

# OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

September 1, 2024

Season of Creation - Earth



*Miss Hopkins was too wise a teacher to try and hold back the excitement of five year olds on the occasion of the first snow, and out we went...From the deep pocket of her coat she took a magnifying glass. I'll never forget my first look at snowflakes through that lens, spangling the wooly sleeve of her navy blue coat like stars in a midnight sky...Even now, I remember the sense of possibility, of mystery that accompanied that first glimpse. For the first time, but not the last, I had the sense there was more to the world than immediately met the eye...It's the time when I first had an inkling that the already gorgeous world becomes even more beautiful the closer you look.*

*Robin Wall Kimmerer; **Gathering Moss**, preface (edited)*

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: TBD for Sunday  
and for Evenings

<b>SUNDAY SEPT 1</b>	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed Classes – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
<b>MONDAY SEPT 2</b>	Labor Day – Office Closed
<b>TUESDAY SEPT 3</b>	Bible Study 10:00 – 12:00 pm (FC) Seaside Serenity 6:45 – 8:00 pm (FC)
<b>WEDNESDAY SEPT 4</b>	
<b>THURSDAY SEPT 5</b>	Shuffles Bridge – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (FC) AA Young – 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
<b>FRIDAY SEPT 6</b>	AA Serenity Group 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (FC)
<b>SATURDAY SEPT 7</b>	Villas of Bethany West HOA – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (MH) Yoga – 8:15 am – 9:45 am (FC) Nar. Anonymous – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (FC)
<b>SUNDAY SEPT 8</b>	Informal Worship Service – 9:30 am (MH) followed by Coffee Hour AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)

*(S) Sanctuary      (FC) Fellowship Center      (MH) Memorial Hall*

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE:**

*The Creation*, Oratorio by Franz Joseph Haydn

Part 1: The Representation of Chaos

Part 2: In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth....

And the Spirit of God moved....

And God saw the light....

## **WELCOME**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

**C: Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; the fish of the seas will declare to you.**

L: Who among all these does not know the hand of the Lord has done this?

**C: In our God's hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of every human being.**

**ALL: Let us together worship the God of all Creation!**

**HYMN: 14 For the Beauty, Vs. 1,2 & 3**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**CONFESSION** - *based on Presbytery of the Highlands, adapted from Book of Common Worship*

As we pray for the new heaven and new earth, O God, we too often forget to care for them in the here and now. Neighbors and friends, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**Move us to hear your voice in the song of the sparrow, to see your face reflected in the river. Awaken us to your greatness through the winds of the storm, and the scent of your grace on the morning dew. Empower us to hear your prophets in the croaks of evening frogs, to read your gospel in the webs of writing spiders. In your great mercy you call us to care for your creation, to uphold one another, and to pray for your world. Hear our prayers for the healing of the earth – and our regret for our part in harm. Hear our prayers for clean water so that all may drink. Hear our prayer for the right use of resources, so there may be a just future for all. Hear our prayer for careful tending of the land and the seas so all may be in balance. Hear our prayer for people and places damaged by war, so that all may know peace. AMEN.**

*Silent Confession*

Friends, we know with confidence God hears our prayers, and blesses our purposes, for He sent our Lord Jesus to heal us and to give us a heart of flesh.

**Thanks be to God!**

May the peace engendered by God's grace be with you and in you!

**And also with you!**

Please share that peace with your neighbors and friends!

**CENTERING MUSIC: 701 Lord Prepare Me**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OT READING** Genesis 1: 1-25 (P. 1; p. 1)

**PSALM READING** Psalm 33: 1-9 (P. 489; p. 496)

**ANTHEM:** **He's Got the Whole World** (pg. 17)

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 1: 1-14 (**First Nations Version**)

<sup>1-2</sup> Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who He is and what He is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. <sup>3</sup>Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

<sup>6-7</sup>Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. <sup>9</sup>The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the

darkness of this world. <sup>10</sup>He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. <sup>12</sup>But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. <sup>13</sup>They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above – by the Great Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth.

L. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:** The True Light, that Comes to All Peoples of the World

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of God the Almighty, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:  
Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or [tdougherty@ovpc.org](mailto:tdougherty@ovpc.org)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*Based on an order from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

*Our element of bread includes gluten-free wafers (in a plastic sleeve).*

*Our cup is grape juice, except for pale wine in the center.*

Creator God, we thank you for common grace; that we are stronger together, that we are more capable together, that you in your Son Jesus, who came to us, choose to bless and feed us together. We celebrate our diversity in union, and welcome all to this your table of healing and renewal. Thank you for all in this room, and for the broader church which sends us guests and to which we are connected. Amen. *(based on a prayer by Ellaina Welsman)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God, you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and earth, all things, came to be. Your spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this, our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you,

so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. Now we give you thanks, for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. So, with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, He took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of His body upon the cross. He gave it to His friends and said: take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of the earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of His blood. He gave it to His friends saying: this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

*{Friends, each time we drink this wine and eat this bread, we declare the Lords death, until He comes}* So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, split and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial there is the seed of new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for His second coming, keep us close to this vision we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world and give us the broken oneness, the split unity, and the buried resurrection by which we can restore your creation and fulfill your will.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative, and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh as your Word has made flesh.

Let us say His prayer now, together:

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

*{we will partake of the elements together; first the bread, and then  
the cup}*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray: **We shall go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits for us there; we will savor its**

**richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty. We will live to be a blessing to others, today and always. AMEN.**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: Lamb of God by Twila Paris**

**DOXOLOGY: 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**DEDICATION**

Creator, we ask that you accept these gifts, using them to bear forth the redeeming power of Christ, and the hope found in Him. Take these first fruits, and act in them, that all may know their blossoming. **AMEN.**

**HYMN: 337 My Country Tis of Thee**

**CHARGE**

*Fyodor Dostoevsky*

**Lord, may we love all your creation, all the earth and every grain of sand in it. May we love every leaf, every ray of your light. May we love the animals: you have given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Let us not trouble it; let us not harass them, let us not deprive them of their happiness, let us not work against your intent. For we acknowledge unto you that all is like an ocean, all is flowing and blending, and that to withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe is to withhold that same measure from you. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

### POSTLUDE: God Bless America (pg. 17)



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

### Prayer List

John Burris	Alex Rhodes	Dottie Nicholson
Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Family of Elaine Jackson Ruth Schafer	Peggy Schaffer Family of Elsie Young
Family of Dick Peoples	Jeff Neihammer  Norbert Kraich	Pastor Bruce Gillette
The Family of Janice Parris Pat Robinson	Flora Beaver  Judy Reich	Francis Carbine  Andrea Miller
Sarah & Chelsea, Jeanette Lyons Daughters	Carol Kratch	Charlie O’Neill & Daughter, Brenda Treherne

*Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.*

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

**LITURGIST:** Elaine Wolf

**SCRIPTURE READERS:** Pam Dougherty

**GREETERS** – Bob Doherty & Ollie Robling

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – donated by Charlie O’Neill to celebrate him and his wife Jeannette’s anniversary.

## **Announcements 9/1/2024**

### **This Week**

- **Office Closed** – Monday September 2, 2024 for Labor Day.
- It's almost time for our OVPC Choir to resume rehearsals! We will begin again on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Returning choir members and new voices alike are welcome to attend. If you are planning to be part of the Choir for the 2024-2025 season, please let Shannon know via email ([ShanFlynnMusic221@gmail.com](mailto:ShanFlynnMusic221@gmail.com)) or text (443-405-5799). Looking forward to a great year of making music together!
- **Circle Bible Study Books** are available in the church office. They cost \$10 which you can leave in the envelope. Please pick yours up prior to the September 11 meeting. We will cover lesson #1
- Thank you to Peggy Manion for her Ukelele music.

### **Future Events**

- **September 8, 9:30 am** – Informal worship service in Memorial Hall. Coffee hour will follow.

