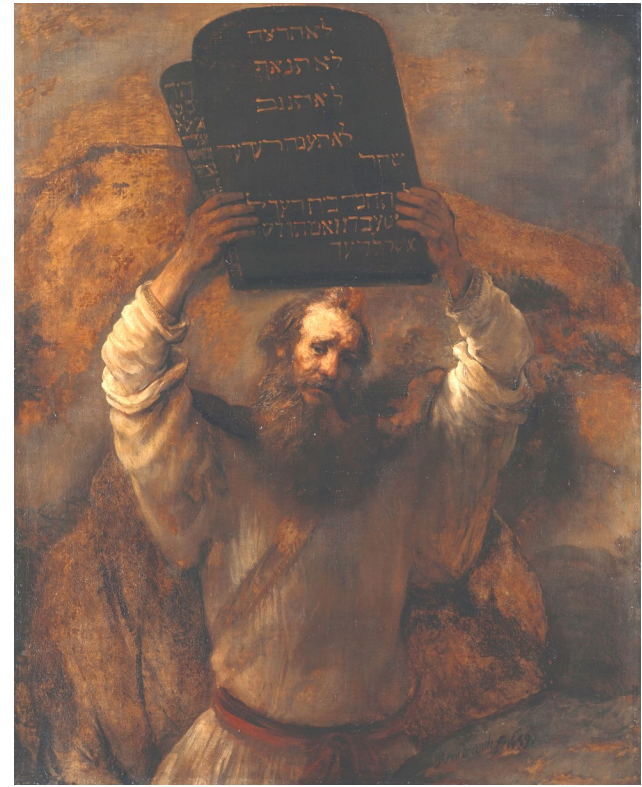


Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist

What Should We Learn Next?

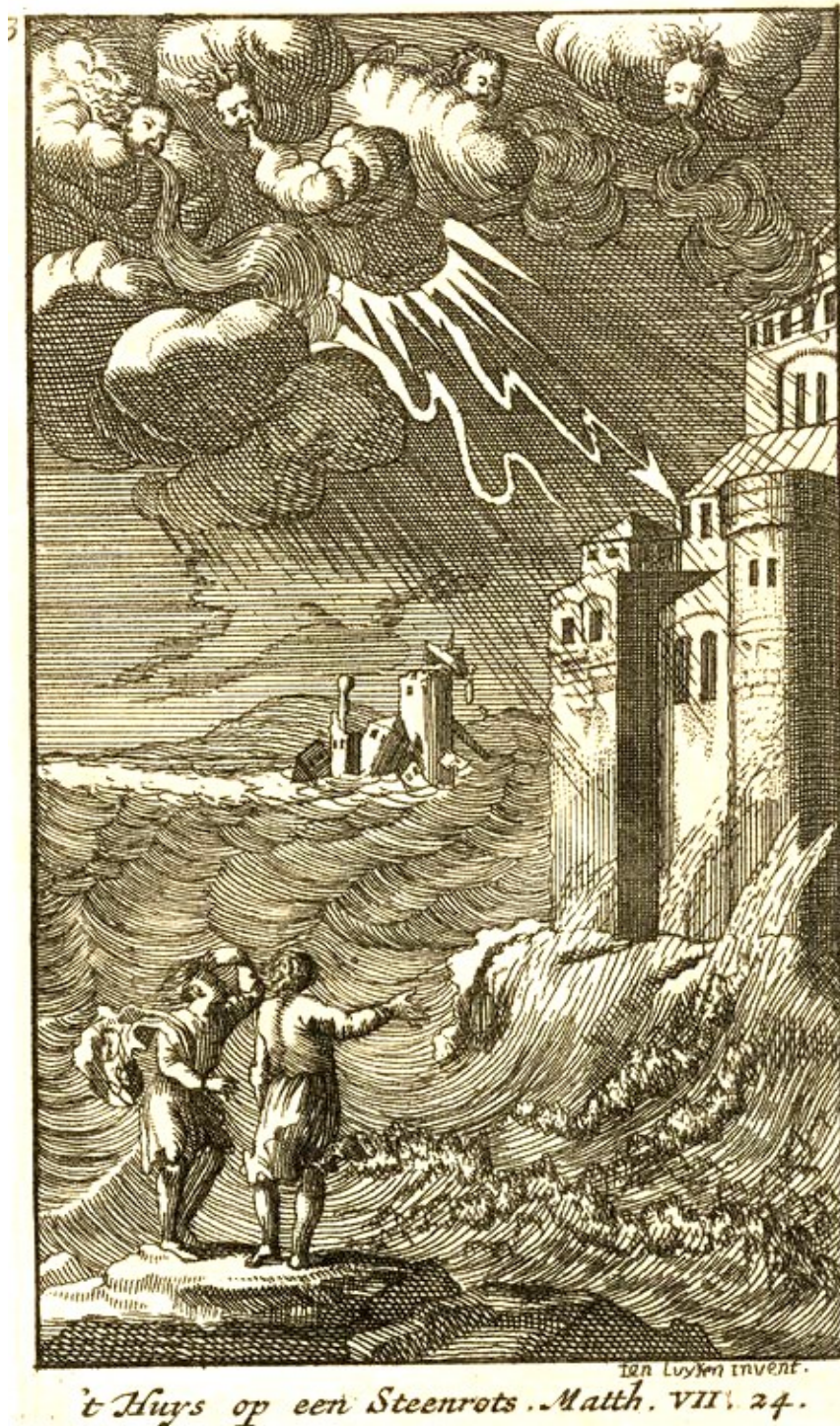
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Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday



