

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

## **Sanctuary flowers information.**

If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, request forms are on the bulletin board opposite church offices. There you will see available dates for the entire year 2026 for chancel vases. Baskets of flowers and bud vases of 3 roses are available any time.

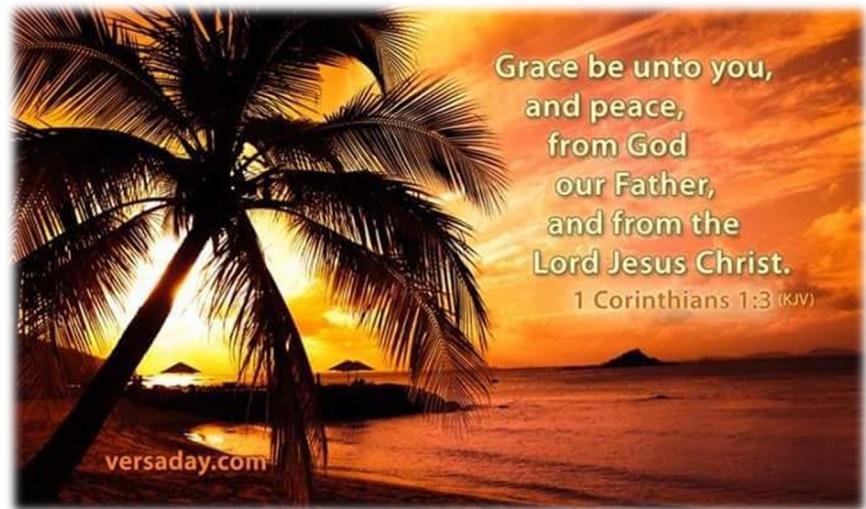
Chancel vases \$30.00 each

Basket of flowers \$40.00

vases of 3 roses \$24.50

Completed forms may be given to  
Marty Cropper.

Thank you for helping make our sanctuary  
a place of beauty to worship  
with flowers praising God and honoring loved  
ones. Flowers are yours to take home.



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# Order of Worship: Sunday, January 18, 2026

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### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 offers inspiration through God's faithfulness in calling us into fellowship with Jesus, enriching us with spiritual gifts, and promising to sustain us until the end, reminding believers that despite worldly divisions, our true identity and hope lie in Christ, who empowers us to be holy and complete in Him.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship:

Elder Vicky Cairns

O God, we meditate on your unfailing love  
**as we worship in your Temple.**

As your name deserves, O God,  
**you will be praised to the ends of the earth.**

You rule with justice and righteousness.

**And so together we tell in detail the story of God,**  
the God who is our God forever and ever;  
And who will lead us for all time to come.

### Choral Introit "Jesus Loves Me"

\* Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"  
# 430 (Blue Hymnal)

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

### Call to Confession:

### Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, you call us as a light to the nations,  
that your holiness may reach the ends of the earth,

### WE WELCOME TODAY

Len Hedges-Goettl is married 45 years next month. The father to four great adults and four terrific grandsons, he is a retired pastor and psychologist who contracts with the Presbytery as a pastor for pastoral leaders and to go help churches who are dealing with challenges or trauma. He loves music and theater, and, in fact, must leave immediately after the congregational meeting this morning to make it to his rehearsal for the Diary of Anne Frank which he is performing in Milford.

### NEXT BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be February 17, and we will discuss moving this to a different date. The selection is "The Penny" by Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford. From the book jacket: Jenny Blake has no idea how her life will change in the summer of 1955. But the day she stoops to pick up a penny embedded in the hot asphalt, she starts a chain of events that will transform her life and the lives of those around her in amazing ways.

## **SESSION MEETING**

The Session will meet for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 PM.

## **WOW January meeting**

WOW will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 11:00AM. Our Bible Study lesson is part II-Finding Our Joy. Lesson Four-The Prodigal Child, The Eldest Child and The Devoted Parent. All women of the church are encouraged to attend and bring lunch to share in fellowship afterward.

## **LUNCH BUNCH IN NEW YEAR**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 11:30 at Sophia's in Ocean City. Address is 11405 Coastal Highway. New participants are always welcome! Come join us!

## **Deacons Meeting**

The Deacons will meet for their regular time today Sunday, January 18 immediately following worship.

but sometimes your light doesn't even penetrate our own hearts. Every day you gift us with the strength that can sustain us, but we try to make it on our own instead. You call us and empower us to be your servant community, but we find it hard to trust you and hard to work together. Forgive us, O God, and renew our life in you.

