

Sunday, May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

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.

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

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.

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"What Should We Do?"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, May 3, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. (*Proverbs 22:9*)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from Matthew 15:15-21)

Elder Barbara Kipila

One: We must keep on following Jesus.

ALL: Once Jesus said that it was suppertime,

One: But there was nothing for anyone to eat.

ALL: Jesus said to the disciples:

One: "Do not send them away. You feed them."

ALL: But the disciples only had five loaves and two fish.

One: But Jesus blest and broke them,

ALL: And the disciples handed them to five thousand people.

One: The people were hungry, but there were baskets left over.

ALL: As followers of Jesus, we give what we have,

ONE: So Jesus blesses us, and we can feed many.

Choral Introit "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#316 (Blue Hymnal)

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

Love's Choice

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,

A little visitation on my tongue,

A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.

This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung

A moment to the palate's roof and fled,

Even its aftertaste a memory.

Yet this is how He comes. Through wine and bread

Love chooses to be emptied into me.

He does not come in unimagined light

Too bright to be denied, too absolute

For consciousness, too strong for sight,

Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;

Chooses instead to seep into each sense,

To dye himself into experience.

- Malcolm Guite



Call to Confession:

When Jesus tells us how to act, we are confused at Jesus' miraculous compassion. Even when Jesus gives us the strength to care for others, we doubt that we are strong enough. In the midst of our hesitation and fear, we do not see how much God empowers us to care for strangers and for God's world. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we confess that we fail to trust you. Instead of acknowledging the fullness of your grace and power, we pay more attention to our weakness, our incapacity to help all those in need, and the great cost to us of following you. You give us so many examples and instructions to be generous, but our fear tells us to prioritize ourselves first. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon:

When we shortchange God, God gives us the strength to do more. When we cannot figure out how to be more compassionate, God encourages us. When we fail, God picks us up and comforts us so we can try again. Whenever we sin and fall short of God's glory, the grace of God almighty restores our righteousness, redeems us through Christ, and sends the Holy Spirit to set us again on the right path. 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: "Come Take the Body"

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: Romans 8:22-25

(Page 1119 in pew Bible)

Betsy Kipila

2nd Reading: Acts 2:37-47

(Pages 1079 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 "What Should We do?"

Pastor Jon Berquist

* Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

329 (Blue 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*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Bob & 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

Nancy & Rich Wright

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

Roger Baker

Fellowship Hosts:

May 3 Karen Eberle

May 10 Anne Hales

May 17 Jonelle Jones

May 24 Nancy Wright & Cathy Smith

May 31 Lisa Bayles

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	May	3	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Wed	May	5	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	May	5	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	May	8	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: NO BIRTHDAYS

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ By Rich and Nancy Wright in loving memory of Nancy's Mother, Olivia Bischler and in celebration of her Heavenly birthday tomorrow.

~ A basket of flowers is placed glorifying God and in memory of 204 Fallen Fire Heroes who are being honored this week-end at Emmitsburg, Md.; 97 who died in the line of duty in 2025 and 107 died in previous years. Each firefighter sacrificed their life while saving others. These heroes and their loved ones will never be forgotten. Marty Cropper

chancel vases open for dedications:

May 17...1 vase
May 24...1 vase
May 31 ...2 vases
June 7...1 vase

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

* All are invited to the table, whether they are members of this church or not. *

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you out thanks and praise, O God, for you have freely bestowed your glorious grace on us...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The body of Christ broken for you.
The blood of Christ poured out for you.

Please wait in your pews, as elders pass the plates. Then pass the plate to your neighbors. Please meditate on the gifts of God, and you may partake of the elements at a time of your choosing.

Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" # 508 (Blue Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Go Now in Peace"

Postlude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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