- **Food Pantry - Have your grocery shopping list ready?** Our Pantry could use some donations (monetary or food items), so we've put together a *take-along* list for you (copies in the foyer). This way you won't have to search for your bulletin or make a special trip when the summer people crowd the stores. Just conveniently drop off your donations in the basket during Sunday Service or in the tub outside the office door during the week. We so appreciate every effort to help our hungry neighbors!
- **New Bibles** - Ocean View Presbyterian Church has purchased 50 Bibles for the congregation to use. They will be put in pew racks throughout the sanctuary. These Bibles are available for dedication in memory or honor of a loved one. For a donation, you can have your loved one's name on a book plate that will be placed inside the front cover of the Bible along with your name as the donor. Please speak to Diane in the office or any member of the worship committee to make these arrangements.

Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, Kathy Sheetz,  
Jane Bonbright & Jen Read

### New Initiatives

- **Season of Creation** - OVPC will observe the Season of Creation from September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. Each week will be thematic, matching the Year B lectionary of Season of Creation, with 2 Sundays chosen by Terry.
  - 9/8/2024: HUMANITY
  - 9/15/2024: SKY
  - 9/22/2024: MOUNTAIN
  - 9/29/2024: OCEAN
  - 10/6/2024: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/FRANCIS OF ASSISI

If you have art, photographs, sculptures, shells, rocks, whatever! – that you would like to share for each or all of the Sundays, please just bring them in after letting the Worship Committee know. The members of the Committee

are Jane Bonbright, Jen Read, Kathy Sheetz, Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, and Shannon Flynn. Pastor Terry sits in with us.

- **Deacons' September Mission – Selbyville Middle School**

The September Deacon Mission will be raised for Selbyville Middle School families. OVPC has a long relationship with Selbyville schools, meaningful for both of us.

Your generosity will buy store gift cards for clothing and shoes for students. You will also be helping with daily food insecurity. Many parents, and grandparents, have little, or fixed, incomes. Many are what is called “working class poor”, when a job (or jobs) doesn’t provide a living wage. Your generosity will buy store gift cards for food.

Within the school itself, many children are on free, and reduced fee lunch program. Sadly, the food that provides is often not enough. If students want or need more, they have to pay. Too often, they can’t. Staff, Cafeteria Workers, and a “Share Bin” for unwanted (unopened) food all help. Some of your contribution will serve as cash to support these students’ needs.

Please give generously, and thank you, the Deacons.

### **Ongoing Events**

- To work in Frankford Thrift Shop, contact Elaine Wolf.
- While masking and social distancing is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to do so. OVPC will continue to supply a mask if needed.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Volunteers Needed:**
  - **Security** - Couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at 301-247-1747. Email Diane at [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) if you are interested.

**Greeters** - If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!

**Scripture Readers** - If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Diane in the office.

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TBD

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## **He's Got the Whole World**

- He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
He's Got the whole wide world in His Hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
2. He's got the little bitty baby
  3. He's got you and me brother  
    He's got you and me sister  
    He's got you and me brother
  4. He's got the wind and the rain
  5. He's got everybody here

## **God Bless America**

God Bless America  
Land that I Love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains – to the prairies  
To the ocean, white with foam  
God bless America - my home, sweet home.  
God bless America – my home, sweet home.

## **Program Notes:**

*The Creation* is an oratorio by Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809). At a time when most professional musicians were employed by either the church or the court, Haydn spent most of his career working for the wealthy Esterhazy family, moving between their royal residences in Austria and Hungary. He was known as a kind, jovial leader and teacher, referred to by his students as “Papa Haydn.” He was an innovative composer, becoming known as both the “Father of the string quartet,” and “Father of the Symphony” due to his development of these musical forms. He was a contemporary of and mentor to both Beethoven and Mozart, although his remote location away from the center of musical life at the time, Vienna, did not allow him as much time with them as he wished.

Haydn visited England in 1791-1792 and again in 1794-1795 and during these visits he was able to hear the oratorios of George Frideric Handel, who had pioneered the form. An oratorio costs much less to stage than an opera, but the music is just as grand. Haydn was inspired to find a suitable libretto for his own foray into a large oratorio composition, and worked with librettist Baron Gottfried van Swieten to incorporate passages from Genesis, Psalms, and Milton’s *Paradise Lost*. Debuting in 1798, *The Creation* was written and performed from the beginning in both German and English. The version we are featuring today is a 1992 rendition in English by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Robert Shaw.