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 New Living Translation  
God will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.  
God will do this, for God is faithful to do what God says. Thanks be to God!

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

## **Invitation to the Offering**

## **Offertory**

\* **Doxology** (unison) #625

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Choral Anthem: "Without Him"**

## **Prayer for Illumination:** (unison)

(1 Corinthians 1:5-6 Good News Translation)  
O God, unite us with Christ that we may become rich in all things—in all speech and in all knowledge, so that Christ's message will be so rooted in us that we will receive all your blessings. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7  
(p.726 in pew Bible)

Elder Jan Owens

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
(p. 1128 in pew Bible)  
Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl

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

Time with Children & Youth  
Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl

Sermon "Everything We Need"  
Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl

\* Hymn: "We All Are One in Mission"  
# 435 (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.

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller  
Lydia Frasca,  
Bob & Dee Lebo  
William Steger  
Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*  
Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*  
Eric Richardson-*friend of Lisa Bayles*  
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*  
Steve LaBrunda  
Jonelle Jones  
Rich Wright  
Bob Reese  
Patti Seaman—*sister of Jonelle Jones*

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Jan 18	Jan Owens
Jan 25	Mabel Rogers
Feb 1	Jackie Bates.
Feb 8	Vicky Cairns
Feb 15	Karen Eberle
Feb 22	Ann Hales
Mar 1	Jan Owens (or Jonelle Jones )
Mar 8	Barbara & Betsy Kipila

# Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Tues	Jan 20	WOW Meeting	11:00 AM
Tues	Jan 20	Session Meeting	1:00 PM
Wed	Jan 21	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Jan 21	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Thurs	Jan 22	Discussion Whole Bible Reading	10:30 AM
Fri	Jan 23	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *Lydia Frasca (1/19)*

## Flowers:

**The flowers in the chancel vases are given**

~ by Pastor Debbie in honor of all of the members of First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City. Thank you for your hospitality, your love, your cooperation, and your acceptance for these past 22 months. I will miss you all and wish you only the best with your new pastor!

## Chancel vases open for February 2026

02-01-26 One vase  
02-08-26 One vase  
02-15-26 One vase  
02-22-26 Two vases

Thank you, Marty

*Pastor Debbie will now be taking all prayer requests.. Email her at [djhj3675@gmail.com](mailto:djhj3675@gmail.com) or text her at 843-568-6480.*

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

\* Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

# 420 (Blue Hymnal)

Charge  
Benediction  
Response  
Postlude "Three-Fold Amen"

Member Dawn Butler is looking for a new rental in Ocean City. If you know of something available, please let Dawn know.

## READING THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN 2026

If you are reading the entire Bible in 2026 and would like to discuss what you are reading,

Pastor Debbie will be at the church this Thursday, January 22 at 10:30 AM for you to come in and talk about the beginning of Genesis and Matthew. If you let her know ahead of time that you are coming, that would be helpful.

## FREE BOOK GIVE-AWAY

Pastor Debbie is giving away a lot of books that she will not be using once she is retired. This includes hymnals, Bibles, commentaries, and Bible study books that can be done as an individual. They are now displayed in the one room adjacent to the main part of the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and look during the Fellowship time and take a few books home. The books will be there on January 18 and January 25. Leftover books will be donated to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. These are different books than the last two Sundays

## THIRD SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SAMARITAN SHELTER

We will be collecting household supplies today Sunday, January 18 to take to Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke City. This has been a monthly activity of our church for many years. Household items such as dish soap, laundry soap, bath tissue, paper towels, ziploc bags, aluminum foil, etc. Anything that you need to maintain a household will be welcome. So please remember this when you are grocery shopping. Nancy and Rich Wright will be taking the items to Pocomoke to the Samaritan Shelter.. Thank you Nancy and Rich!

## UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 25-Pastor Debbie

Sunday, February 1-Pastor Debbie's last Sunday

Sunday, February 8-Guest Preacher, Cindy Kohlmann, Lead Presbyter/Stated Clerk and head of staff for New Castle Presbytery.

Sunday, February 15-Pastor Jon's first worship service

## NEW BLUE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS

We now have in our pews, the 1990 copy of the Presbyterian hymnal. The hymnals were graciously given to us by the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Wilmington, DE. The church's last service was January 11, and going forward the church will be a community center called Covenant Community Services.

## Pastor Debbie's Info:

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Always available by texting or calling.