



Sunday, November 10, 2024  
25th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

"Religious Showiness"

Jacob Todd, Organist and Choirmaster  
1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City MD 21842  
Phone: 410-289-9340

Office: [ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ocmdpresbyterian.org](http://www.ocmdpresbyterian.org)

Office Hours: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon  
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

# Order of Worship: Sunday, November 10, 2024 25th Sunday After Pentecost

## We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

"A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life." - Rick Warren

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship: (unison)

#### Elder Lisa Bayles

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

### Choral Introit: "The Family of God"

\* Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be" # 379

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

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Diane Ayres, Virginia Miller, Billie Jones, Marie McCallister, Thomas Simpson, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Mark Payne, Beth Miller, Pat and Ben Steele, Joey Martin, Robert Wilkins, Bob & Dee Lebo, Margie Baugher-Cramer, Graison Wainwright and family.

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Nov 17	Dawn Butler & Robin Quinn
Nov 24	Vickie Cairns & Jan Owens
Dec 1	Marty Cropper & Carol Reese
Dec 8	Karen Eberle & Mabel Rogers
Dec 15	Beth Fisher & Peggy Webster
Dec 22	Ann Hales & Brenda Wilkinson



## Calendar, Birthdays, Flowers

Tues	Nov	12	Session Meeting	1:00	PM
Wed	Nov	13	Hand Bells Practice	5:00	PM
Wed	Nov	13	Choir Practice	6:00	PM
Thu	Nov	14	Bible Study—Philippians	11:00	AM
Fri	Nov	15	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00	PM

**Birthdays:** *Sylvia Gilmore (11/10) Olive Hanes (11/15)*  
*Nathan Sauer (11/15)*

## Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ By Pete and Olive Hanes in thankfulness to God for his many blessings and in celebration of Olive's Birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup>; our 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding anniversary on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Pete's birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **POINSETTIAS FOR 2024 ADVENT SEASON..**

**(there has NOT been an increase in price)**

**6" POT .. size we get. \$10.00 All red**

**8" pot ....3 plants \$25.00**

**December 1st. red**

**December 8th...mixed red and white**

**December 15th...white**

**6" pots of red poinsettias will be delivered for Sunday Worship December 22nd and available for pickup after Christmas Eve Service..**

**Thank you,  
Marty**

## Call to Confession:

We always seem to notice the rich, the powerful, thinking those are the people we should emulate. But we find you in those who are broken, we find you in those who sacrifice, we find you in those who care deeply for others. Hear us, as we confess how we have noticed the wrong people, and longed after the wrong values. Join me, as we pray together saying,

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon:

Despite our foolishness and poor choices, our God remains faithful in this and every moment. The One who created everything, continues to renew us, to restore us, and to forgive us with love.

Thanks be to God. God's hope never fails us, God's grace continues to fill our emptiness, and God's mercy continues to make us new. We are forgiven. Amen.

\* **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:**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**Offertory**

\* **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, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

**Choral Anthem: "If My Peoples' Hearts Are Humbled"**

**Prayer for Illumination:** (Unison)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.



**Join us at the Movies Tomorrow!**

We will be going to the movies as a church group *tomorrow* **Monday, November 11 at the Flagship Cinema in West Ocean City.** Please meet at 2

**PM** so we can get tickets as a group. We

are going to dinner following the movie if you would like to do that.

**Congregation Financials as of  
September 30, 2024:**

(\$110,558.25 from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): **\$170,740.07**

**Total parking lot receipts for Oceans and Country Calling (5 days): \$14,393**

**- Year-to-date disbursements: \$124,358.91**

Note: A bookkeeping change was made to charge \$20,166 against Capital Improvement for the new windows installed in the

## Nominating Committee Forms

See sheets on the back table. Please suggest persons to serve as deacons or as elders. Don't ask them. Let us know and we will ask.

- *Mabel Rogers & Lisa Bayles*

## Bible Study in Progress—All Are Welcome!

We will be continuing our Bible study of the book of Philippians this **Thursday November 14 at 11 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. This week's passage is Philippians 4: 10-23 "Paul's Thank You Note."

**Pastor Debbie's information:**  
**djhj3675@gmail.com.**

**Cell phone: (843) 568-6480.**

**Always available by texting or calling.**

## 1st Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16 [NRSV] Elder Chris Greenwood

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 12: 38-44 [NRSV] Pastor Debbie Johnson

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

Sermon: "Religious Showiness"  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

\* Hymn: "Scribes in Long Robes, Expecting Deference" (familiar tune)

[1] Scribes in long robes, expecting deference,  
parading through the public squares,  
giving themselves the seats of preference,  
making long, loud, but empty prayers,  
now meet together and contrive  
to take what some need to survive.

[2] Now see among the temple donors,  
one widow comes in poverty;  
she wears no grand clothes, takes no honors,  
but in a spirit full and free,  
this woman, richer than she knows,  
drops in her two last coins and goes.

[3] See both amid the temple's masses,  
what telling truth, what paradox-  
rich men of power, the upper classes;  
poor woman by the great alms box.  
While scribes make offerings, small and slight,  
one widow gives all with her mite.

**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.

Sharing our Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own "  
# 620

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response: "God Be With You"

*Liturgy credit: the Rev. .Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook, Ministry Matters, Lectionary Liturgies.*