

**OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970**

**November 27, 2022**



***SILENT MEDITATION***

*In God's truth I tell you, the hour is coming and is now, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear shall live. For just as the father has life in Himself, so He has given life to the Son, too, to have it in Himself. And He has given Him the power of judgment, because He is the son of man. Do not be surprised that the hour is coming when those in their tombs shall hear His voice and shall come on out; those who did good shall rise to life, those who did evil shall rise to judgment.*

*(John 5: 25-29)*

# PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

### WELCOME

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – Kathy Sheetz & Marti Sommer

As people of faith, on this first Sunday of Advent, we turn in faith to God and to god's promise to establish peace and justice on the earth. Hear this prophecy from Isaiah 2: 4-5:

*For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

#### ***Light first candle***

The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light! Rom. 13: 12

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

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**C: Our feet are standing within your gates, O God!**

L: Pray for the peace of God's home.

**C: May all prosper who love God!**

*Please face your neighbor as we say;*

**ALL: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you". For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good!**

**\*HYMN: 105 People, Look East**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**CONFESSION**

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved, but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love, but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. Forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. AMEN.**

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

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin, and newness of life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve!**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us exchange glad signs of Christ's peace!

**CENTERING MUSIC:**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OT READING**

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (P. 600; p. 604)

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 24: 36-44 (P. 26; p. 876)

L: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Ready! ...or Not...

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Psalm 46*

**God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the god of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations God has brought on the face of the earth. God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; God breaks the bow and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. 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**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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

### **\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN: 86** The People Who Walked in Darkness

### **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** – Marlene Quinn

**SCRIPTURE READER** – Susan Baer

**GREETERS** – Eric & Ellen Neumann

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** - Donated by Dave Sergison in memory of his parents – Elsie & Clifford.

## Prayer List

John Burriss	Tracy Higdon	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson	Keith Peoples
Danna Henderson	The Family of Dave Kratch	Dick Register
Charlotte Wheatley	Rene Heller	Alex Rhodes
The Family of Terry Parmelee	Jeff Neihammer	Robert Poetsch
Robert Miller	Mike Lord	Karen Berrie
The Family of Janice Parris	Dr. Stephen Steurer & Family	Family of Brooks Goldman
Pat Robinson	Ted Zellars	Ruth Schafer

*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 11/27/2022

### This Week

- **Christmas Decorations** - The Worship Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary and Memorial Hall for the Christmas season on Tuesday, November 29 at 12:00 Noon. All volunteers are welcome!

- **Christmas Dinner** - Please join OVPC for our annual Potluck Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm in Memorial Hall. The AARP Choir will perform. Bring a dish to share as we welcome in the Christmas Season!
- **Christmas Poinsettia Order Form for 2023** is available in the Sanctuary. Order and payment is due December 11, 2022.

### Future Events

- **Advent Candle Lighting** – The Worship Committee would like to schedule family volunteers for Advent lighting this year. Families can include married couples or visiting relatives. If you are interested, please see Pastor Terry.
- **Alternative Christmas Gift Market** – December 4 and 11, 10:30 in Fellowship Center. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin.

### Ongoing Events

- **2023 OVPC Flower Chart** – Most dates are available for the 2023 Flower Chart. If you are looking to purchase flowers for a special celebration or memorial, please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to reserve your date. The cost is still \$25.00.
- 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:** School is back in session! The Blessing Bags bin will be outside the church office door, next to the Sharing Cupboard bin, between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Thursday when the church office is open. The list of needed

donations can be found on the OVPC website home page (click on the link provided) as well as inside the Blessing Bags bin. Your generosity for our Selbyville Middle School students is greatly appreciated. For more information or to arrange pick up of donations, please call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258.

- **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 or call Pam Dougherty. 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.

**Looking Ahead** – The Lectionary for Sunday December 4, 2022 is:

- Isaiah 11: 1-10
- Matt. 3: 1-12

## **New Initiatives**

**Deacon's Mission for December** is Christmas Joy.

As **James** puts it, **“Every generous act of giving ... is from above.”**

This year's 4<sup>th</sup> and last PCUSA offering from Deacons is December's Christmas Joy. Your Joy offering opens educational doors of opportunity for the young leaders of tomorrow and supports our Presbyterian folks, ordained or otherwise, who served faithfully beyond their active service and into retirement. Some of our students are “hanging on by a thread” at increasing school



costs. And, some of our church leaders are struggling with unexpected bills from medical and home issues. In 2021 OVPC raised just over \$1,400 and it is my prayer that we can top this year's giving. Let's you and I put some of our own Joy in their lives by giving today! For more information contact Gloria Bartholomew.

**Advent times of Prayer – “Souls Matter”**

**“I can find nothing with which to compare the great beauty of a soul and its great capacity. In fact, however acute our intellects may be, they will no more be able to attain to a comprehension of this than to an understanding of God;”**

*From: “The Interior Castle” by Saint Teresa of Avila*

**This Advent season let's consider the beauty of our souls!**

We welcome every member and guest to join us. We will pray for concerns of our church family and personally consider the coming of the Christ child.

Thursdays – December 1, 8, 15 & 22 – 6:00 pm to 6:20 pm  
Sharing and praying in our OVPC Sanctuary

Come for one, come for all.

(Contact Bill Colwill for any questions – 717 870 5186)

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**Alternative  
Christmas Gift Market**

**Purchase donation cards to give  
as Christmas gifts**

**Minimum Donation per card-\$20.00**

**SIX CHARITIES PARTICIPATING**

**The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll,  
Partner in Mission**

**Redemption City**

**Food Bank of Delaware**

**Rwanda Joy**

**La Esperanza**

**Syrian Livelihood Revival Project**

**Ocean View Presbyterian  
Church**

**Sundays, December 4 and 11, 10:30-  
12 noon**

**Fellowship Center**

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**THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR**

Church Security person for this week is Jim Hartsig

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 27</b> Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 28</b> Missions Comm. Mtg. 7 pm – 8:30 pm (FC)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 29</b> Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC) & 6:00 – 8:00 pm (S)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 30</b> Cemetery Comm. Mtg. 4 pm – 5 pm (FC) Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (S)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 1</b> Advent Time of Prayer 6 pm – 6:30 pm (S) Finance Comm. Mtg. 7 pm – 10 pm (MH)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 2</b> Prep for Christmas Dinner 9 am – 6 pm (MH) Christmas Dinner 6 pm – 9 pm (MH)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 4</b> Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Advent Lights (FC) Time tentative