

Sunday, August 29th, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
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"Things That Matter"

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Liturgy for Sunday, August 29, 2021

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: “With these words Jesus wants to caution us too, today, against the belief that outward observance of the law is enough to make us good Christians. ...it is not the external things that make us holy or unholy but the heart which expresses our intentions, our choices and the will to do all for the love of God.” ~ *Pope Francis*

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

Elder Marty Cropper

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God’s holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

We will worship our Lord in truth and in love. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: “Softly and Tenderly”

* **Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” # 277**

* **Passing the Peace**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of light,

we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.

We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts.

We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.

We have confused meekness with weakness,

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.*

Online Giving - *Simple . . . Secure*

By making use of the Presbyterian Foundation’s online giving portal, we are providing a way for members and friends to setup a secure one-time or recurring donation to First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City.

You can use the **Give Now** button on our church website and/or download the **GivePlus Mobile app** onto your smartphone. In the **GivePlus** app, our church is listed as **“Ocean City Presbyterian Church”**. For either method, you will need to setup a simple, secure profile. Through either path, during the checkout process, you will be given an opportunity to add 2% to your donation to cover the transaction fees. Please consider covering the fee to help us keep costs to a minimum.

Rummage Sale

The next Rummage Sale has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 18th** from **7AM—1PM**. We are short on volunteers this time and are in special need of help in setting up beginning at **6AM**. Please consider lending a much needed hand.

The shed is also **FULL**, so if you have donations, please bring them either the day of the sale OR later, for the subsequent sale we will hold in October (date TBD).

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Tues, Aug 31	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Sept 1	*Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Sat, Aug 28	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM

* *Beginning next week, Choir Practice will move to Tuesdays at 5:30 PM*

Birthdays: Jacob Todd (8/29), Jeff Sauer (8/30); Carol Reese (9/1), Andrew Haas (9/2), Ben Cropper (9/3)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In honor of Jacob Todd and the celebration of his birthday today. God has blessed Jacob with a wonderful music gift and we are blessed and grateful that he shares his gift with us as organist and choirmaster.

~ In loving memory of our parents, S.T. and Ellen Hays and the celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 30th. They are rejoicing and celebrating together. Loved and missed. ~ *The Hays Family*

Black-Eyed Susan Paddleboat Luncheon Cruise

We have informally reserved a block of tickets for the luncheon cruise on the Black-Eyed Susan Paddleboat for **Monday, October 11th**. If you'd like to attend, please go to their website (www.bes-snowhill.com) to purchase your ticket(s). When prompted for the name of the party, enter "**FPCOC**". After completing your purchase, please notify the church office by phone (410-289-9340) or email (ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com), so we know who will be joining us. We can gather at the church and car-pool down to Snow Hill.

It is a 2-hour cruise that departs at 12-noon and the luncheon includes a 2-course buffet. The total cost per ticket is \$52.32 (which covers taxes & fees).

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following Sunday worship during August and September:

Aug 29	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
Sept 5	Ann Hales and Carol Reese
Sept 12	Karen Eberle and Nancy Wright
Sept 19	Sarah Dypsky and Jan Owens
Sept 26	Jan Owens and Peggy Webster

holiness with social conformity,
and anger with righteousness.

Forgive us, we pray.

By the power of your word

save us from the prison of our conceit
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Friends, do not despair:

God renews us by the word of truth,

that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift,
is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Filled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts
with gladness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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

O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church.

