

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
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Parables 2



SILENT MEDITATION

Why are you so hasty, the Lord Jesus says, you servants full of zeal? You see tares amongst the wheat, evil amongst the good, and you wish to root up the evil ones. Be quiet; it is not the time of the harvest. That time will come – may it only find you wheat! Why do you vex yourselves? Why bear impatiently the mixture of the evil with the good? In the field they may be with you; they will not be in the barn.

Augustine; Sermon 23

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God of heaven, Sower of good seed;

C: God of the growing, Sower of good seed;

L: God of the harvest, Sower of good seed;

C: God of us all, strong and weak, faithful and doubtful, gather us in.

ALL: We come to worship you, our Gardener and our Lord!

***HYMN: 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION

Friends, we look around at the wonder of creation, and it is easy to sing songs of praise. But then we look again, at how people treat each other, and, if we are honest, how we have treated others, and it is easy to despair, to wonder where God is, and how we, and the world, will ever be well. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Patient Lord, it is easy for us to focus on all that is wrong. We spend our time and energy in anger, and in sorrow, leaving aside the possibilities of hope, and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions producing growth, community, love and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*******Silent confession*******

God's seeds of love have already been sown in our midst. Taste and see the love of God, poured out in abundance for us. We are God's beloved children; come, let us live in the light of God!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven; thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC: 471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (Instrumental)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Wisdom of Solomon 12: 12-18 (P. 650; p. 653)

PSALM READING Psalm 139: 1-12, 19-24 (P. 507; p. 514)

ANTHEM:

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13: 24-32, 36-43 (P. 13; p. 864)

L: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

SERMON

Seeming, and Being

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ, and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. 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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY: 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN: 771**

What Is the World Like

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 – Mike Read

SCRIPTURE READER – Amy Peoples

GREETER – Gloria & Randy Bartholomew

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - Donated by Don & Bev Bailey to celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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	The Family of Laurie Linard	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

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 7/24/2022

This Week

- **Heavenly Luncheon** – July 27, 2022, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please contact Liz Hobler at 302-402-6768 or the church office if you would like to help.
- **OVPC Quarterly Financial Report** – Below is the year-to-date income and expenses for OVPC. Contact Bob Clark if you have any comments or questions.

Income	\$111,884
Salaries and expenses paid	\$105,894
Deficit or Surplus	\$ 5,990
Money on Hand	\$ 30,523

Future Events

- **Labyrinth Groundbreaking Festivities** – Sunday, July 31, 2022. Come to the Breezeway for refreshments after the worship service. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be at 11:00 am. Find a seat facing the lot across the street. Celebrate this new adventure with OVPC.

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.**
- **Sharing Pantry:** OVPC 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.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday July 31, 2022 is:

- Matthew 13: 33, 44-52
- 1 Kings 3: 5-12
- Psalm 119: 129-136

New Initiatives

- **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 Sharing Pantry Needs You!!**

We need your help to stock the pantry!

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!!

- **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 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.
- **Deacon's Mission for July: Operation Seas the Day** - This will be the 5th annual Warrior Beach Week that is sponsored in Bethany Beach (and surrounding areas) to show appreciation for our veterans and their families. They have given their minds and bodies when called to support freedom. And now we as "one nation under God" have a wonderful chance to honor their sacrifice by giving back. Even though September 6 thru 11 is the actual date, preparations are underway to organize the many activities and services needed to make their stay a heroes' WELCOME. Please give generously through OVPC with Seas the Day in the check memo line. And if you'd like to volunteer or be "in the know" about their plans, please visit operationseastheday.org or contact Charlie O'Neil directly.

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**Invites you to the
Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the church's new**

LABYRINTH

**Sunday, July 31
11: 00 am**

**Refreshments in the Breezeway
At 10:45**

For parking, please enter Church Street from Central Avenue
Parking attendants will guide you

