

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

May 21, 2023



SILENT MEDITATION

Nothing is sweeter than love; nothing more courageous; nothing fuller, nor better, in heaven and earth; because love is born of God, and cannot rest but in God, above all that is created. Lord God, let me love You more than myself, and not love myself but for you; in you let me love all who truly love you, as the law of love commands, which shines out from you. Amen.

Thomas a Kempis

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Shout to the rooftops! Our Lord Jesus is seated at God's right hand!

C: The same Christ who was given by God to help us learn how to live together, and love each other, is now seated with God!

L: Don't stand staring into heaven! Christ's Spirit is with us, in us, and through us!

C: We rejoice! It is not time to mourn! We will praise God with our whole lives and spirits!

ALL: In song and in praise, let us worship our God together!

***HYMN: 662 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION

God of three persons, entwined, at one with yourself, creating, befriending, sustaining – we praise you. God of invitation, drawing us to yourself, letting us taste your unity and your understanding of life, we praise you. God of glory, whose ways soar beyond our understanding, pushing at our boundaries, expanding the horizons that limit our sense of who we are and who we might be, we praise you.

Seeking this unity, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Jesus prayed, “that they may all be one”. We confess that we, your people, are far from being one. We have competed when we should have been cooperating. We have divided, and fought over points of doctrine. We have insisted that everyone in the church should share our key beliefs. We have failed to love one another in the way that you have loved us. We have squabbled when we should have been serving. We have failed to be your effective witnesses because of our divisions. Forgive us, and help us become one. Help us, we pray, to be people of love who embody your love, justice, mercy and compassion. Help us, we pray, to work with our fellow Christians to serve your world. Grant unity and reconcile your church so that it may shine the light of Christ into the darkness of the world. AMEN.

*******Silent Confession*******

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming and sustaining us. Through Christ, gracious love is poured into us; through the Spirit peace becomes the gift we can share. In Jesus Christ, through the Spirit, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

May the peace of Christ dwell with you!

And also with you!

Let us exchange glad signs of Christ’s peace.

CENTERING MUSIC: 468 In My Life (Lord Be Glorified)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn selected for Centering Music.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NT READING Acts 1: 6-14 (P. 112; p. 956)

PSALM READING Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 (P. 509; p. 515)

ANTHEM: **His Eye is On the Sparrow**

GOSPEL LESSON John 17: 1-11 (P. 106; p. 951)

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

SERMON At One; At Peace

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Larger Catechism, Q & A 55*

How does Christ make intercession?

Christ makes intercession by His appearing in our nature continually before God in heaven, in the merit of His obedience and sacrifice on earth; declaring His will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them; and procuring for them quiet of conscience, not withstanding daily failings; access with boldness to the throne of grace; and acceptance of their persons and services.

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

THE LORDS PRAYER

MINUTE FROM SESSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN: 265 Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun**

CHARGE

Our time of worship is at a close.

Our time of service is just beginning.

In all you do and all you say, show the love of God.

God strengthening us, we go to serve God.

God be with you til we meet again!

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Mighty to Save

We kindly request the congregation remain seated and quiet during the 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 – Jake Stavinga

SCRIPTURE READER – Amy Peoples

GREETERS – Marlene Quinn & Ellen Neumann

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Donated by Bob Wolf in honor of Elaine Wolf's birthday.

Prayer List

John Burris	Alex Rhodes	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson Ruth Schafer	Peggy Schaffer George Price
Charlotte Wheatley	Family of Dick Regester	Robert Poetsch
Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Jeff Neihammer	Family of Brooks Goldman
The Family of Janice Parris	Dr. Stephen Steurer & Family	Karen Berrie
Pat Robinson	Ray Turner	Elsie Young

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 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 5/21/2023

This Week

- **The Cemetery Committee** invites you to a Stroll in celebration of our newly restored, historic cemetery. The Stroll will begin after worship services today. Refreshments will be served on the porch between Fellowship Center and Memorial Hall.
Our stroll will be led by Barbara Slavin, President of the Ocean View Historical Society. Mrs. Slavin will lead us on a tour and a scavenger hunt of historic tombstones and well-

known residents of the Ocean View Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Please plan to join us for this unique event.

- **Vacation – Diane Brown – 5/22 – 5/26**

Future Events

Save the Date - returning after 3 years!

DEACON DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OVPC Memorial Hall



The Ocean View Presbyterian Deacons want to thank you for your support of the church's monthly Missions!
Main dishes and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish to share.

2023 Deacon Missions

Time and Talent

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Program

One Great Hour of Sharing

Crisis House

Pentecost Special Offering

La Esperanza

Operation Seas the Day

Pyle Center Emergency Fund

Selbyville Middle School

Peacemaking & Global Witness

Southern Delaware Education Foundation

Christmas Joy Offering

Ongoing Events

- Weekly Work Day, Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am. To work in Grounds, contact Ray Keller; Buildings, Don Bailey; Cemetery, Mike Read and Frankford Thrift Shop, 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. 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 to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at office@ovpc.org to get your name on the email scheduling list.
 - 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!

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday May 28, 2023 is:

- Numbers 11: 24-30
- 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
- Acts 2: 1-21

New Initiatives

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Pentecost **CHILDREN AT RISK * YOUTH * YOUNG ADULTS** **OVPC Deacon Monthly Mission - May 2023**

The Pentecost Special Offering is the second of the four **Special Offerings** from Presbyterian Church (USA). The Deacons are supporting this Special Offering for May 2023. This special offering supports young people in Christ, with prayers that the opportunities from these offerings will inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

40% of the Pentecost Special Offering is kept by Ocean View Presbyterian to support a local program or organization that serves at-risk children and their families: the Deacons prayed and discussed and have agreed to donate the 40% of the Pentecost Special Offering to Read a Loud - Sussex County.



In addition to your 40% donation supporting our local community's children, your gift will keep on giving with: **25% going toward Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries), 25% Serving Communities (Youth Adult Volunteers), 10% Child Advocacy.** Each of these programs supports youth ministries, training and equipping volunteers to engage in missions at 13 sites in the United States, and provides the program: "Educate a Child, Transform the World."

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Pentecost offering. Envelopes are available and if you write a check, please write Pentecost on the memo line.

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THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: Ollie Robling

SUNDAY	May 21 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Cemetery Committee – in the Cemetery 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
MONDAY	May 22 Mission Comm. Mtg. – 7 – 9:00 pm (FC)
TUESDAY	May 23 Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 (FC) & 6:00 – 8:00 pm (S)
WEDNESDAY	May 24 ESL Classes – 4:30 – 5:30 pm (FC) Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 pm (S)
THURSDAY	May 25 A Quiet Place -6:00 – 6:30 pm (S)
FRIDAY	May 26
SATURDAY	May 27 Weekly Work Day – 9:30 – 11:30 am
SUNDAY	May 28 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)