

Sunday, October 24th, 2021  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 AM



Jesus and Blind Bartimaeus

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
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*"Cloak Throwing 101"*

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# Liturgy for Sunday, October 24th, 2021

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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners;" ~ Isaiah 61:1

### Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

**Elder Peggy Webster**

I will bless the Lord at all times,

**God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**let us exalt God's name together! Amen.**

### Prelude

**Choral Introit: "Take Time to Be Holy"**

\* **Hymn: "Where He Leads Me" # 373**

\* **Passing the Peace**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Merciful God,

we have not been humble.

We have discouraged others from seeking you.

We have not sought your wisdom.

Forgive us, O God,

and teach us to boast only of you.

Help us to celebrate when others seek after you.

Give us the light of your wisdom and ways,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Current Prayer Concerns:

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

### Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

**Directory Updates:** *No updates this week.*

**Communion:** When we are celebrating communion, we will serve non-alcoholic grape juice instead of wine.

### Food Pantry

We are seeing an uptick in folks coming to our door seeking help with food. If you are able, please consider dropping off food items during office hours or on Sunday.

We primarily need non-perishables that are easy to consume without added ingredients for preparation. Perishable items we can use include bread, eggs, and frozen dinners.



Thank you for your generosity of spirit, time, and resources. We continue to be neighbors helping neighbors.

### Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Sunday evening, November 21st at 7PM**. This joyous event was cancelled last year, due to the virus, so we have even more reason to join hands with folks in our community this year and give thanks to God for his steadfast love through it all. Please bring canned goods with you. All donations will go to the our church's Food Pantry.

## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Oct 24	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Oct 26	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Oct 26	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 27	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thu, Oct 28	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM Zoom
Fri, Oct 29	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** Wayne Tucker (10/24), Bob Lebo (10/27), Bob Reese (10/29), Ryan Sauer (10/30)

**Flowers:** Flowers in the chancel vase is given:  
~ In honor of our grandson Zachary, who celebrated his 3rd birthday on October 22nd. We are blessed with a bright, funny, and loving grandson who fills our hearts with joy. ~ *Rob and Ann Eicher*

~ A basket of flowers is placed by Rev. Merle Fisher in praise of our Heavenly Father and in appreciation to the FPCOC church family as they have prayed for me during my medical concerns. I am grateful that even though we are separated from each other by miles, we remain connected through thoughts and prayers.

## The Return of the Grace Parker Breakfast!

On **Tuesday**, the **26th**, at **10:00** we'll take care of some pre-prep activities to get ready for our first Grace Parker of the year (*Wednesday, November 3rd*). If anyone would like to wrap silverware, etc., please join us.

**Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner** - Check the sign-up sheet on the glass table for items to bring to our Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner (after worship) on **Sunday, November 21st**.

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following Sunday worship for the remainder of October and November:

Oct 24	Lisa Bayles and Ann Eicher
Oct 31	Marty Cropper and Ann Hales
Nov 7th	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
Nov 14th	Sarah Dypsky and Jan Owens
Nov 21st	<b>Church Family Thanksgiving</b>

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

People of God,  
the Lord hears, forgives, and saves.  
**Therefore, we will be reconciled to one another  
and we will walk humbly before God. 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

The Lord is indeed good,  
for God has blessed us richly.  
Let us offer back a portion,  
in gratitude and love.

## \* 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

Holy God, bless our offerings with healing  
that comes from your work and our hands.  
We give with joy and thanks for what we have,  
in the name of Jesus, our great high priest. Amen.

## Choral Anthem: "Lead Me to Calvary"

## Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of light,  
let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness  
and open our hearts,  
that your word may show us  
the blessings you intend for all creation. Amen.

