

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

September 29, 2024

Season of Creation - Ocean



Jesus's earthly ministry – this eternal Summer of walking the Galilean hills and valleys, was not really a “foretaste”, as the theologians say, of Jesus's glorious post -Second Coming new earth. This was the genuine article: a small-scale working model of the Kingdom in action.

Christopher Hill

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY SEPT 29	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed Class – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
MONDAY SEPT 30	Deacon's Mtg. – 2:00 – 4:00 pm (FC)
TUESDAY Oct 1	Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC) Seaside Serenity 6:45 – 8:00 pm (FC)
WEDNESDAY Oct 2	AARP Choir – 10:00 – 12:00 (FC) Nativity Festival Comm. – 2:00 – 4:00 pm (FC) Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 (S)
THURSDAY Oct 3	Shuffles Bridge – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (FC) AA Young – 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
FRIDAY Oct 4	AA Serenity Group 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (FC)
SATURDAY Oct 5	Yoga – 8:15 am – 9:45 am (FC) Nar. Anonymous – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (FC)
SUNDAY Oct 6	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed Classes – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SILENT MEDITATION:

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC /PRELUDE: Claude Debussy, “La Mer - Jeux de Vagues” (“The Ocean - Play of the Waves”), Maestro Seiji Ozawa and L’Orchestre National de France

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Common Grace

L: Living God, breath of all who breathe, shelter of all who sleep, nourishment of all who eat, destination of all who move:

C: All your critters praise you; with bellow and buzz, croak and chirp, howl and hoot, squeak and song and silence.

ALL: Teach us to join the choir, to take our place amidst the living world as co-worshippers, sharing the many good gifts you provide for all who reside in this common home.

L: Spirit of life, you who fills this world with wondrous abundance, provoke our curiosity. May we notice the systems and stories that nurture life, and gain insight into those that crush it.

C: Open us to new ideas and transformative possibilities, for our status quo is stifling, and deadly. You who draws near to all who suffer, nurture our kindness. May we awaken to the myriad neighbors who may not look like us, but whose lives are entwined with ours. Connect us across false divisions, and loosen illusory connections.

ALL: You who empowers all who seek justice, ignite our courage to persevere in what is good. Fill us, in our worship, with your Spirit, reminding us how glorious it is to be in and for you! AMEN.

HYMN: 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION

Creator of the cosmos, you have filled this good earth with complex wonders, abundant beauty, resilient interdependencies: and you invite us to share this abode with all your guests; bandicoots and banksias, bacteria and blue whales, and the billions of creatures just like us (*Common Grace, Dr. Byron Smith*). Friends, for all the times this has been hard, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

But we have abused your divine hospitality. We've made a mess of the place. We've kicked out other residents, and falsely claimed ownership for ourselves. We grieve the coral bleached white, the forests burned black, the dwindling glaciers, the silenced birdsong, the oceans emptying of fish and filling with plastic. Forgive us our habitual greed, our stunted empathy. Our careful ignorance. Forgive our complicity in systems built on lies, that extract too much and funnel wealth into the pockets of too few.

Silent Confession

Friends, God fills our lungs with the fresh wind, the holy breath, of the life-giving Spirit, that we may walk together in the true and living way of Jesus, who guides all creatures to home. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

In this great hope, let us share the peace Christ offers! The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

CENTERING MUSIC: 623 I've Got Peace Like a River

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OT READING Job 38: 1-18 (P. 468; p. 475)

PSALM READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26 (P. 532; p. 538)

ANTHEM: **Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 5: 1- 11(First Nations Version)

¹As Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was teaching at Lake of Chief Garden (Gennesaret), a great number of people pressed in close to hear him speak the words of the Great Spirit. ²He was standing on the shore and saw two fishing canoes, but the fishermen had left their canoes and were washing their nets. ³He climbed into the canoe belonging

to One Who Hears (Simon) and asked him to push out a little from the shore. He then sat in the canoe and taught the large gathering of people. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to One Who Hears (Simon), “Push out farther into the deep water and throw in your nets for a catch”. ⁵“Wisdomkeeper,” he answered, “we have been fishing all night and caught nothing, but because it is you who ask, I will do it.” ⁶They threw the net out into the water. Before they knew what was happening, the net became heavy. They struggled with the weight of it and began to pull it in. But the net was so full of fish it began to tear.

