



"What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

Around the world, millions of people face injustice in one form or another. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need.

The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Sunday, April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Pastor Jon Berquist

"Where Should We Look?"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, April 26, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

The LORD is king, God is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, girded with strength.
God has established the world; it shall never be moved.
O God, your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting. *(Psalm 93:1-2, adapted)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 47)

Elder Bob Brenner

One: Clap your hands, all you people.

ALL: Shout to God in gladness.

One: Our God is stunning,

ALL: In charge of the whole earth.

One: God has chosen a heritage for us.

ALL: Greater than the promises to our ancestors.

One: Let us worship God together.

Choral Introit "Take My Life and Let it Be"

* Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" # 562
(Red Hymnal)

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

Call to Confession:

When we see Jesus, our faith is strong, and our dedication knows no end. But when we turn our

Prayer concerns:

Capt. CJ Edwards, husband of Marty Cropper's niece
has been deployed to Saudi Arabia

Bible Study

Pastor Jon is leading a Bible study on Sunday mornings starting at 9 am. Let him know if you plan to join, or just feel free to come! We will study the book of Genesis

Save the Date

Saturday, May 16, New Castle Presbytery
Assembly in Wilmington DE

Church Out Reach

Session is thinking about how to reach out to our community, to support awareness of our church and publicize our ministry. We're at the point of brainstorming. Would you be willing to volunteer for a meeting or two to talk about possibilities. Pastor Jon will lead this group, so please let him know if you can join.

**National Day of Prayer is May 7 at 12 Noon
on the steps of Ocean City City Hall located at
3rd street and Baltimore Ave.**

Pastor Jon's Info:

**Email: pastorjonberquist@gmail.com
Cell phone: 443-856-0162**

Save the Date:

Lunch Bunch April 28 at Hooked
8003 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

Rummage Sale

I have scheduled a rummage sale on Saturday, May 2 from 7 AM until 1 PM with set-up at 6 AM. A rain date is scheduled for May 9th. The shed is opened for donations. Please save winter things until later in the summer. Help is always appreciated.

Thank you, Jan Owens

eyes away, when we look at the cares and burdens of each day, we lose focus. Jesus seems too far away. We lose track of where we are; our path becomes unclear; our feet become unsure. Even in God's glorious light, we struggle to see the plain presence of God. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we confess our lack of vision. Instead of looking to the hills where you bring us help and hope, we stare at our own feet, fearing to take the steps of true discipleship. We lose our sense of direction when we take our eyes off you, so we stumble and fall. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

When we cannot find God, God finds us. When we lose our way, God calls us home. Even when we hide from the face of God, in truth God can see where we hide, and God surrounds us with love and care. God finds us no matter where we hide, or how often we have led ourselves astray. Hear the good news of the gospel: In Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "We Walk By Faith "

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, in your light, we see light. In your goodness, we recognize the goodness all around. In your peace, we listen patiently for your Word to come alive in all of us.

1st Scripture reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

(Page 1156 in pew Bible)

Elder Bob Brenner

2nd Reading: Acts 1:4-14

(Pages 1077 in pew Bible)

Pastor Jon Berquist

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

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "Where Should We Look?"

Pastor Jon Berquist

* Hymn: "Seek Ye First" # 42
(Red Hymnal)

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin- *friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka- *friend of Marty*

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*

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Patti Seaman— *sister of Jonelle Jones*

Capt. C.J. Edwards, *husband of Marty Cropper's niece*

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

John Marshalek and Peg Spencer *Friends of Marty cropper*

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

April 26 Vicky Cairns

May 3 Karen Eberle

May 10 Anne Hales

May 17 Jonelle Jones

May 24 Barbara and Betsy Kipila

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	April	26	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Wed	April	29	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	April	29	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	May	2	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: NO BIRTHDAYS

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ In celebration of Sally and Pastor Jon's 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 28th.

~ The second vase of flowers is placed in loving memory of my Husband, Leroy Cropper, Jr. who began his life eternal April 28th, 1995. I will always love you, Marty

chancel vases open for dedications:

May 3....1 vase

May 10....1 vase

May 17...1 vase

May 24...1 vase

May 31 ...2 vases

Affirmation of Faith:

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

* Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" #231

(Red Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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**Sunday, April 26, at 12:00 noon, Deacons'
Meeting following fellowship**

