ears to your truth; open our minds to the unexpected. Humble us here, in your presence, so nothing stands in the way — not pride, not distraction, not weary hearts. Let your Word reach us as we are now. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Job 19: 23-27a

(p. 511 in pew Bible)

Elder Nancy Wright

2nd Reading: Readings: Luke 20: 27-38

(p. 1042 in pew Bible)

Pastor Debbie Johnson

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

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Debbie Johnson

Amazing Grace Bell Trio (Barbara, Betsy, Karen), Jacob on piano

Sermon "God of the Living, not the Dead"

Pastor Debbie Johnson

* Hymn: "Some People Who Questioned"

(Familiar Tune: ASH GROVE "Let All Things Now Living")

1. Some people who questioned that there's resurrection
Asked Jesus to tell them of heavenly life. "The teaching of
Moses says our faith supposes A brother must marry his
dead brother's wife." They said, "It's a sure thing; a man

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca,

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

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*

Paul Whitson

Trip Kory

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Nov 16 Lisa Bayles

Nov 23 Vicky Cairns

Nov 30 Marty Cropper

Dec 7 Karen Eberle

Dec 14 Ann Hales

Dec 21 Jonelle Jones

Dec 28 Barbara and Betsy Kipila

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed	Nov	12	Bell Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Nov	12	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Thru	Nov	13	Book/Bible Study	10:30 AM
Fri	Nov	14	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: *Sylvia Gilmore (11/10) Olive Hanes (11/15)*
Nathan Sauer (11/15)

Flowers:

~ A basket of flowers is dedicated to the Glory of God and in thankfulness to 2 women who tirelessly and with much patience guide and direct the Presby Ringers. Thank you Betsy and Barbara Kipila for your persistence.

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

November WOW Meeting

WOW will meet at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 18. All women of the church are invited to attend.
Bring a bag lunch to enjoy after the meeting.

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Cell phone: (843) 568-6480

Always available by texting or calling.

needs some offspring, So one woman married her dead husband's kin. 'Twas first to one brother, and then to another Not one time but many — she married again."

2. "Not one time, but seven! When she gets to heaven, Now which brother's wife will that poor widow be?" So Jesus said clearly the answer's not nearly The same as the mapping of some family tree. "In this life folks marry, but those who are worthy Find heaven is different; they won't marry there. Like angels in heaven, as God's cherished children, They'll know of a life that's beyond all compare."

3. O God, we're still trying to understand dying And many still wonder if heaven is real. Yet Christ clearly told us that death cannot hold us; We'll know of a new life your love will reveal. Through Jesus, remind us, by your loving kindness, As Abraham, Isaac and Jacob still live, When all stand before you, we'll praise and adore you; And sing with the angels of life that you give!

Biblical References: Matthew 22:24-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-38
Tune: Traditional Welsh melody; [harmony from www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org) ("Let All Things Now Living") (MIDI) Text: Copyright © 2016 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved

Affirmation of Faith

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.

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

* Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven"
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Charge

Benediction

Response:

Postlude: "Go Out and Share the Name"

*Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions; Rev. Haley Ballast
for the Presbyterian Outlook; worship.blogspot.com
Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

Today!

WHAT..... Church Family Thanksgiving Covered Dish
Dinner

WHEN.....November 9th....After Worship Service

WHERE.....Fellowship Hall

WHY.....It's an annual event and we enjoy the sharing
of fellowship and good food

November Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will have their monthly meeting on
Sunday, November 16 following worship.

November Session Meeting

The Session will meet at 1:00 PM on
Tuesday, November 18.

EMPTY CHANCEL VASES FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 16TH....ONE (1)

NOVEMBER 23RD....TWO(2)

FLOWERS FOR ADVENT

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT IS NOVEMBER
30TH ...FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF FLOWERS

NOVEMBER 30.....2 LARGE RED POINSETTIAS

DECEMBER 7TH.....2 POTS OF LARGE RED AND WHITE
POINSETTIAS (1 ECH)

DECEMBER 14TH.....2 LARGE WHITE POINSETTIAS

DECEMBER 21ST.....INDIVIDUAL POINSETTIAS ... 6"
POTS ..TO BE TAKEN HOME AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICE

DECEMBER 28TH...REMAINING POINSETTIAS

WILL POST PRICING OF POINSETTIAS WHEN RECEIVED
FROM OCEAN CITY FLORIST.

THANK YOU,
MARTY CROPPER