

Sunday, May 30th, 2021
10:30 AM
Trinity Sunday



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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"How Can These Things Be?"

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Hours: 9:00 – Noon, Tuesday-Friday

Liturgy for Sunday, May 30th, 2021

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"The Holy Trinity doesn't need our permission to carry on in their endlessly resourceful work of making all things new. That we are invited to catch even a glimpse of the splendor is grace. All of it, every breath and every second is grace."*
~ Rachel Held Evans

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)
Elder Marty Cropper

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

Prelude

- * Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 1
- * Passing the Peace

Current Prayer Concerns

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

Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Directory Updates: *No updates this week*

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.



Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Wed, June 2nd	CRU Leaders Meeting	2:00 PM
Wed, June 2nd	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed, June 2nd	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Sat, June 5th	Rummage Sale	7:00 AM

Birthdays: Jan Owens (6/2); Buzzy Bayles (6/5)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In memory of three most important men in my life: my wonderful husband ST Hays, his father, Seymour T. Hays, and my father, Delmar L. Keith. These three men served our country with pride so that we can enjoy the many freedoms we have today. Greatly missed. ~ *On behalf of our late friend, Ellen Hays*

~ In honor of Dan and Tina McKenty and the celebration of their wedding anniversary today and also to celebrate the beginning of year # 4 as Pastor Dan leads us as our shepherd. With many loving thanks, from your flock.

~ A basket of flowers is placed in honor of my husband Buzzy and the celebration of his birthday on June 6th. I am blessed that God has given me this faithful Christian man to share my life. ~ *Love, Lisa*

~ A basket of blue and white flowers is placed in honor of our grandson, Harrison Warren and congratulating him on his graduation from Stephen Decatur High School on June 2nd, 2021. We are proud of you and your achievements. May God guide you as you accomplish your goals. ~ *Mom-mom and Pop-pop Warren*

Rummage Sale:

Our next Rummage Sale will be on **Saturday, June 5th** from 7am—1pm. The shed is full. If you have additional items to offer, come early on Saturday the 5th to bring them and lend a hand setting up.



Book Club Date Change!

The next meeting of our Book Club has been moved to Tuesday, June 29th at 2PM. We are still reading McMillion Moody's "Ordained". It is the first of his Elmo Jenkins series and looks to be a fun read! Pick up a copy and make plans to join us on the 29th.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful Lord, faithful Christ, and sending Spirit,
You have come to us during the night and when we least expect it.
You have made us whole time and again.

We have failed to love you, know you, and bear witness to your grace.

Forgive us, God, and celebrate your presence in our hearts once more.

Create for us works to do, people to love, and words to speak.
Remind us of your holy ministry to the lost and lonely, barren and broken.

And join us together as one holy and apostolic church
That we may truly acknowledge one baptism and
Also look forward to resurrection and new life in the world to come.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

We are children of a God who created the world.

We are children of a God who died for the world.

We are children of a God who comforts the world.

We are children of a holy and triune God.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

* 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.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy One of Israel. Blessed God. Three in one. Maker of all things new. Send your Spirit through your Word to thrill us, feed us, and equip us to share your name with a hurting and thirsty world. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*** 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.

1st Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 12-17 [NRSV]

Deacon Mary Snyder

8:12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--8:13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-17 [NRSV]

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3:1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 3:2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 3:4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 3:6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 3:7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 3:8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 3:9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 3:10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 3:11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. believe, how can you believe if I tell you

Get Ready to Welcome CRU!

On June 13th, we will once again welcome CRU students into our community for the summer.

Let's learn their names and be ready to envelope them into our lives of worship and discipleship:

- ◇ **Olivia Marrin**
- ◇ **Cassidy Khatcherian**
- ◇ **Renee Nardy**
- ◇ **Jeff Fitzgerald**
- ◇ **Evan Rogers**

CRU Leaders Brian and Brooke Barnett will be here to worship with us on June 6th, along with their two delightful kids. It will be SO good to see these folks again—they are indeed an extended and beloved part of our church family.





Sunday, June 27th

after our worship service

Make plans for our church family to
gather for a summertime picnic on
church grounds.

More details to come in
the following weeks.

Let's celebrate this season together!

about heavenly things? 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 3:17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Time with Children and Youth

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Sermon: *"How Can These Things Be?"*

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* Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 252

* 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

Let us offer our prayers, crying, Abba! Father!
knowing that it is God's Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit, that we are children and heirs of God.
Eternal God, we pray for the world,
that through the reconciling love of Christ
our destructive and violent ways may cease,
as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for the mission of your church,
that empowered by your Spirit
we may proclaim the good news of the age
in the world you so dearly love.
We pray for all who suffer,
that together with Christ in his suffering
we may find healing as he did,
as he was raised and exalted in you. And we pray for
We pray for your creation,
that as it groans for its redemption
we may care for its well-being
through the power of your life-giving Spirit.
We remember before you those who have died
and pray for those who will die today,
that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering
they may rest with you eternally.
Through Christ, with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you, O God,
now and forever. Amen.

Our Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" # 575**

Charge

Benediction

Postlude "Three-Fold Amen"

Someone's child, left long ago,
A strange land,
Someone's foe.

An unmarked grave, fields of green,
Resting quiet,
Just eighteen.

Winds of freedom, wash us now,
Remember him,
This I vow.

Victor C. Kleinschmit
2016

