

Sunday February 25, 2024
Second Sunday In Lent
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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“What Kind of Messiah is This?”

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Congregation Financials as of January 31, 2024:

Year-to-date **giving/income** ((\$12,491.38 from giving;
remainder from parking, building use, etc.): \$14,694.86

Year-to-date **disbursements**: \$21,278.11

Liturgy Sunday February 25, 2024

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Ringing of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Deacon Beth Fisher

Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.

Today's journey will demand much of us.

Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.

Come, let us begin again the wondrous journey.

Let us place our lives in God's abiding love. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit "The Work of Faith"

* Hymn: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" # 367

* Passing the Peace

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

Call to Confession

Given a test on our faith, would we have a passing grade? Looking at our lives of discipleship, would we be considered good models for others? When we fail to trust God, we discover that we do indeed lead barren lives. Let us be honest as we stand before our God, and bring our confessions for forgiveness and hope.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Lori Patrick, 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:

Mar 3 Nancy Wright & Jonelle Jones

Mar 10 Dawn Butler & Sue Latour

Mar 17 Vicki Cairns & Jan Owens

Mar 24 Marty Cropper & Carol Reese

Mar 31 NO FELLOWSHIP EASTER

Note on Numbered Tithing Envelopes:

Beginning with the calendar year 2024, the Session has decided that we will no longer use the numbered envelopes.

If you want to continue to use an envelope, please use the **Love Offering** envelope provided in each pew.

You may also give electronically, by using the **Online Giving** page on our website:

www.ocmdpresbyterian.com

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Tues Feb 27	Mobile Showers	9:30 AM
Wed Feb 28	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed Feb 28	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri Mar 1	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays *Jim Latour (2/29)*

Flowers: No Flowers

Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives. Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

* 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

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, as well as your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen


Choral Anthem "Wayfaring Stranger"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you

WHEN

Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 pm
starting February 13



WHERE

Holy Trinity Cathedral
11021 Old Worcester Hwy
Berlin, MD 21811

Weight Management and Wellness Group

A community of support for anyone interested in developing healthy lifestyle habits to support losing weight or just being healthier

HOW

Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. The group will support making healthy lifestyle changes and overcoming challenges in the weight/wellness journey.

WHO

Sponsored by the church; Open to anyone; Weekly meetings will be led by a rotation of group members (taking a turn leading is voluntary, not required) under the leadership of Susan Lipka, who has 27 years experience supporting healthy weight loss.

HOW MUCH

There are no fees; this is Holy Trinity's offering to the community. Donations accepted to help cover the use of the facilities.

Come check it out; what have you got to lose?

have commanded. Make us hunger for your Word, that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 [NRSV]
Elder Mabel Rogers

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 8: 31-38 [NRSV]
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³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this

adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

Time with Children & Youth
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Sermon: "What Kind of Messiah is This?"
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*** Hymn: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" # 449**

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, 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: "Lift High the Cross" # 304**

Charge
Benediction
Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Liturgy credit: Ministry Matters, The Presbyterian Outlook, Lectionary Liturgies, The Book of Common Worship, Worship.blogspot.com