

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SILENT MEDITATION

We watch, we wait, we dream, we pray...for the earth to renew, for our hearts to soften, for your grace to cover us, for your justice to pour out, for time and space to listen, for courage to act... Rev. Deborah Vaughn

Christianity is one long promise that stretches through the ages.

Christians are those who wait for that long promise to be kept.

Rich Lambert

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Good and upright is the Lord;

C: therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right,

C: and teaches the humble His way.

L: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C: for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

ALL: Heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of God will stand unshaken. Let us worship God!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kris and Glen Taylor

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have , in the promise of the Lord's coming.

For the Lord will fulfill His promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

***HYMN - 88:**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom
captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray; Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

****Please stand in body or in spirit***

CONFESSION

Testify with honesty the condition of your souls; the Lord's grace will save you in your time of trial. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Lord have mercy on us; we are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord; show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. AMEN.

May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in love for one another and for all. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33: 14-16

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21: 25-36

L: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Don't Worry; Be Righteous!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We long for that day when Jesus will return triumphant, when the dead will be raised and all people will stand before His judgment. We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior. Our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present His people to God. With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment, for then we will see the Lord face to face. He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish, who made us a kingdom and priests. God will be all in all, and righteousness and peace will flourish. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus! AMEN.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

THE LORDS PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY – 606:** **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN – 94:** **Now the Heavens Start to Whisper**
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Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is
growing thin. Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within: seed of promise, deeply
planted, child to spring from Jesse’s stem! Like the soil
beneath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.

CHARGE

BLESSING

Now, friends, I entrust you to God, and to the message of God’s grace; a message that is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance with all who are sanctified. Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you, this day and every day. Amen.

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.”

****Please stand in body or in spirit***

LITURGIST – Marti Sommer

SCRIPTURE READER – Amy Peoples

GREETER – George Price and Elaine Wolf

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Dick and Amy Peoples in memory of their parents – Ed and Peg Porter; Ed and Ruth Peoples.

Prayer List

John Burris
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their
children, and mother Nohad
John Doherty
Danna Henderson
Sally Mason

Judy McFadden
Charlotte Wheatley

Tracy Higdon
Elaine Jackson
Dave Kratch
Laurie Linard
Tom Murray

Jeff Niehammer
Dottie Nicholson
Ainslie & Keith Peoples
Dick Regester
Alex Rhodes
Ron Steen

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 Stephen Ministers are available if you are feeling especially distressed during this time, or facing a challenge that just seems to be too much to handle alone. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.

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.

Bulletin Announcements 11/28/2021

This Week

- Tuesday Bible Studies: 10 AM, Fellowship Center; 6 PM, Sanctuary then Memorial Narthex
- Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Memorial Hall.

Future Events

- **Advent Times of Prayer – “Faith”** - Thursdays - December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd - 6:00 to 6:20 pm. Sharing and praying in our OVPC Sanctuary.
Mark 5
34 - He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”
Advent Times of Prayer provide a unique opportunity to engage with the Advent season: to embrace the concerns of our church family while providing a space for each of us to listen for God’s guidance. Please join us. (Bill Colwill for any questions – 717 870 5186)
- **Alternative Gift market:** Give a loved one the gift of a charitable donation in their name! December 5, 11 and 12, Fellowship Center. See Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, Jen Read or Sue Baer.

- **Nativity Festival:** Our Annual OVPC Nativity Festival is being held on Saturday, December 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM in Memorial Hall. We are inviting each family to display up to three crèches this year. If you would like to display your crèche(s), please get the written description of your crèche to Jen Read or Pam Price no later than Wednesday, December 1 by 7 PM.
All crèches will need to arrive in Memorial Hall from 7 PM – 9 PM on Thursday, December 9 or from 10 AM - 2 PM on Friday, December 10. We apologize that a previous notice asked for the crèches to be delivered before 7 PM on December 9. Additionally, crèches will also need to be removed immediately after the festival on Saturday, December 11 to allow for worship on Sunday morning. Please contact Jen Read at 512-750-0517 or Pam Price at 717-503-5385 if you have any questions. Thank you!
- **Monthly Work Day Changes:** The Monthly Work Day has been the first Saturday of the month for 2021. Starting in December 2021 and continuing through all of 2022, it will be the **second Saturday of the month**. December 2021 Work Day will be December 11 from 8:30 am – 10 am. This conflicts with the Nativity Festival, but will be addressed in December Newsletter.

Ongoing Events

- **Sharing Pantry:** Women’s Circle encourages you to drop off needed items during office hours. Contact Ellen Neumann for information
- **Blessing Bags:** Drop off needed items in Narthex of Memorial Hall (lists available there). See Marie Waehler for additional information.
- **Deacons’ Mission for December:** The Christmas Joy Offering
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Mask Requirements:** Mask must be worn during worship and all congregate sessions on our campus.

