

**Sunday, March 29, 2026
6th Sunday of Lent**



**First Presbyterian Church
of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist**

“What Comes after the Arrival?”

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Order of Worship: Sunday, March 29, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

The disciples brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" *(adapted from Matthew 21:7-9)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Zechariah 9:9-12)

Deacon Logen Rogers

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

One: Your God comes to you.

All: Jesus appears in Jerusalem at last.

One: From north to south, from sea to sea,

All: God demands peace, and puts an end to war.

One: And because of God's covenant with us,

All: God releases us all.

One: God gives us peace and hope.

All: God restores us and blesses us.

Choral Introit "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"

* Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"
447 (Blue Hymnal)

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





Call to Confession: (adapted from Philippians 2:1-9):
God has shown us compassion and sympathy, encouragement and love. But we fall away, instead of responding in love and grace. We refuse to show love freely to all those around us. Ambition drives us; we think ourselves better than others, instead of recognizing God's love for all. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God,

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we confess to you our lack of humility. We fail to treat each other and all creation as your beloved work. We ignore our own failings and we criticize others for their mistakes. We pay more attention to our own desires than to others' needs. For all these things, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

God has come to us in Christ, a humbled man who never counted himself as worthy. God has shown us that we too can reflect God's holiness, just as Jesus did. God calls us to have the same mind and attitude as Christ, that we pay attention to rescuing others more than we focus on our own needs. God embraces us in our deepest injuries and comforts us. This is the assurance of scripture: because Jesus gave his own life, we are also called and empowered to live for others. Hallelujah! Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: Jacob will play Special music

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

1st Scripture reading: Jeremiah 7:2-7
Elder Bob Brenner

2nd Reading: Mark 11:15-19
(p. 1003, 1004 in pew Bible)
Pastor Jon Berquist

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

Time with Children & Youth
Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "What Comes after the Arrival?"
Pastor Jon Berquist



**Good Friday
Cross Walk**
FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd 2026 AT NOON

Christian Community Will Meet At
The Son'Spot on Worcester Street
And The Walk Will Conclude At
**The Atlantic United Methodist
Church on 4th Street**

*Cross Walk
On The Ocean City
Boardwalk To Lift Up
The Name Of Jesus!*

For More Information Call 410-289-7430

Join Us for Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 5th on the Boardwalk
at N. Division St.

Everyone is invited to our community's
Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 5th at 6 a.m.
on the Boardwalk at North Division Street.

Ministers, musicians, and singers from many of Ocean City's
Christian churches will participate. This service will
celebrate our risen Lord with singing, scripture and preaching.
This is always a wonderful service and we hope you can attend.

Bleachers and a limited number of chairs will be provided.
You may want to bring a blanket.

For additional information call 410-289-7430.
(If there is rain, the service will relocate to Atlantic United Methodist Church on 4th Street.)

Pastor Jon's Info:
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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.

Bible Study

After Easter, Pastor Jon will 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!

On Saturday, April 18, at 11 am, First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City and New Castle Presbytery will celebrate the installation of Pastor Jon. Please plan to be present with us! More details soon.

Save the Date

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

* Hymn: "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"
310 (Blue Hymnal)

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

* Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" #341
(Blue Hymnal)

Charge
Benediction
Response "Gospel Amen"
Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Music license: CCLI-#1650329.

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed April 1 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service 6:00 PM
Wed April 1 Choir Practice 6:00 PM
Fri April 3 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM

Birthdays: *Betsy Kipila (3/29)*

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ A basket of flowers is dedicated to God's Glory and in honor of our church family and friends who celebrate Spring birthdays. Lovingly, Mary Snyder

Chancel vases open for dedications April 2026

April 12th two
April 19th two
April 26th one

Maundy Thursday

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for the dinner on Maundy Thursday

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*
Steve Hales

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Mar 29 Jonelle Jones
April 5 Easter NO FELLOWSHIP
April 12 Mabel Rogers
April 19 Jackie Bates
April 26 Vicky Cairns
May 3 Karen Eberle
May 10 Anne Hales
May 17 Jonelle Jones