

Sunday, January 16, 2022
Second Sunday After Epiphany
10:30 AM



Jesus turning water into wine ...

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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“It Begins”

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Liturgy for Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday After Christmas

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." ~ John 1: 14

Ringling of the Church Bell
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 29 (responsive)

Deacon Carol Reese

How precious is the steadfast love of God?

All people may take refuge in the shadow of
God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

Come, let us worship that light.

With joy in our heart and praise upon our lips we worship Him.
Amen.

Prelude

* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 381

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God,

we confess that we have been led astray by the
idols of our world.

We have depended on our possessions

and have not placed our trust in your grace.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer

and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.

We have sought security in the might of the sword

Current Prayer Concerns: Rose Mary McAleer, Phil Steil, Brad Soulsman, Bill Outten, Amy Perron, Nancy Kaiser, June Todd, Shami Maxwell, Esther Smith, Melissa Fields, Russ Shallcross, Shirley Warren, Jim Phillips, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Carolyn Walston, Jack Hood, Maggie Mazcho, Lynda, Martha Sekely, Terry Campanella, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Andy Hales, and Lydia Frasca.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Debra Latture

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

Flowers: Flowers in the Chancel Vases are given:
~ In praise of God and in appreciation to Jan and Bill Owens for working tirelessly for our church. You are both so dedicated and your willingness to help is an inspiration to others. Thank you.

~ In thankfulness to Pete and Olive Hanes. You do so much without seeking any recognition. God bless this church with willing hands like yours and we are grateful.

Food Pantry

We are honored to work for the gospel to feed people who are spiritually and physically hungry. Thank you for participating in this Kingdom work.

Items needed this week:

- * Disposable razors
- * Small mayonnaise jars
- * Tuna cans
- * Juices
- * Vienna sausages
- * SPAM
- * Chef Boyardee canned pastas
- * Eggs
- * Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- * Frozen Dinners
- * Beef Ramen Noodles
- * Nissin Chow Mein Dinners



Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Jan 9	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Jan 11	Deacons' Meeting	3:00 PM
Tues, Jan 11	Session Meeting	7:00 PM
Tues, Jan 11	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 12	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Wed, Jan 12	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Jan 14	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: Tina McKenty (1/17) and Lydia Frasca (1/19)

A Message from Pastor Dan:

During its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday evening, the Session took up the matter of the rapidly spreading Omicron variant of COVID 19. With a countywide positivity rate of 30% the Session felt the need to make temporary changes to worship and our collective church life in order to make our church as safe a place as possible for our members and our guests. As disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, our highest calling is loving and caring for one another.

The changes below will be in place **through Sunday, Feb. 6th** after which the session will reevaluate the risks associated with gathering together and will make any changes necessary. It is our hope and our prayer that the situation will improve dramatically within the next few weeks and we will be back to breaking bread together, hugging each other, and together making an unmasked joyful noise to our Lord!

But for the next four weeks

- * Mandatory Masks within the church building, regardless of vaccination status
- * We will pause our "Passing of the Peace" during our worship service
- * We will pause having our Choir gather, for both rehearsals and worship services
- * Fellowship Hour after worship will be paused
- * The WOW Meeting scheduled for January 18th has been cancelled
- * The Book Club Meeting scheduled for January 24th has been cancelled
- * The Grace Parker Breakfast for February 2nd has been cancelled
- * Holy Communion will be paused for February

Thank you for your patience, endurance, prayers, and above all, for helping us take care of each other.

rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Hear the good news:

Christ unmask the idols of our world

and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* 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.

Invitation to the Offering

God is a generous giver of gifts

that flow like a river from the fountain of life.

Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise;

for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

* 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 .

Prayer of Dedication

At the wedding feast at Cana

you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,

filled to the brim and flowing over.

We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.

Bless them and our lives to your service,

that they may reveal your glory,

nurture faith, and manifest the common good.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
quicken our understanding
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 [NRSV]

Deacon Mary Snyder

62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

62:2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

62:3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

62:4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

62:5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 2: 1-11 [NRSV]

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2:1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2:2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 2:3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 2:4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 2:6 Now standing there

"Epiphany at Cana"

~ Malcolm Guite

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,
No distant shrines and canopies of gold
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,
But here and now, amidst your daily living,
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.
Better than waters of some outer weeping,
That leave you still with all your hidden sin,
Here is a vintage richer for the keeping
That works its transformation from within.
'What price?' you ask me, as we raise the glass,
'It cost our Saviour everything he has.'

Spiritual Gifts

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12: 1-12

were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 2:7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 2:8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 2:9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom. 2:10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 2:11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "It Begins"

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* Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" # 276

* 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 and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God,
in every gathering of Christian believers,
you bring together a people of gifts, strengths, and needs
to manifest the universal body of Christ.
We pray for your church throughout the world,

that every local congregation may live as sisters and brothers in harmony,
showing forth the light of Christ to the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In every age you raise up servant leaders for your people.
We pray for all who teach and lead
and for all serve in the name of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sake of the common good of all people,
you create human societies to be places of refuge and human flourishing.
We pray for the leaders of our governments.
May they receive wisdom to exercise government
with true justice grounded in mercy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son, Jesus, performed the first of his signs of glory
at a wedding in Cana.
We pray for all who are joined as family:
for husbands and wives
and for all who make covenant to live together
for mutual support and love;
for parents and children,
for the aged and the young,
for who are ill and struggling,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

Lord, you are the giver of all good things:
Receive our prayers that we offer for ourselves and for our world.

In all things, grant us the courage
to exercise your gifts for the good of our world,
through Christ, who taught us to pray to you by saying, **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: "God Be With You" # 602**

**Charge
Benediction
Postlude and Response "Go Now in Peace"**

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Amen ... Amen ... Amen

