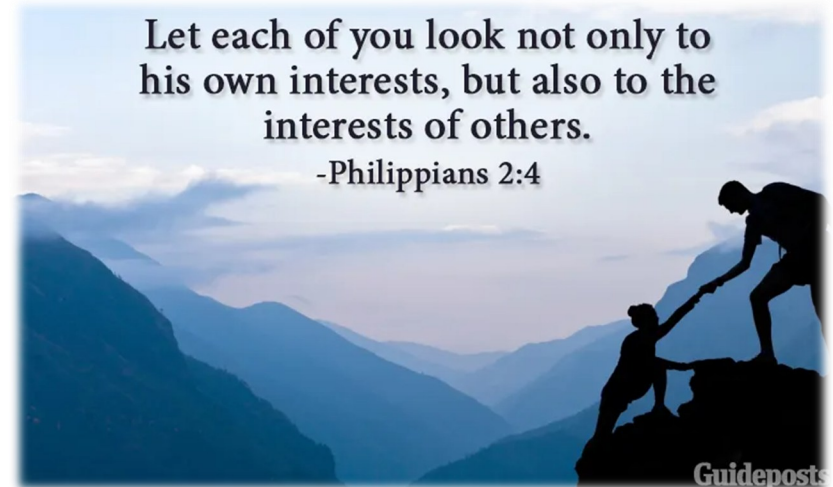


Sunday, November 17, 2024  
26th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City  
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**"End Times: Who Knows?"**

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# Order of Worship: Sunday, November 17, 2024

## 26th Sunday After Pentecost

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** Christians, and some Jews, claim we're in the "end times," but they've been saying this off and on for more than two thousand years.- *Tom Robbins*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)  
Elder Jan Owens

Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

**Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.**  
Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.  
**The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.**

Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken  
and the weak are given strength.

**Hope lives when the hungry are fed  
and the poor are lifted up.**

God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth,  
calling us to hope and faithfulness.

**Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.**

**Choral Introit: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"**

**\* Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**  
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**\* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ***

**Call to Confession:** (responsive)

Longing for the touch of God, we cry out; humbled by

### Current Prayer Concerns:

Diane Ayres, Virginia Miller, 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, Pat and Ben Steele, Joey Martin, Robert Wilkins, Bob & Dee Lebo, Margie Baugher-Cramer, and William Steger.

### Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

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

### **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**

## Calendar, Birthdays, Flowers

Tues Nov 19	WOW	11:00 AM
Wed Nov 20	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed Nov 20	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Thu Nov 21	Bible Study—Philippians	11:00 AM
Fri Nov 22	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sun Nov 24	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service—Temple Bat Yam, Berlin	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *Pete Hanes (11/21) Pat Mitchell (11/21)*

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

~ A basket of flowers is given by Bill and Jan Owens in celebration of 47 years of "Wedded Bliss".



the awareness of our human nature and brokenness, we bring our prayers of confession to God, praying together,

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We have not lived with gratitude for the generous gift of your grace. We have not shared with others and have abused your good creation. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to return to you, giving thanks and praise for all you have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. 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: (2 Corinthians 9:11)

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God." Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

## 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:

O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Choral Anthem: "Heaven Came Down"

## Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

## 1st Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 [NRSV]

Jackie Bates

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory. <sup>2</sup> There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. <sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. <sup>6</sup> The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up

<sup>7</sup> The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts. <sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the

**Ecumenical Faith Community Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 24 - 7PM - at Temple Bat Yam in Ocean Pines.**  
**Hosted by the All Faith Friendship Association (AFFA)**

All are invited to come together in the spirit of faith and friendship to give thanks for God's many blessings. Please invite family members, neighbors and friends.

## Save the Date!

**Blue Holidays Service at St Paul's Episcopal in Berlin on December 15 at 4:00.**

**More information will be coming.**

## Congregation Financials as of September 30, 2024:

**(\$118,219.64 from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): \$185,811.59**

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

**- Year-to-date disbursements: \$134,329.87**

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 21 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:**  
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**Cell phone: (843) 568-6480.**

**Always available by texting or calling.**

**Request forms for poinsettia dedications are on the glass topped table in back of sanctuary.**

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 8TH,**

**Please place requests and payment in offering plate**

**Thank you,**  
**Marty Cropper**

pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail.<sup>10</sup> The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 13: 1-8 [NRSV] Pastor Debbie Johnson

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,<sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.<sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

Time with Children & Youth  
Pastor Debbie Johnson

## Sermon: "End Times: Who Knows?"

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### \* Hymn: "There Is a Mighty Question"

[1] There is a mighty question we ask when nations rage: Just when will be Christ's coming, the ending of the age? Take care, said Jesus clearly, for many will appear; They'll claim to be Messiah, yet people should not fear.

[2] For in the days of Noah, the people went along  
In eating and in drinking, in merriment and song —  
Then suddenly the world changed with great, surprising power;  
So too will be Christ's coming, and no one knows the hour.

[3] So keep awake and watchful; salvation is at hand! Our hope is in Christ Jesus, and by God's grace we stand. The night is almost over, we wait for God's new day, And through the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus' way.

[4] Be ready in your living, for when you feed the poor,  
Or give to thirsty children the water they long for,  
And when you welcome strangers and help the ones in need,  
Christ says: "Receive my kingdom, for you are serving me."

*Tune: Arthur Henry Mann, 1888 ("O Jesus, I Have Promised")*

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## 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: "The Solid Rock" #404 (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)

## Charge

## Benediction

## Postlude and Response: "God Be With You"

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