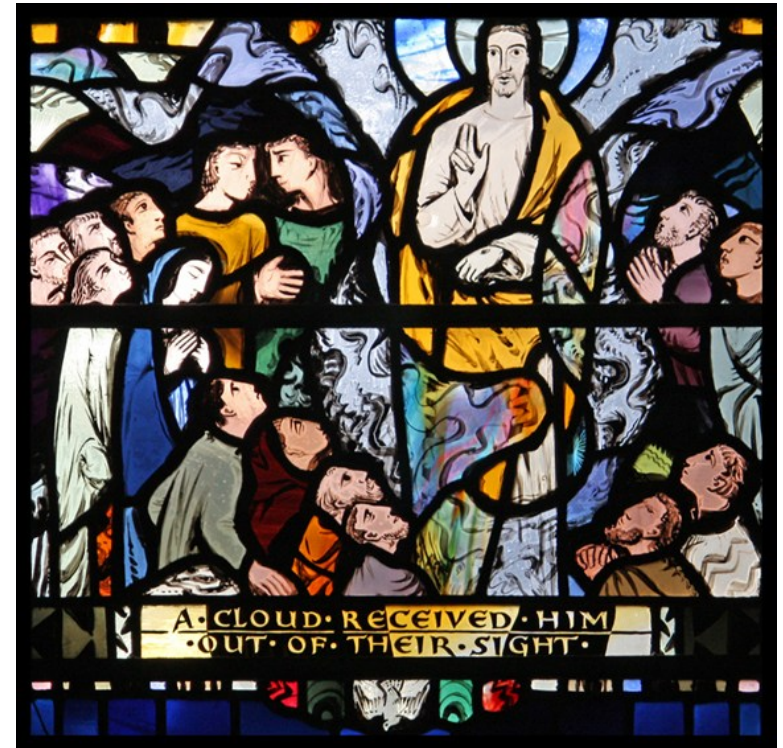


Sunday, April 19, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Easter

WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
*Together*



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
Pastor Jon Berquist

**"What We Do After Easter"**

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"What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."  
Micah 6:8

Around the world, millions of people face injustice in one form or another. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need.

The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

# Order of Worship: Sunday, April 19, 2026

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

The LORD is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise God's great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD! O Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have provided justice and righteousness in our midst. Extol the LORD our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is the LORD!  
*(Psalm 99: 2-5, adapted)*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

**Call to Worship:** (adapted from Psalm 99:6-9)

**Elder Jan Owens**

One: We have cried out to our God.

**ALL: And our God has answered us.**

One: God speaks to us.

**ALL: God gives us wisdom for each day.**

One: God answers us.

**ALL: God grants us forgiveness.**

One: Let us worship God!

**ALL: Let us worship on God's holy mountain.**

**Choral Introit "Jesus Loves Me"**

**\* Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" # 339**  
**(Blue Hymnal)**

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

### Prayer concerns:

Capt. CJ Edwards, husband of Marty Cropper's niece  
has been deployed to Saudi Arabia

### Bible Study

Pastor Jon is 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! We will study the book of Genesis

### Save the Date

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

### 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.

### **WOW Meeting:**

WOW will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 11:00am.  
Our Bible Study continues with Lesson Seven:  
The Woman Who Was Bent Over.  
and Lesson Eight: Remembering Jesus'  
Baptism. Ladies, please consider joining us for  
this bible study, meeting, and bring your own  
lunch after.

### **Save the Date:**

Lunch Bunch April 28 at Hooked  
8003 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

### **Rummage Sale**

I have scheduled a rummage sale on Saturday,  
May 2 from 7 AM until 1 PM with set-up at 6  
AM. A rain date is scheduled for May 9th. The  
shed is opened for donations. Please save  
winter things until later in the summer. Help is  
always appreciated.

Thank you, Jan Owens

### **Call to Confession:**

God has loved us from the beginning, but we too often forget to share God's love with all of creation. God has come to us in glory, but we tarnish God's image when we fail to reflect it into your world. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

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

O God, we confess our self-centeredness. We have not fully loved the people near us, not nearly enough those of the world. We hide ourselves away from the pain and suffering that damages your people, wherever they are, and instead we ask you to keep us safe from the struggles everywhere. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

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

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

God seeks us out. God reaches out to all of the world. God's grace and healing comforts and heals all of us. Despite our sins, God embraces us and brings us home. Because of God's power, ever strong to save, we find our place in God's world, and God shows us how to love. As healed people, forgiven and restored, God calls us and empowers us to service. Hear the good news of the gospel: In Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

## Offertory

\* Doxology (unison) #625

## Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Friends in Christ"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, in your light, we see light. In your goodness, we recognize the goodness all around. In your peace, we listen patiently for your Word to come alive in all of us.

1st Scripture reading: John 13:33-35

(Page 1067 in pew Bible)

Elder Bob Brenner

2nd Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

(Pages 989 in pew Bible)

Pastor Jon Berquist

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

"God Our Help" -- bell trio (Karen Eberle, Barbara Kipila, Betsy Kipila), piano (Jacob Todd)

## 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*

Capt. C.J. Edwards, *husband of Marty Cropper's niece*

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

April 19 Jackie Bates

April 26 Vicky Cairns

May 3 Karen Eberle

May 10 Anne Hales

May 17 Jonelle Jones

May 24 Barbara and Betsy Kipila

May 31 Lisa Bayles

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	April	19	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Tues	April	20	WOW Meeting	11:00 AM
Tues	April	20	Book Club	12:00 PM
Tues	April	20	Session Meeting	1:00 PM
Wed	April	22	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	April	22	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	April	25	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** NO BIRTHDAYS

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

~ A basket of flowers is placed in thankfulness to God and His many blessings and in honor of Jacob Todd as we celebrate the beginning of his 16th year providing music for our church. Thank you for sharing your God-inspired talent with us.

**Sunday, April 26, at 12:00 noon, Deacons'  
Meeting following fellowship**

### Pastor Jon's Info:

**Email:** pastorjonberquist@gmail.com  
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## Sermon "What We Do After Easter"

Pastor Jon Berquist

**\* Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This?"  
#85 (Blue Hymnal)**

### 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

**\* Hymn: "Lord, You Give the Great  
Commission" # 429 (Blue Hymnal)  
(all five verses)**

### Charge

### Benediction

### Response "Three-Fold Amen"

### Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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