

The Church of Christ in Every Age 623

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

Sunday, August 10, 2025
 9th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
 Pastor Debbie Johnson

"Fear, Anxiety, and 'Stuff'"

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Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

Order of Worship: Sunday, August 10, 2025

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: 18 "Forget the former things; 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." These verses speak of God initiating a new phase or work, a fresh start, and encourages believers to recognize and embrace this new beginning.
Isaiah 43:18-19

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Elder Bob Reese

The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

We are ready!

The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope. Are you ready?

We are ready!

Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace.

Amen.

Choral Introit

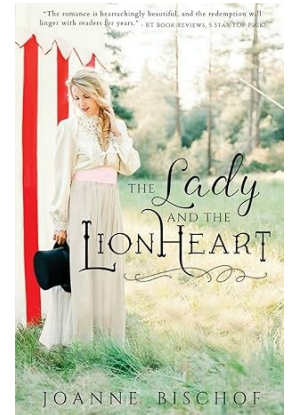
*** Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" # 585**

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

Call to Confession

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



Coming in September: A brand new sermon series and Bible study titled, "Wilderness Promise," both based on Pastor Debbie's recent conference Bible study at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Stay tuned.

Book study: Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers

The book study on "Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers," will be meeting on **Monday, August 11 at 4:30** in the Fellowship Hall. They have been enlightening discussions so far. We are learning a lot about what it means to be Presbyterian. Come and join us anytime!

Presbyterian Questions,

Presbyterian Answers

Revised Edition

Donald K. McKim

International Student Breakfast

We served breakfast for **68** 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!

Samaritan Shelter

Next Sunday August 17, we will be collecting
our "3rd Sunday" household items for
Samaritan House, a project which we are
continuing to support. Please remember to
shop for Samaritan House when you go to the
grocery store and bring your items on Sunday,
August 17.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Beginning August 1st the following prices will be in
effect.

Chancel vases.....will stay at \$30.00 a vase
basket of flowers.....\$40.00
3 roses in a vase.....\$ 24.50

Thank you,
Marty Cropper

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to
celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We
create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our
music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how
often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts
and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be
ready to serve you at any time, but we place our
commitment on the "to do" list of life; we will do these
things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy
and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the
disease of seeking first our own comfort before we
engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes
and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give
and also to receive ministries of love and
reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts.
Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect
your awesome and abundant love for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Like our grandparents in the faith, we can dare to trust
in the promises of God, even without any actual proof
staring us in the face. This is the good news of God's
love.

We will trust in those things that last, in the grace,
which counts, in the mercy no one can take away from
us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem:

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

(Pp. 910-911 in pew Bible)

Elder Marty Cropper

2nd Scripture reading Luke 12: 32-40

(p. 1028 in pew Bible)

Pastor Debbie Johnson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Fear, Anxiety, and 'Stuff'"

Pastor Debbie Johnson

* Hymn: "Look and Learn"

(Pp. 6 & 7 in bulletin)

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

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

Andy Hales — Son of Steve and Ann Hales

Margie Baugher Cramer— Friend of Buzzy Bayles

Paul Whitson

Dave Smith

The Friends and Family of Sandy Akers

Trip Kory

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Aug 17 Vicky Cairns

Aug 24 Karen Eberle

Aug 31 Ann Hales

Sep 7 Jonelle Jones

Sep 14 Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Sep 21 Jan Owens

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Mon	Aug	11	Book study	4:30 PM
Wed	Aug	13	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Aug	15	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	Aug	16	Sligo By The Sea	9:00 AM

Birthdays: *Debbie Haas (8/11) Jan Philips (8/16)*

Flowers: flowers in the chancel vases are given

~ In loving memory of Louisa Quillin and the celebration of her Heavenly birthday on August 13th. So many fond memories of this gentle Christian lady bring smiles. Nancy Wright.

~ In memory of Norah June Whitenight, Pastor Debbie's Granddaughter, who was born August 11th, 2011 and died August 17, 2011. Norah was born with Patau Syndrome, also known as Trisomy 13. Norah, I think of you often and can't wait to see you again.

~ A basket of carnations is lovingly placed in memory of my Husband, Richard "Duke" Snyder who on August 16, 2015 began his eternal life with Jesus. gone way too early. Mary

~ A vase of 3 red roses is in remembrance of our wedding day, August 15, 1959. During our 63 years of marriage, Dick and I received many blessings from God. I have so many precious memories.. Mary Snyder

Pastor Debbie will now be taking all prayer requests.. Email her at djhj3675@gmail.com or text her at 843-568-6480..

PNC NEWS

The PNC has been busy meeting on a regular basis, and they are excited about their progress. Please keep this group in your prayers.

forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

*** Hymn: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"**
(back of bulletin) (familiar tune)

Charge

Benediction

Response:

Postlude: "Three-Fold Amen"

Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions; the Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher of the Presbyterian Outlook; Lectionary Liturgies; Ministry Matters; Hymnary; Laughing bird liturgical Resources.

Music license: CCLI-#1650329.

Pastor Debbie's class reunion vacation

Pastor Debbie will be away for a few days in August to attend a class reunion in PA, and she will not be here next Sunday, August 17. The pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Dr. Jon L. Berquist. Here is his bio:

Rev. Dr. Jon L. Berquist has recently served as a transitional pastor in two churches in California, and has taught seminary at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Currently, he is a visiting scholar at Claremont School of Theology. He's also been a non-profit President supporting churches and education for ministry. He holds a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Vanderbilt University, and is the author of books and articles for the church and for the academy. Jon has been an ordained minister for 35 years. He and his wife, Rev. Sally Willis-Watkins, moved to Delaware at the start of 2025, along with their two dogs.

Unison F

1 Look and learn from the birds of the air,
 2 Look and learn from the flowers of the field,
 3 What God wants should be our will;

fly - ing high a-bove wor-ry and fear; nei-ther sow-ing nor
 bring-ing beau - ty and col - or to life; nei-ther sew-ing nor
 where God calls should be our goal. When we seek the

har-vesting seed, yet they're giv - en what-ev - er they need.
 tai - lor-ing cloth, yet they're dressed in the fin-est at - tire.
 king - dom first, all we've lost is ours a - gain.

Harmony

If the God of earth and heaven cares for birds as
 If the God of earth and heaven cares for flowers as
 Let's be done with anx - ious thoughts, set a - side to -

much as this, won't he care much
 much as this, won't he care much
 mor - row's cares, live each day that

more for you, when you put your trust in him?
 more for you, when you put your trust in him?
 God pro-vides, put - ting all our trust in him.

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