

Sunday, June 2, 2024
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS...
LOVE JOY ★ **PEACE**
→→→→→ **PATIENCE**
kindness GOODNESS *faithfulness*
GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL
GALATIANS 5:22-23



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
Rev. Debbie Johnson

"Sabbath?"

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Liturgy for Sunday ,June 2, 2024
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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "Deep within each of us is a spark of the divine just waiting to be used to light up a dark space." *Fred Rogers*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Jackie Bates

We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*** Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 381**

*** Passing the Peace**

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

Call to Confession

In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Marie McCallister, Lori Patrick, Thomas Simpson, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Betty Ignash, Lake Scott, Bryan Wayne-Records, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Margie Baugher Cramer, Mark Payne, Beth Miller, Kathryn Maxwell, Pat and Ben Steele, and Joey Martin.

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

June	9	Beth Fisher & Peggy Webster
June	16	Mabel Rogers & Vicky Cairns
June	23	Ann Hales & Brenda Wilkinson
June	30	Barbara & Betsy Kipila
July	7	Lisa Bayles & Jonelle Jones

Session Minutes

We will now be posting Minutes of the Session Meeting after they have been approved at the next meeting.

You will find them on the hall bulletin board.

**Pastor Debbie's
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You can call or text her. Pastor Debbie will be in Ocean City on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Welcome—Soli Deo Gloria

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun	June 2	Boy Scouts Troop 2173	3:00 PM
Sun	June 2	CRU - Fellowship Hall - Prayer	7:30 PM
Mon	June 3	CRU - Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Wed	June 5	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	June 5	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	June 7	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	June 8	Rummage Sale (setup at 6AM)	7:00 AM

Birthdays: *Jan Owens (6/2), Buzzy Bayles (6/4), Bill Owens (6/7), and Merle Fisher (6/7)*

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In praise of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit and in honor of my wife, Jan Owens and the celebration of her birthday, today. You are my shining light, my strength on the mountain tops and in the deepest valleys. Thank you for being who you are. ~ Bill

CHANCEL VASES OPEN FOR DEDICATION::

June 9th 2 vases
June 16th 1 vase
June 23rd 2 vases
June 30th 2 vases

Thank you,
Marty

Congregation Financials as of April 30, 2024:

- Year-to-date giving/income (\$60,652.51 from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): \$68,814.75

- Year-to-date disbursements: \$52,189.03

Note: A bookkeeping change was made to charge \$20,166 against Capital Improvement for the new windows installed in the Manse in 2023. Capital Improvement balance now stands at \$89,666.08.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

This is the good news, dear friends: the One who knows our worst fills us with the best – grace, wonder, and forgiveness. We rejoice in this news, our hearts overflow with hope. Thanks be to God, 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

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; We believe in a God who provides abundantly for our needs. In gratitude, let us share a portion of what we have been given, for the work of this community and the benefit of our neighbors

* 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

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem "At the Table of the Lord"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air, so fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Ground us in your love, convict us with your truth, and move us to respond, that we may embody your good news in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

1st Scripture: Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 [NRSV]

Elder Nancy Wright

¹²Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 2: 23-3:6 [NRSV]

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²³One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Heads Up!

International Students' Breakfasts Coming Soon

Wednesdays, June 19—Wednesday, August 14

New Time: 7:30 AM—9:30 AM

Summer is almost upon us and that means we will once again have the privilege to welcome, feed, and encourage students from all over the world each Wednesday morning. Many of these young folks have never visited the United States and we have the honor of being ambassadors for our country.

Let's come together to witness our love for God, each other, and for each of them. Just imagine if your grandchild, or niece, nephew or young friend was visiting a foreign country for the first time. We would all pray for warm and welcoming arms for them, wouldn't we? Let's extend that warmth to our students this summer!

Further details will be coming and Marty anticipates that we will use the team method we used last summer. Many hands make light work, so please consider sharing some of your time to help make this a memorable Summer for all of us.

Depending on the weather ...



Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held
on **Saturday, June 8, 2024**
from **7AM—1PM**

Great deals to be found!
Your purchase helps fund
our ability to help our neighbors

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¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Time with Children & Youth
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Sermon: "*Sabbath?*"
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* Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 26

* Affirmation of Faith: "The Nicene Creed" (unison)
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Let us lift up our hearts.

We *lift them 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 our thanks and praise, O God,
for it was you who knit together the newborn earth
and said, "Let light shine out of darkness." Wonderful are all your
works.....

Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

* Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" # 277 Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response: "God Be With You"

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