⁷They called out to the other canoe for help. The men came and began to pull in the nets. Fish of every size poured into the two canoes until they were so full they began to sink.

⁸⁻¹⁰When One Who Hears (Simon), along with his fishing partners – He Takes Over (James) and He Shows Goodwill (John), the sons of Gift of Creator (Zebedee)-saw what happened, they were filled with wonder and awe at the great catch of fish. One Who Hears (Simon) fell to his knees in front of Creator Sets Free (Jesus). “Wisdomkeeper!” he groaned. “Go away from me! For I am a bad-hearted and unholy man.” “Do not fear!” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) told him. “From now on your nets will catch two-leggeds.” ¹¹When they returned to the shore, they left everything and began to walk the road with him.

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

SERMON: The Springs of the Sea, to Its Darkest Shadow

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Our Song of Hope; Opening

Declaration

We sing to our Lord a new song; we sing in our world a sure hope: our God loves this world, God called it into being, God renews it through Jesus Christ, God governs it by the Spirit. God is the world's true hope.

Come, Lord Jesus: we are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God, all your works are wonderful. The earth and the oceans are yours. You made them with your hands, and filled them with life both big and small. The oceans tell of your glory, and we are amazed by the beauty you have placed in them. You asked us to look after the oceans, yet instead of encouraging them to teem with life as you intend, we abuse them with waste, and misuse them with overfishing. In our pursuit of progress, we sometimes forget the wisdom of nature. Grant us the wisdom to understand the delicate balance of ecosystems. Help us make choices that honor the intricate web of life you have created. May we learn from the harmony of the natural world to act with integrity and

respect. Give us the wisdom to be wise stewards of all your creation, we pray in Jesus' name; AMEN.

THE LORDS PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Shout to the Lord

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

***DEDICATION**

HYMN: 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CHARGE *John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth, p. 20*

May the deep blessings of the earth be with us. May the fathomless soundings of the sea surge in our soul. May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths, to open us to wonder, to strengthen us for love, to humble us with gratitude: that we may find ourselves in one another, that we may lose ourselves in gladness, that we may give ourselves to peace. AMEN.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Oceans

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“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 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: Bev Bailey

SCRIPTURE READER: Alicia Tamilio

GREETERS: Randy & Gloria Bartholomew

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – donated by Al & Alicia Tamilio – To the glory of God and celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Announcements 9/29/2024

This Week

- **Christian Education Schedule for Sept.** – 10:45 am Fellowship Center:
 - 9/29 - Delaware Center for the Inland Bays--Lisa Swanger, Director of Outreach and Education will tell us about the center and discuss the importance of our watershed and estuaries
- OVPC Choir rehearsal has resumed and will continue weekly on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** 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) or text (443-405-5799). Looking forward to a great year of making music together!

Future Events

- **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

New Initiatives

- **Season of Creation** - OVPC will observe the Season of Creation from September 1st through October 6th. Each week will be thematic, matching the Year B lectionary of Season of Creation, with 2 Sundays chosen by Terry.
 - 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.
- **OVPC's ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** - As has been OVPC's tradition for a number of years, we are again asking the congregation and friends to contribute meditations to help guide us in the celebration of Advent. Please let your meditation reflect your own thinking, struggling, and experiences with God's promises in Christ. You can choose from one of these areas to write about:

- First, as you probably remember, are the weekly Advent themes that celebrate each Sunday during the season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.
- Second, each day of the week lists passages from the Daily Lectionary (in the Book of Common Worship or Revised Common Lectionary--each listing four Scriptures).
- *And new this year*, you can write about your ★ *Star Word* as it relates to the readings for the day you selected or season.

Sign up with Gloria Bartholomew asap (as the “first come first chosen dates” rule applies). All are **due by Sunday, November 3rd**, so we have time to get the book published.

- **Deacons’ October Mission – Peace and Global Witness**

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that supports the church’s efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. Funds from this offering enable the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice locally and across the world. Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace *is* possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. Twenty-five percent of this offering will stay with our church to promote peace through our own ministries, and 25% is retained by our presbytery for peace and justice ministries in our region. The remaining 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support peacemaking efforts around the globe. For more information please visit our home page (ovpc.org) to view an enlightening video about this mission. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Ongoing Events

- To work in Frankford Thrift Shop, contact Elaine Wolf.
- **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? Email the office at 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 the office at office@ovpc.org.

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