

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City**  
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**"A Radical Kind of Unity"**

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# Order of Worship: Sunday, June 22, 2025

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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** If we are one in Christ, we should resist the voices of division that seek to inflame us against other cultures, other classes, or the other gender. Instead, we should appreciate our differences and rejoice that, despite them, we are one in Jesus! Then, we should treat one another with the utmost respect. -*Pastor Nate Holdridge in a sermon 10-7-22.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship:

**Cru member, Nick**

With the faithful, as well as the foolish;  
with the voiceless, and those who talk too much:  
**we gather to praise our God.**

With those who find it easy to follow,  
with those who stumble along the Way:  
**we rejoice in Jesus, who makes us whole,  
and calls us sisters and brothers.**

With all who are heirs to the promises of grace,  
with all who share hope with others:  
**we give thanks to the Spirit of peace,  
who cradles us in the arms of hope.**

## Choral Introit "In Christ There is No East or West"

**\* Hymn: "Majesty" # 74**

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

## Call to Confession

754 Help Us Accept Each Other

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Be pres-ent, Lord, a-mong us and bring us to be-lieve  
Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac-tice your ac-cep-tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see-ing, new hands for hold-ing on:

13

we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.  
the ta - ble of for-give-ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.  
re-new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Help Us Accept Each Other'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system starts at measure 9 and the second at measure 13. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.



## 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

1 Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life  
 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to-day's en - coun-ters with all who are in need,

5  
 teach us as sister, broth-er, each per - son to em-brace.  
 we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit-u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - ceptance, for jus - tice and for bread,

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes.  
 We come listening for God in resounding thunder.  
 We come expecting God in sweeping victories.  
 Yet God is found in a baby's touch. Yet God speaks in silence.  
 Yet God is found in the least of these.  
 Save us, O God, from our aimless wandering. Save us, O God, from our idols.  
 Save us, O God, from our self-induced chaos. God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.  
 Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news, dear friends. Our God comes, not to torment us, but to release us from all that keeps us from being God's beloved children. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus, those who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.  
 Thanks be to God, who reaches out to us and shows us the way of the shadows, pointing to the path of mercy and hope. We are forgiven! Amen.

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

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

## \* Doxology: (unison) #625

## Prayer of Dedication

## Choral Anthem: "Lessons from Psalms 42 & 43"

## Faith Testimony from CRU: Loren



**Prayer for Illumination:** (unison)  
God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence,  
reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your  
holy Word. Amen.

**1st Scripture Reading:** 1 Kings 19: 1-15a  
(p. 351 in pew Bible)  
Cru member, Christie

**2nd Scripture Reading:** Galatians 3: 23-29  
(p. 1153 in pew Bible)  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

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

**Time with Children & Youth**  
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**Bell Trio "In The Garden"** (*Barbara, Betsy & Karen*) and Piano (*Jacob*)

**Sermon: "A Radical Kind of Unity"**<sup>1</sup>  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

**\* Hymn: "Help Us Accept Each Other"**  
(Pages 10 & 11)

**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

## **International Student Breakfast**

We served breakfast for **66** students  
this past Wednesday!

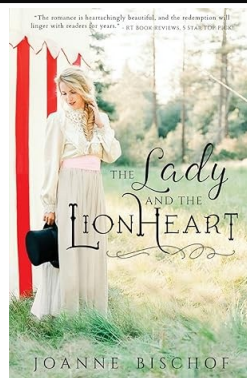
Thank you to all who prepped, baked,  
cooked, served, and cleaned! We are the  
hands and feet of Christ; how awesome  
to share and reflect God's love and grace.

Thank you for all who help!



## SAVE THE DATE

Our next book club meeting will be **Tuesday, August 19 at 11:30.** The book selection is "The Lady and the Lionheart" by Joanne Bischof



## Lunch Bunch

The next lunch bunch will be this Tuesday June 24th at 11:30 AM. We will be meeting at Berlin Beer Company located at: 115 Broad St, Berlin, MD 21811

## Pentecost Offering on June 22

Today, we will be receiving, for the first time, our denomination's Pentecost Offering. 40% of the offering stays in our own community to support ministries with children and youth. 25% of the offering goes to YAVs (Young Adult Volunteers) who engage in mission at 8 sites around the world. 25% of the offering supports our denomination's work with youth ages 12-18, including the national Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The last 10% of the offering supports work with children at risk. Please give generously to the Pentecost offering and support our young people. You have an offering envelope and information in today's bulletin. This offering benefits the youth

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.

## Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

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

\* Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 286

Charge  
Benediction  
Response "Go Now in Peace"  
Postlude

Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions; the Rev.  
Andy Greenhow for The Presbyterian Outlook;  
Worshipblogspot.  
Music license: CCLI-#1650329.



## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	June	22	CRU weekly Prayer	7:00 PM
Mon	June	23	CRU Out Reach Training	6:00 PM
Tues	June	24	Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM
Wed	June	25	Int Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Wed	June	25	Hand Bell Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	June	25	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	June	27	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *John Snyder (6/22) Bob Bates (6/27)*

## Flowers: flowers in the chancel vase re given

~ By Pastor Debbie in honor of her three children: Justine, Jesse, and Janna, who are visiting this weekend. and 6 grandchildren: Sylvan, Finn, Brayden, Avery, Cohen and Cason, four of whom are here visiting as well.

## Chancel vases open for dedications:

*June 29... 1 chancel vase*

*Thank you, Marty*

### Pastor Debbie's Info:

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## Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller  
Lydia Frasca,  
Bob & Dee Lebo  
William Steger  
Marie McCallister-sister of Marty Cropper  
Christine Ruskin-friend of Marty  
Joe Nasatka-friend of Marty  
Eric Richardson-friend of Lisa Bayles  
Kent Mitchell-friend of the congregation  
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  
Jessica Colbert + Family — Family of Vicky Cairns  
Beth Miller — Friend of the Hales  
Chuck Shorley — Friend of the Hales  
Scott Blank — Friend of the Hales  
Chris Hazard — Brother of Ann Hales

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

June	29	Carol Reese
July	6	Mabel Rogers
July	13	Mary Snyder
July	20	Jackie Bates
July	27	Lisa Bayles
Aug	3	<b>WHITE MARLIN NO FELLOWSHIP</b>
Aug	10	Marty Cropper

*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..*