With these gifts we dedicate ourselves

to live in the truth of your word,

and follow your commandments

with sincere hearts;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "What God Can Do"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord, by the power of your Spirit
open our hearts and minds to receive your Word
that we not forget the wonders you have done
nor neglect to make them known to our children,
nor fail to tell them to the world. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1,2, 6-9 [NRSV]

Deacon Sue Latour

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 7: 1-23 [NRSV]

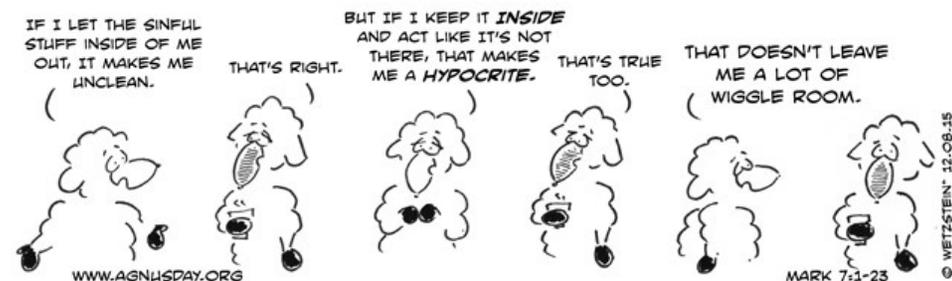
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Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15



September Flowers

We have Chancel Vases OPEN for dedications on the following Sundays: 9/12 (2 vases); 9/19 and 9/26 (1 vase).

For any new or updated flower requests for September, please reach out to Beth in the church office (ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com) or call the office during business hours (Tues—Friday 9-12 noon).

Thank you for adding beauty to our Lord's Day Worship!

Fall Brown Bag Bible Study Series ...

Beginning **September 16th** Pastor Dan will be offering a fall Bible study series entitled "The Little Gems." We will explore those short books of the New Testament that



lurk toward the back of our Bibles. Specifically we will study 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3

John and Jude. Together we will explore who wrote these texts, when they were written, for whom they were written and we will examine the witness to Jesus Christ in each. Classes will be held **Thursdays at 12:30** by **Zoom**. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Please provide your name and email and we will send Zoom invitations each week before class.

washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" 6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

9 Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' 11 But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)— 12 then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, 13 thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." 17 When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, 19 since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Things That Matter"

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* Hymn " Walking with the Savior"

To the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Words by Jacob Todd ; Music by Andrew Sullivan

Walking with the Savior ever will we be
Hope of our Salvation through eternity
Though the path is rocky, never will we fall
He's our true companion helping one and all.

REFRAIN: Walking with the Savior ever will we be,
Hope of our salvation through eternity.

Lost in sin we once were, full of shame and tears
Guilt marked each of our days, sadness marked our years
Then our Savior called us with a gentle voice
Urging us to follow, giving us a choice

REFRAIN

Life eternal promised to those trusting in
Jesus, born of Mary, freeing us from sin.
No more chains to bind us, he has shown us love
Merciful and mighty he now reigns from up above.

REFRAIN

Wonder of all ages, master of each day
He has marked the seasons in his special way.
As our lives continue, there's much to be done.
We will choose to follow him; There's no other one!

REFRAIN

* 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)

Let us now pray to the God of love, mercy and grace saying
Eternal God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church that it forever remains a sanctuary for
those who are oppressed, marginalized, forgotten, or discarded.
Eternal God **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the clergy, the deacons, and the elders of the
churches that they govern the church with your love as their
guiding principle and that compassion be the cornerstone of all
their work. Eternal God **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of this world that they learn peace
instead of war, generosity instead of greed, empowerment
instead of oppression and that they guide the nations along your
path of righteousness and love. Eternal God **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this world that they be delivered from
war, famine, and abuse and they be allowed to live as children
who are loved, adored, and cared for. Eternal God **hear our
prayer.**

We pray for the sick and the suffering that they be comforted and
made whole by your everlasting promise of life in your kingdom.
Eternal God **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

We pray for the whole of your creation that we become better
stewards of the earth you have given us. Give us the wisdom and
the discipline to make the earth a peaceful, verdant, and
sustaining place to pass to our children and their children. Eternal
God **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God you know all things that truly matter and so we trust
without reservation in bringing you our prayers and petitions
using the words taught to us and 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: "Take the Name of Jesus with You" # 116

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Three-Fold Amen"