

Announcements

- ♦ Sunday October 4th - We will be having Fellowship time. Nancy Wright will be your Fellowship Host.
- ♦ In the weeks ahead, our worship will focus on the virtues to which God calls us — the practical application of justice, kindness, and humility.
- ♦ In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all animals and whose feast day is Oct. 4, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City will hold a Blessing of the Pets ceremony on Oct. 4, 2026 at 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. The church is located at Coastal Highway and 100 th St. Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners' control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. You may also bring a photo of a departed pet, or a stuffed animal that means a lot to you. Call the church at 410-723-1973 for further



Sunday, September 27, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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"Unexpected"

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Order of Worship Sunday, September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Please prepare yourself for worship in quiet prayer.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Welcome and Announcements

Barbara Kipila

Prelude

Choral Introit: This is My Father's World

Call to Worship *(adapted from Isaiah 58:7-8)* *Beth Fisher*

One: We are always waiting for God's instruction.

ALL: We listen carefully for God's word.

One: God calls us to share bread with the hungry.

ALL: God calls us to provide for the poor.

One: God calls us to clothe the needy.

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Calendar

- Wed. September 30th -Handbell practice 4:15 pm
- Wed. September 30th -Large Group Handbells 5:00pm
- Wed. September 30th -Choir practice 6:00 pm
- Thurs. & Fri October 2nd, 3rd. -Country Calling
- Sun. Oct. 4th -The World Communion Offering will be collected
- Sun. October 4th -Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
- Tue. October 20th -Book Club 12:00 pm

Fellowship Host:

- September 27th - Oceans Calling *(no fellowship)*
- October 4th - Nancy Wright
- October 11th -Karen Eberle
- October 18th -Ann Hales
- October 25th -Jonelle Jones

Current Prayer Concerns

Dee Lebo
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.

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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

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "O for a World" *vs. 1-5*
#386 in Blue Hymnal

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

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

Music License CCLI—#1650329

Flowers Dedication

Flowers in the chancel vase are given: In loving memory of our Son, Chris, celebrating his heavenly birthday tomorrow.

Love, Dad and Mom, Donald, and Mabel Rogers

ALL: And then, God says, our light shall break forth like dawn.

One: Then God will come to our aid when we call.

ALL: Then God will guide us and strengthen us.

One: Then God's unexpected glory will shine all around us.

ALL: Come together to worship our God!

***Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning"
#302 in Blue Hymnal

Call to Confession *(based on Isaiah 55)*

God calls us into light, but we are afraid of God's brightness. God calls us to transformation, but we are scared to change and repent. Still, God calls us to follow, even when we hesitate. For all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Our God, we long for your nourishment. But we spend our days searching for what will never truly fill us. We seek the expensive things of this world, instead of focusing on what only you can give. Your gifts are free, and they surprise us and catch us off guard. Your gifts will satisfy us, but we never expect anyone to provide what we truly need, not even you. You invite us to come to you, but we too often refuse your presence and your gifts of life. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God has always heard us, and begs us to come. God gives each of us the ability to listen intently to God's commands, which will show us true life. God always gives us what we need, especially freedom from sin and holiness deep within. God keeps showing us the power of salvation, and has promised to work in our hearts and minds. God's promise is sure and everlasting, and God glorifies us inside and out. 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.*

*Passing the Peace

Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ

Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)* #592 in Blue Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem His River, His Peace

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: 1 Corinthians 1:19-26

*Jan Owens
page # 1128 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 10:9-26

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page # 1088 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth *Pastor Jon Berquist*

Bell Quartet & Guitar "Kumbaya"

Sermon: "Unexpected"

Pastor Jon Berquist

*Hymn: "What Does the Lord Require"
#405 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;