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday December 5, 2021 is:

- Mal. 3:1-4
- Luke 3: 1-6

New Initiatives:

OVPC Annual Christmas Mission The Way Home

The Way Home meets individuals who are part of the reentry program at the prison gate and the office door to provide connections with community, meet needs, and foster relationships that prevent return to prison. Each Christmas season, OVPC collects items to support the Way Home. The Way Home is an organization based in Georgetown, Delaware, serving people recently released from Sussex Correctional Institute.

This year, due to space limitations and specific needs, The Way Home has requested the following items:

- Men’s boxer briefs and T-shirts - size XL and larger
- Royal Farms or Wawa gift cards
- Monetary donations are welcomed. Please make checks out to The Way Home

Gift cards and monetary donations can be placed in the Wishing Well located in the foyer of Memorial Hall or dropped off in the OVPC office during office hours. Other items can be placed in the Blessings Bin next to the Wishing Well.

Donations are due by Monday, December 13, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ellen Neumann at 302-537-1347.

Thank you for your continuing support of this mission.

Selbyville Middle School's Needs for December

The staff at SMS will put together Christmas care packages for students. They are concerned about the students being out of school for two weeks; many of them do not get enough to eat at home.

The following items are requested to add to the Christmas packages and if you shop at BJ's you can buy them in bulk much cheaper than at local grocery stores:

- Oodles of Noodles or Cup of Noodles
- Peanut-butter-to-go Cups
- Cereal and Cereal Bars
- Individual macaroni and cheese cups
- Lance crackers
- Go-Go Squeeze fruit on the go
- Combs and brushes
- Christmas candies and candy canes
- Feminine hygiene products (small pads and tampons)

Also needed are fun items such as: scrunches, makeup bags, card games, puzzle books, candy canes and stickers.

Thank you for considering the needs of these children. All items can be placed in the Blessings Bin in Memorial Hall or call Marie and she'll gladly pick them up from your home.

If you need additional information, please call Marie Waehler at 302-541-5002.

LA ESPERANZA NEEDS SOME MUSCLE!

After listening to Jennifer Fuqua's presentation regarding the needs of La Esperanza, Jen Read and I, Marie Waehler, signed up to volunteer as needed.

Our first assignment was to show up at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings behind Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach, where their walk-in refrigerator-freezer is located, to load our vehicle with donated food to drive to La Esperanza on Race Street in Georgetown, where they sort and distribute the food to those in need.

We met with a La Esperanza staff member at Epworth who brought their van; the amount of food filled both my car and their van. Jen and I knew that this task was beyond our limitations; the boxes are huge and are too heavy for us to lift without physical repercussions. We did have help unloading the food when we arrived in Georgetown.

So, we are asking for volunteers with muscle to roll up their sleeves and take on this much needed task for La Esperanza. We are happy to answer any questions you may have before agreeing to tackle this job.

Thank you for your consideration.

DECEMBER MINUTE FOR MISSION – The Christmas Joy Offering

Proverbs 18:16 A person's gift makes room for him and brings him before great people.

The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the young leaders of our tomorrow who are shaped and supported through our gifts today. These open doors will lead to hopeful futures for young men and women at Presbyterian related schools and colleges. Our gifts, also, open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help Presbyterian related schools and colleges equip multi-national communities in preparing young people to become leaders in the church and the world. Many schools and colleges are committed to fostering academic excellence, to providing opportunities for diverse populations, and to maintaining a strong tradition of preparing students for leadership and service. The generous people who give to Christmas Joy provide scholarships and opportunity for children to continue their education in the United States. Many students espouse what a life changing and transformative experience this was for them. Through this offering every student selected receives the gift of hope and of reaching his or her full potential.

With our gifts to Christmas Joy, hope turns into dreams, dreams turn into reality and the sky is the limit for these kids.

PC (USA) recognized, long ago, the need to support those folks who served faithfully, ordained or otherwise, beyond their active service and into retirement. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering gives hope to individuals through its Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. This program allows for an income supplement to be given to an individual or family to help alleviate their financial burden. Many such folks extoll the benefits of this offering but have reluctance to accept its gift themselves. They have preached of its worthiness, greatness and its ability to transform lives in others; but never thought, one day, they might be the one in need of such a gift. Being able to accept such a joyous gift, has brought the essential peace of mind deserving to our faith leaders.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this December, let us also rejoice in celebration of all God's children. Please give generously. When we all do a little, it can add up to a lot.

**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

OVPC Labyrinth Project

Food Bank of Delaware

Rwanda Joy

La Esperanza

Syrian Livelihood Revival Project

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

Scriptures for Sunday November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Luke 21: 25-36

²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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