

# OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

September 18, 2022



## ***SILENT MEDITATION***

*Whatever controls us is our Lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by the people he or she wants to please. We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our lives.*

*Rebecca Pippert, in Timothy Keller, **Counterfeit Gods**, p. xxiii*

## **PLAYING OF THE CHIMES**

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

#### **WELCOME**

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

*based on 1 Timothy 2: 1-7*

**L:** We are here to make supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings for everyone.

**C:** **This is right in the sight of God, our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

**L:** There is one God; there is also one Mediator between God and humankind:

**C:** **Christ Jesus, Himself human, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.**

**ALL:** **Let us worship our God, who calls, who saves, who loves. Praise the Lord!**

##### **\*HYMN: 756      O God of Every Nation**

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

##### **CONFESSION**

*Bruce Gillette and Carol Winfrey Gillette*

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters". Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**Lord, give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the**

**people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Silent confession\*\*\*\*\***

*The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy (James 3: 17). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live.*

**Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy. Thanks be to God!**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OT READING**

Amos 8: 4-7(P. 812; p. 816)

**ANTHEM**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 16: 1-13 (P.75; p. 921)

L: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Doubling Down

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the**

**children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to  
repent and believe the gospel. 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 LORDS PRAYER**

### **MINUTE FROM SESSION**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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

**\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN: 331              God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

### **CHARGE**

### **BLESSING**

### **POSTLUDE**



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.”

**LITURGIST – Bob Wolf**

**SCRIPTURE READER** – Elaine Wolf

**GREETERS** – Ed Hiner & Ellen Neumann

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** - Donated by Marti Sommer for the gift of her children.

### **Prayer List**

John Burris	Tracy Higdon	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson	Keith Peoples
Danna Henderson	The Family of Dave Kratch	Dick Regester
Charlotte Wheatley	Rene Heller	Alex Rhodes
The Family of Terry Parmelee	Jeff Neihammer	Ron Steen
The Family of Peggy Wivel	The Family of Carole Trent	Tracey Yeager
Jimmy Mootz	Dr. Stephen Steurer & Family	Robert Poetsch
Mike Muschiatti	The Family of Janice Parris	Pat Robinson
Robert Miller	Debi Babcock	Ted Zellers
Mike Lord		

*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, Sue Sigvardson at 302-858-1238 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.

## **Announcements 9/18/2022**

### **This Week**

- **OVPC Celebrates Kathy Rhodes** - Please join OVPC in celebrating Kathy Rhodes for her many years of service as the Music Director for our congregation. We are holding a dinner on Friday, September 23 at 6:00 PM in Memorial Hall to honor Kathy. The church is providing turkey, ham, salad and dessert. Please bring a complimentary side dish to help complete the meal. We hope you can join us to celebrate Kathy Rhodes and wish her well as she begins her retirement and new adventures.
- Columbarium Service Only – Dini Romito 9/24/2022.
- **Christian Education begins its Fall Season today.** Join the CE class today after worship in Fellowship Centre for a class led by Sharon Moore. Sharon is a Presbyterian singer-storyteller here in Delaware who will both teach us and entertain us. Plus....she is a friend of Marlene Quinn!!

Sharon explains her presentation in this way: *"I'm a third-generation storyteller immersed in the word. My influencers were two grandfather ministers, a mother who read to her children daily, and a dad who told tall tales. Singing and music are my muse, and my vehicle for healing. The gift of music and story was passed on to me." She calls both her book and her presentation, "Journey of a Sharecropper's Granddaughter". Come ready to be immersed in story, song, and delight.*

- **Diane Brown Vacation** – I will be on vacation from 9/26 – 9/30/2022. So, please send any information to be included in bulletins for the weeks of 9/25 and 10/2 by 11:00 am on Monday, 9/19/2022. Thank you.

- **Newsletter Reminder** – Deadline for October Newsletter is Tuesday, September 20.

### **Future Events**

- The Worship Committee is asking for volunteers to consider chairing or co-chairing the Nativity Festival for this year. We have scheduled the date for Saturday, December 10. Please contact Jane Bonbright, Eric Neumann, Jen Read or Kathy Sheetz if you are interested in this position.
- **Labyrinth Focus Group** - Our Labyrinth is complete, and we think it is beautiful. Now we need the important finishing touches to make certain it is aesthetically pleasing, welcoming, safe, and conducive to meditation and contemplation.  
The Labyrinth Committee is seeking input from the church and the community on these topics.  
Please come and share your ideas at one or both of our one-hour focus groups being held in Memorial Hall at OVPC. The first is on Monday, September 19, at 10 am. The second is on Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm.
- **World Communion Sunday** - We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 2, 2022. Please help us decorate our Sanctuary by displaying your fabrics from around the world. If you have something to share, please bring it to the OVPC office by Wednesday, September 28. Thank you from the Worship Committee.

### **Ongoing Events**

- While masking is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to mask. Social distancing is no longer required, please respect those who wish to continue to distance. For those who wish to continue to wear masks, OVPC will continue to supply them if needed. These changes have been made in response to the relaxation of restrictions by the state of Delaware, the drop in the Sussex County infection rate and the installation of the 2 REME Halo air purifiers in the Sanctuary.
- **Monthly Work Day:** The monthly work day for 2022 is the **second Saturday of the month.**

- **Blessing Bags:** Drop off needed items in Narthex of Memorial Hall (lists available there). See Marie Waehler for additional information.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Greeters needed for Sunday worship** – If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **OVPC Security Volunteers Needed** - not gender specific, 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. Diane, our church Administrative Assistant issues an email every other month requesting people to sign up for a week of doing security. Once signed up you can check the church calendar, on the church's website at [OVPC.org](http://OVPC.org) to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to get your name on the email scheduling list.
- **Sharing Pantry:** We need help to stock the pantry. OVPC encourages you to drop off needed items during office hours. Contact Ellen Neumann for information.

**We're looking for food donations on the following schedule:**

- **Week 1** – Cereal / cans of fruit / fruit cups
- **Week 2** – Canned Tuna, Chicken, Ham / chunky soup
- **Week 3** – Peanut butter / jelly
- **Week 4** – Pasta sauce / Mac & Cheese cups / pasta noodles

**Please place donations in the basket in the sanctuary or the container by the office.**

**No time to shop - \$\$ DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Make checks payable to OVPC & write "Sharing Pantry" in the memo line. Thank You!!**



**Looking Ahead** – The Lectionary for Sunday September 25, 2022 is:

- Luke 16: 19-31
- Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
- Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

**New Initiatives**

**Deacon's Mission for September: Selbyville Middle School -** Many of the families whose children attend this school also have kids in Clayton or Showell Elementary and Indian River High School. They continue to struggle with meeting monthly bills, as well as being able to put food on the table. Many children are on the free school meals programs, but that doesn't help feed kids or their families over the weekends. We can help these children and their families get caught up before the holiday season begins. Just put Selbyville MS in the memo line of your check and feed hungry tummies! For further information, contact Gloria Bartholomew.

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### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person for this week is **Bob Wolf**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 18</b> Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) CE – 10:30 – 12:00 (FC)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 19</b> Labyrinth Focus Group – 10:00 – 11:30 am (MH) CE Mtg. – 5:00 – 6:30 pm (FC)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 20</b> Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC) & 6:00 – 8:00 pm (S)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 21</b> Worship Com. 1:30 – 3:00 pm (FC)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 22</b> A Quiet Place 6:00 – 6:30 pm (S) Labyrinth Focus Group – 7:00 – 8:30 pm (MH)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 23</b> Kathy Rhodes Retirement Celebration – 6:00 – 9:00 pm (MH)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 24</b>