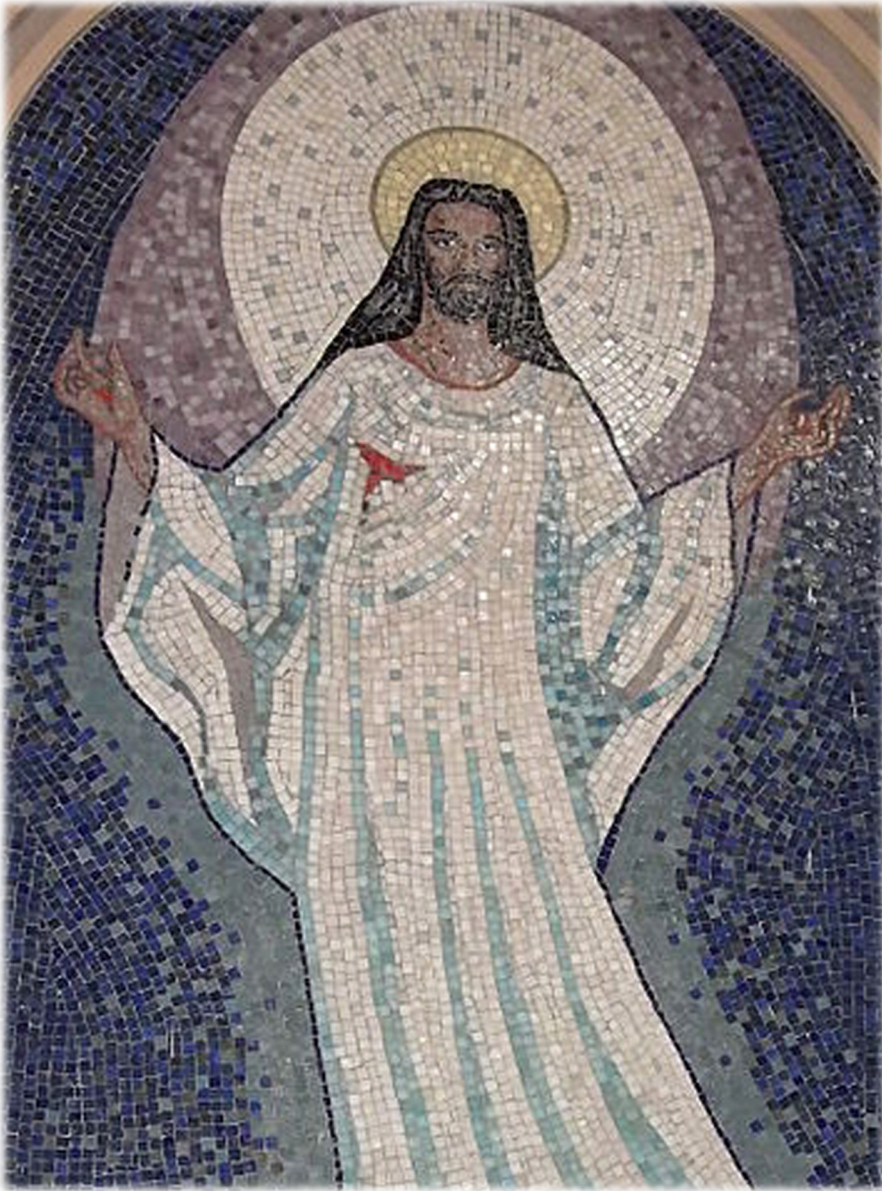


Sunday, April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
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**"Dress for Glory"**

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# Order of Worship: Sunday, April 5, 2026

## Easter Sunday

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand up! Fasten the belt of truth around your waist. Put on the breastplate of righteousness. Put on shoes to make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. Take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. *(adapted from Ephesians 6:13-17)*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship:

Elder Bob Brenner

One: Go to the tomb.

ALL: It's empty!

One: Christ is Risen

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

One: God is good.

ALL: All the time.

One: All the time.

ALL: God is good.

One: The same God who raised Jesus

ALL: Will raise us too.

#### Choral Introit "Christ Is Alive!"

\* Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
# 92 (Blue Hymnal)

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





## Call to Confession:

In power, God raised Jesus from the dead, and scripture assures us that God will raise us, as well. We know we need to wait, but our hope can waver. We know that we cannot roll away the stone by ourselves. We claim that the light of glory is too bright for us to bear. Our belief is too small; our voices are too small. When God does the unexpected, we react with fright and hesitation. We are inadequate for miracles, and we doubt God's power to save. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we confess to you our lack of faith. We confess that the shock of resurrection leads us to fear and frozenness. We shut our eyes to your glory, and we keep our mouths shut when we should be singing Hallelujah. For all these things and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

## A time for silent meditation

## Assurance of Pardon:

God shines the light of glory all around us, so that we can see with fresh eyes. God turns our vision from our own sins to the wonderful acts of salvation that God does in our presence. God promises to take our faith, even if it is only a mustard seed, and grow our belief so that we can move mountains, instead of reacting with fear. We cannot save ourselves, but God's power and love are powerful enough to save us and the whole world. God meets us and we experience awe, enough to lead us to repentance and

disconnect us from our sins. This is the assurance of scripture: because God gave life to Jesus, we know that we live and will live a new life.

Hallelujah! Amen.

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

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Choral Anthem: "He is Risen!"**

**Prayer for Illumination:** (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

**1st Scripture reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**(Pages 782, 783 in pew Bible)**

**Elder Bob Brenner**

**2nd Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

**(Page 989 in pew Bible)**

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **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*

Steve Hales

## **Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:**

April 5 Easter NO FELLOWSHIP

April 12 Mabel Rogers

April 19 Jackie Bates

April 26 Vicky Cairns

May 3 Karen Eberle

May 10 Anne Hales

May 17 Jonelle Jones

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed	April	8	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Fri	April	10	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sun	April	12	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM

**Birthdays:** *Jamie Greenwood (4/5)*  
*Hatty Ketterman (4/6) Bob Brenner (4/7)*

Chancel vases open for dedications April 2026  
April 12th One  
April 19th two

Sunday, April 19, noon, Deacons' Meeting  
following fellowship

### Save the Date:

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

### Pastor Jon's Info:

Email: [pastorjonberquist@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjonberquist@gmail.com)  
Cell phone: 443-856-0162

Time with Children & Youth  
Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon "Dress for Glory"  
Pastor Jon Berquist

\* Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous  
Cross" # 101 (Blue Hymnal)

### 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.

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

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. You may partake of the elements at a time of your choosing.

## Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
# 113 (Blue Hymnal)

## Charge

## Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

## Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

## Save the Date!

On Saturday, April 18, at 11 am, First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City and New Castle Presbytery will celebrate the installation of Pastor Jon. Please plan to be present with us! More details soon.

## Bible Study

After Easter, Pastor Jon will lead 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.