



SERMON NOTES...



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist

What Do We Say?

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Office Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

Order of Worship Sunday, August 23, 2026

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Prepare for worship in quiet reverence

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Prophecies will come to an end; tongues will cease; knowledge will come to an end. We know only in part; we prophesy only in part.

(from 1 Corinthians 13:7-9)

Welcome and Announcements

Karen Eberle

Prelude

Call to Worship *(adapted from Ps 19:1-4)*

Karen Eberle

One: The heavens tell us God's glory.

ALL: The work of God's hands is all around us.

One: Every day tells us something new about God,

ALL: And every night God reveals more.

One: We worship because we have heard God.

ALL: We worship so that we can hear more.

One: We know that all God's words bring us life.

ALL: God's light brings us new vision.

Choral Introit "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Hymn: "We Are God's People"

vv. 1, 2, 4

#283 in Red Hymnal

Calendar

Tuesday, August 25, at 11:30 am

- ♦ Lunch Bunch at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin

Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 pm

- ♦ Presbytery night at Delmarva Shorebirds

Saturday, September 12th

- ♦ Church rummage sale. 7:00am –1:00 pm *(set up at 6:00 am)*
The shed will be open for donations Sunday, August 23rd—Sunday, September 6th.

Free Baseball Game

Presbyterians from the Eastern Shore are invited to a special night with the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury, hosted by New Castle Presbytery. The game starts at 7 pm on Thursday, August 27. The Presbytery will pay for tickets for all church members. At present, we have 15 people registered from our church. We will have a great time together — and meet people from our nearby churches!

Please let Pastor Jon if you are interested.

Pastor Jon's Info

Email: pastorjonberquist@gmail.com

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Pastor's office hours:

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Current Prayer Concerns

Dee Lebo

Donna Greenwood

Prayers and Thanksgiving for her sister Bonnie

Dawn Butler

We will keep each prayer request printed here for four weeks. If there is a continuing need or a change of situation, please notify the church office.

Chancel vases available for dedications

2 vases August 30th

2 vases September 6th, 13th, & 20th

1 vase September 27th

Flowers Dedication

A basket of flowers is in honor of Jacob Todd's birthday,
August 29th - Your church family

Fellowship Host:

August 23 Jan Owens

August 30 Marci Russell

We invite you to bring additional food to share

***Passing the Peace**

Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ.

Call to Confession *(based on Acts 2):*

God brings us all together, as one people living in God's love. But we let our differences take hold and tear us apart. We live as fragmented people, cut off from the life that God intends. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Our God, we confess that you offer us the Holy Spirit, but we choose to live by our own motivations. We follow the changing winds of the moment. We fail to speak the power of your words. We hear your voice, but we resist being changed. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God picked us up when we fell. God saved us when we did not expect salvation. God pours truth into us, opens our eyes, and leads us forward no matter what. God gives us Jesus Christ as guide and leads us through the Holy Spirit. In Christ, we live and move and find our being, one with our God and creator. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** *(unison)*

#622 in Red Hymnal

*The words are available
on the laminated sheets in each pew.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)* #624 in Red Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

O God, may our ears be open to your truth. May these words lead us to follow you.

May we learn of your everlasting life, and become courageous enough to live to our fullest in the midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Romans 8:22-28

*Nancy Wright
page #1119 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 19:1-6

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page # 1099 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth *Pastor Jon Berquist*

Sermon: *Pastor Jon Berquist*

What Do We Say?

***Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**
#249 in Red Hymnal

***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 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.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
#252 in Red Hymnal

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

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