## 1st Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28 [NRSV]

Deacon Sue Latour

7:23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 7:24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 7:25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

7:26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 7:27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 7:28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 46-52 [NRSV]

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10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 10:47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 10:48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 10:49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 10:50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 10:51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

# Blind Bartimaeus

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Blind Bartimaeus at the gates  
Of Jericho in darkness waits;  
He hears the crowd;—he hears a breath  
Say, "It is Christ of Nazareth!"  
And calls, in tones of agony,  
Ἰησοῦ, ἐλέησόν με! [Jesus, be merciful to me!]

The thronging multitudes increase;  
Blind Bartimaeus, hold thy peace!  
But still, above the noisy crowd,  
The beggar's cry is shrill and loud  
Until they say, "He calleth thee!"

Θάρσει, ἔγειρε, φωνεῖ σε! [Take heart! Rise up! He calleth thee!]

Then saith the Christ, as silent stands  
The crowd, "What wilt thou at my hands?"  
And he replies, "Oh, give me light!  
Rabbi, restore the blind man's sight."  
And Jesus answers, "Ἔπαγε [Go thy way]

Ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε!" [Thy faith has surely restored thee!]

Ye that have eyes, yet cannot see,  
In darkness and in misery,  
Recall those mighty Voices Three,

Ἰησοῦ ἐλέησόν με! [Jesus, have mercy on me!]

Θάρσει ἔγειρε φωνεῖ σε! [Take heart! Rise up! He's calling thee!]

Ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε! [Thy faith has surely restored thee!]

*[translations are not original to the poem]*



## Operation Christmas Child

We are now in full collecting mode for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Please return all boxes by Sunday, November 14th.

If you need labels to identify Girl/Boy and Age Category, you can print them off from their website:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options#printable-labels>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rich Wright at [ocean.pines6@yahoo.com](mailto:ocean.pines6@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

Thank you—you will make a difference in a child's life!



Time with Children & Youth  
Rev. Dan McKenty

Sermon: "Cloak Throwing 101"  
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\* Hymn "There is a Balm in Gilead" # 423

\* 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)

With reverence for Earth, with concern for those in need and for the whole human family,  
let us pray to God, saying,  
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the riches of this day, this season, and this century in history.  
Show us always how to better know your gifts and shape them into benefits for the common good.  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Equip the saints in every land and in every church for ministry.  
Bring blessings on people of other faiths.  
Gather all creation into unity in you for the sake of your mission in the world.  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to all who lead nations and hold public office, especially our governor, senators, representatives, and all who run for public office with courage and generosity of spirit. Give them the humility that speaks the truth in love.  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach your people in every land to learn about, care about, and pray for the struggles of all humanity and Earth itself. Bring peace to every people. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed the hungry, sustain the weary, shelter the homeless, challenge the complacent, love the brokenhearted, and heal the sick. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for ....

Give us our daily bread: what we truly need each day. Make us satisfied with the essentials of life, that as we live in gratitude, your gifts may increase our awareness of the needs of others. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our ancestors whose witness and conviction built up the body of God through the ages. Sustain us with the bread of life that fed them, until we join all the saints around your bountiful table at the end of the ages. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

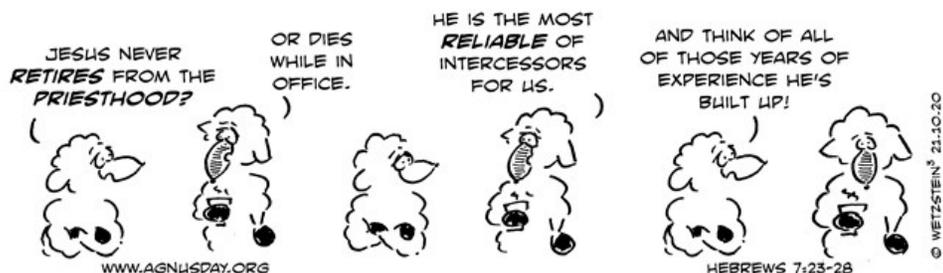
Receive our hopes and pleadings, for great is your faithfulness; we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord who taught us to pray to you by saying, **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread; 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: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" # 380

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"



## *A Harvest of Joy*

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.*

*Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.*

*Psalm 126*