

**OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970**  
**January 10, 2021**



*SILENT MEDITATION*

*Leave the desert; that is to say, sin. Cross the Jordan. Hasten toward life according to Christ, toward the earth which bears the fruits of joy, where run, according to the promise, streams of milk and honey. Overthrow Jericho, the old dwelling place; do not leave it fortified. All these things are a figure (typos) of ourselves. All are prefigurations of realities which now are made manifest.*

*Gregory of Nyssa*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Church of Scotland*

L: God of light, light of light, true God of true God;

**C: We bless you!**

L: God of new beginnings, hope of hope, as we reach for this new year;

**C: We bless you!**

God of joy, delight of delight, as we give thanks for all that is good;

**C: We bless you!**

**ALL: For the promise of a new start, a new year, a new day, for these gifts and so much more, we thank you, and we come to worship you!**

### REFLECTION ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY

God of life, You commanded us to be the caretakers of your creation.

**Instead, because of our self-centeredness, we have exploited and destroyed it. Lord, forgive us.**

God of justice, you commanded us to care for the life of your creatures.

**Instead, because of our greed, we accumulate resources for our own benefit and perpetuate the ecological debts in the world. Lord, forgive us.**

God, the bread of life, you commanded us to feed the hungry and gave us sufficient food for every creature.

**Instead, because of our gluttony, we forget the needs of others, take more than we need, and waste the food. Lord, forgive us.**

God of compassion, you commanded us to love each other as you love us.

**Instead, we foster unsustainable consumption and deny others the means to live in fullness of life. Lord, forgive us.**

Lord, you are the God that is: your Word creates, your voice thunders, your Spirit rolls.

**Even now, in this time of separation and even of isolation, you tear open the heavens to reveal your beloved Son, who forgives, redeems and sanctifies us in our baptism by your Holy Spirit. Help us, through Him, to obey all you have told us, to care for creation, to follow faithfully. Save us even from the sins we hide. Show us what you are doing now!**

Friends, through the power of Jesus' faithfulness we are forgiven, redeemed and loved!

**Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER RESPONSE # 451

**Open My Eyes, That I May See** (*Verse 2*)

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1: 1-5

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11

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

SERMON

Beneath An Open Sky

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*Friends, God calls us to wash in the river of healing, to become new. Let us be the people God has always called us to be. Once, at a font like this one, you were washed, whether as a child, a teen, or an adult. Today, though we can't be together, in spirit and in conscience we can call up that day, and the many other times we have been glad witnesses to baptism, and remember. Take what water you have, dip your finger, and cross yourself. Here is a way:*

*When you touch your forehead, remember you are to love God with your mind.*

*When you touch your heart, remember you are to love God, heart and soul.*

*When you touch your shoulders, remember you are to love God with your strength, in service.*

*When you go back to your heart, remember you are to love God by loving your neighbor.*

*Remembering, let us affirm our faith:*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks. I believe in Jesus Christ, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan. I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, who inspired Him with such love as the world has not seen before or since. I believe that all those who are baptized into Christ shall share His Spirit, His mission and His ultimate victory over sin and death. I believe there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, nor weakness that cannot be used, by Christ to the praise of God. I believe that this believing is a gift from God, for the building up of the church and for humble service in the world. I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, a recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supercedes all my efforts to be true. With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by God's grace I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. AMEN.**

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY # 708

**We Give Thee but Thine Own** (*Verse 1*)

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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DEDICATION

CHARGE

BLESSING

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. If you need to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and make sure we know.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

**LITURGIST** – The elder leading the service today is Ollie Robling.

**SCRIPTURE READER** today is Pam Price.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given by Karen & Bill Colwill celebrating their daughter Jessie's birthday.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Please join us today ***Sunday January 10th***, for our virtual Coffee Hour Zoom.

Meeting ID: **82622196711**; Pass Code: **250790**; Elaine Smith Moderator; Women's' Circle. Bring your favorite beverage, wear your favorite slippers, and socialize informally with good friends!