Order of Worship Sunday, August 16, 2026

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Prepare for worship in quiet reverence

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Put these words of mine in your heart and soul. Bind them as a sign on your hand. Fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

(from Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

Welcome and Announcements

Karen Eberle

Prelude

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 31:1-5)*

Vicky Cairns

One: Let us gather together in the worship of God.

ALL: God provides us with refuge and keeps us safe.

One: We listen for God and receive the words of life.

ALL: God is our rock and fortress.

One: God leads us and teaches us.

ALL: In thanks for God's gracious work, we worship the living God.

Choral Introit "How Great Thou Art"

***Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

verses 1, 2, 4 #260 in Blue Hymnal

Calendar

Tuesday, August 18, at noon — Book Club

Tuesday, August 18, at 1 pm — Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, at 11:30 am — Lunch Bunch at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin

Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 pm — Presbytery night at Delmarva Shorebirds

Free Baseball Game

Presbyterians from the Eastern Shore are invited to a special night with the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury, hosted by New Castle Presbytery. The game starts at 7 pm, on Thursday, August 27. The Presbytery will pay for tickets for all church members. At present, we have 12 people registered from our church. We will have a great time together — and meet people from our nearby churches!

Please let Pastor Jon if you are interested.

Fellowship Host:

August 16 Lisa Bayles

August 23 Marci Russell

Pastor Jon's Info:

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Chancel vases available for dedications

August 23rd 1 vase

August 30th 2 vases

Current Prayer Concerns

Dee Lebo

Carl Marshall – *Friend of Buzzy*

Donna Greenwood

Prayers and Thanksgiving for her sister Bonnie

Dawn Butler

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.

Flowers Dedication

Flowers in the chancel vase are given: By Rich and Nancy Wright in honor of our Daughter, Robin, and the celebration of her birthday, August 21st .

A basket of red carnations placed by Mary in memory of my husband, Richard "Duke" Snyder.

A vase of 3 red roses in remembrance of our wedding day, August 15th, 1959. Mary Snyder.

A basket of flowers celebration our granddaughter Logan Rogers' August 18th birthday. Mom mom and Pop-pop.

***Passing the Peace -**

Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ

Call to Confession *(based on Psalm 46):*

The world shakes and we tremble. We do not want change, and we are easily scared. In our fear for our own habits and lifestyles, we begin to lose our faith. The natural shifts in life and the unexpected turmoil's of the world make us question, even though we know that our God is everlasting. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Our God, we confess that you call us to trust, but we lapse into fear. You are Lord of all, but the changes of this world and the movements of our lives challenge us. Despite your clear directions, we wander from your path in our panic. When struggles come and go, we focus on our own situations rather than your everlasting and unchanging glory. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God is our rock of refuge. God never changes and God's word is sure. God is faithful to us, whether we are faithful to God or not. God remains the sure foundation that we can never shake. God will bring us to security no matter what we do, even if our faith is weak. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Gloria Patri *(unison)* #579 in Blue Hymnal

*The words are available
on the laminated sheets in each pew.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)* #592

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "We Walk By Faith"

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: Romans 3:21-24

*Jackie Bates
page #1114 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 18:24-28

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page # 1099 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth *Pastor Jon Berquist*

Sermon: *Pastor Jon Berquist*

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***Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**
verses 1, 2, 4

#379 in 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.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"**
#324 in Blue Hymnal

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**