

Sunday, February 20th, 2022
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
10:30 AM



Jesus Teaching

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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"The Other Cheek"

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Hours: 9:00 – Noon, Tuesday-Friday

Liturgy for Sunday, February 20th, 2022

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The Cost of Discipleship"

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

Deacon Carol Reese

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. Amen

Prelude

Choral Introit: "There's Something About that Name"

* Hymn: "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" # 20

vs. 1, 3 & 5

Current Prayer Concerns: Janice Beckham, Jim Phillips, Lakelyn Draheim, Rose Mary McAleer, Phil Steil, Bill Outten, Amy Perron, Nancy Kaiser, Melissa Fields, Russ Shallcross, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Jack Hood, Maggie Mazcho, Lynda, Martha Sekely, Terry Campanella, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Andy Hales, and Lydia Frasca.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Debra Latture

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Food Pantry & Samaritan Shelter

We are honored to work for the gospel to feed people who are spiritually and physically hungry. Thank you for participating in this Kingdom work.

Items needed in our Pantry this week:

- * Disposable razors
- * Small mayonnaise jars
- * Tuna cans
- * Juices
- * SPAM
- * Eggs
- * Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- * Chunky Soups
- * Frozen Dinners
- * Nissin Chow Mein Dinners
- * Body Wash
- * Bar Soap

Samaritan Shelter Needs:

- * Household cleanser (Ajax, etc.)
- * Zip-Lock Bags (Qt and Gallon)
- * Grocery Bags
- * Paper Cups & Plates



Fellowship Hostesses for February

February 20th

Carol Reese & Marty Cropper

February 27th

Jan Owens & Peggy Webster

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Feb 20	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Wed, Feb 23	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed, Feb 23	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Feb 25	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

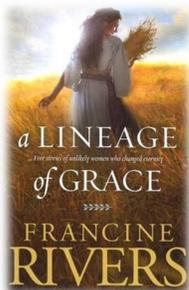
Birthdays: *No birthdays this week*

Flowers:

~ The Chancel Vases are given in honor of our two sons and the celebration of their February birthdays. Mark on the 4th and Randy on the 25th. ~ *Rich and Nancy Wright*

Book Club:

Our next Book Club Meeting will tentatively be held in March (we will announce when an exact date is determined) . We will be discussing *"A Lineage of Grace"*, a compilation of the five books of the best-selling Lineage of Grace series by Francine Rivers, we meet the five women whom God chose--Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Each was faced with extraordinary--even scandalous--challenges. Each took great personal risk to fulfill her calling. Each was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.



Francine Rivers' historical novels are thoroughly researched. Given our recent studies, guided by Jackie Bates, on women in the lineage of Jesus, we thought this compilation would dovetail nicely with our Book Club.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we come to you as a people who have failed to follow your ways. We do not love our enemies, nor do we turn our cheek. We judge and condemn others without seeing the evil that is within us.

Forgive us, O God, and teach us again to be just as you are just, to be loving as you are loving, to be merciful as you are merciful. Teach us not to point fingers, but to extend a helping hand instead. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

In Christ we become a new creation.

In Christ we are washed of our sins.

In Christ we are given grace and mercy.

In Christ we learn to forgive as we have been forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* 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

With joy in our hearts and thanksgiving upon our lips, we come before our Lord giving a portion of what we have received. Lovingly we labor in his vineyard working to bring forth good fruit in the world. Our morning's offering will now be accepted.

* 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

Gracious and eternal God, from all that we have been given, we give this offering and dedicate it to the work of peace and justice that we may do your will, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "In the Good Old Fashioned Way"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

We come with ears that are open, minds that are waiting and hearts that are glad. We come anxious to hear your Word, to be

led by your Spirit, to be saved by your grace. Thrill our hearts and nourish our souls that we may be your disciples and share your Word with the world. In Jesus name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 [NRSV]

Deacon Mary Snyder

45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 6: 27-38 [NRSV]

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6:27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 6:29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 6:30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive,



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Cookies are **BACK !!**

In an ever-changing world, it's comforting to know that some things stay the same. For one, Girl Scouts love adventure! For another, people love Girl Scout Cookies! This year more than ever, there's a big helping of adventure in every delicious bite of Girl Scout Cookies®. Add a big dash of never-give-up, I've-got-this, and the world-is-mine-for-the-taking, and you've got some very powerful cookies.

When you purchase Girl Scout Cookies, you're supporting girls' ability to learn, grow, and thrive through adventure. Running their very own Girl Scout Cookie business makes it all possible, from camping trips that teach them how to be resourceful to STEM projects that inspire them to change the world and epic treks that remind them they're capable of anything.

Enjoy Girl Scout Cookies yourself, give some to a friend, or donate to a worthy cause—every bite counts!

Summer Brenner will be selling Girl Scout Cookies for the next several weeks during Fellowship Hour. Flyers displaying all the yummy cookie types can be found on the glass table and bulletin board.

The Resurrection Body

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[e] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "The Other Cheek"

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* Hymn "It is Well with My Soul" # 493

* 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)

Let us offer our intercessions to God, saying,
God in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Holy God, your cross stands before us as a light
that shows us our failures and our salvation through your Son.
We thank you for forgiving us
and for coming among us to heal our pain and resentments.
We yearn for your word and praise you for your love.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You who preserves life,
who sends among your people caretakers and peacemakers,

who gives us scientists and inventors,
give your people new eyes to behold the needs of your
creation.
Lead us into fields of wheat and pools of clean water.
Shelter the earth with clouds; nurture the soil with sun.
Make our gratitude so profound that with joy
we will love and guard what you have created for our very lives.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Giver of prayer that groans within us,
teach us to pray for our enemies.
Be with them, guard them from harm,
and guide them in the way of your light.
Save us from self-righteousness,
and help us begin our lives anew,
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the nations, Mighty Lord.
Rain peace on all people.
Give hope to the hopeless and love to the lonely.
Surprise the leaders of all nations with your joy.
We cry out for reconciliation and plenty.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We beg comfort for the sick, O God.
Make whole the broken,
make wise the foolish,
humble the powerful,
make glad the hearts of those who tend our loved ones,
and for any who are in pain,
give them release and rest.
Speak love to all who cry out silently.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

Now hear, O God, the prayers of this assembly
spoken silently or aloud.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Savior of the world,
we give you thanks for the church,
for the meek, for the courageous,
for those who teach us how to wait.

We thank you for the biblical witness of Joseph and his brothers
in stories rich enough to nourish and sustain us.
Make us truly grateful for prophets and dreamers.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the mercy of your never-failing wisdom,
we commend into your hands all for whom we pray,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who taught us to pray
to you by saying, **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn: "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" # 601**

**Charge
Benediction
Postlude and Response "Go From the Pews"**