**There will be preservice music beginning at 9:20 for the live streaming service.**

**This will continue until we are back together again.**

**The service will begin at 9:30 as usual.**

**PRAYER LIST**  
**January 10, 2021**

Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their  
children, and mother Nohad  
John Doherty  
Alex Rhodes  
Ainslie & Keith Peoples  
Brian DeFazio  
Angie Ritter  
Emma Meadows  
Sue Dick  
Lynn Palombini

Laurie Linard  
Joni & Ray Keller  
Ray Keller, Jr.  
Tom Murray  
Dick Regester  
Donna Stitz  
Evy Symer  
Ann Logan  
Cara

Charlie O'Neill and Family  
Elaine Jackson  
Dottie Nicholson  
Kasey  
Charles Berry  
Tracy Higdon  
Dave Sergison  
John Burris  
Peterson Family  
Henifin Family

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](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to update the prayer list! Thank you!

- Our **Stephen Ministers** have continued their bi-monthly ministry meetings. If any of you are feeling especially distressed during this time, one of our Stephen Ministers can meet with you via phone or via video. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.
- **Per Capita:** The per-capita amount for 2021 remains unchanged at \$29.80 per member and is split between:

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	1.15
General Assembly	8.98
New Castle Presbytery	<u>19.67</u>
	\$ 29.80

- Your OVPC Offering Envelopes are available. Please call the office for pickup.
- 'These Days' Jan/Feb/Mar 2021 edition is now available please call the office for your copy.

**Sharing Pantry**

**Please help our Sharing Pantry with continued success!**

**Items in need:**

**Individual Applesauce Cups**  
**Individual Pudding Packs**  
**Canned Vegetables**  
**Stovetop Stuffing**  
**Canned Chicken and Ham**

**All items can be dropped off in Memorial Hallway Monday 9am - Thursday 12pm  
or please call the church office for arrangements.**

**Thank you for all your support!**



# MINUTE FOR MISSION – JANUARY 2021

## SURVEY OF TIME AND TALENTS

Each January the monthly mission is the “Survey of Time and Talents”. What is this survey and what is it used for? The form lists many of the activities and committees at OVPC. You are asked to carefully review the items listed and mark those you would be interested in helping with or serving on, you are also welcome to write-in items not listed on the form. This survey is an excellent way to indicate your interests and willingness to serve; to indicate your experience and strengths. This information is summarized and is used by committee heads, the church office, and the nominating committee. Thirty-nine percent (39%) of the congregation completed and returned the survey in 2020, I hope we can increase this number to fifty percent (50%) in 2021.

Copies of the survey will be included in the bulletin during the month of January and will be available in the church office and black mailbox. Please complete the survey and return to the church office. If you have questions, please contact a deacon. If you are able to attach your survey to an email, please send to [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org).

Thank you,

The Board of Deacons

### OVPC - 2021 Survey of Time and Talents

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ I am willing to be contacted about serving in the following areas:

#### **CARING**

- ☐ Deacon Board
- ☐ Food Bank Assistance
- ☐ Home Meals
- ☐ Home Visitation
- ☐ Hospital Visitation
- ☐ Hosting Coffee Hour
- ☐ OVPC Mission Committee
- ☐ Prayer Chain Ministry
- ☐ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ☐ Securing Church Property
- ☐ Stephen Ministry
- ☐ Women's Circle
- ☐ Kitchen Ministry/Pathways
- ☐ Sharing Pantry

- ☐ Greeter / Usher
- ☐ Healing Service Assistance
- ☐ Reading Scripture
- ☐ Singing in Choir
- ☐ Solo Singing/Playing
- ☐ Worship Committee
- ☐ Participate in a Lay Service
- ☐ Christian Education
- ☐ Communications/Tech
- ☐ Facilities Committee
- ☐ Fall Jumble Volunteer
- ☐ Heavenly Luncheon Vol
- ☐ MHDC Home Repair
- ☐ Ministerium

#### **GROWING**

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Buildings Committee
- ☐ Finance Committee
- ☐ Grounds Committee
- ☐ Officer Nominating
- ☐ Personnel Committee
- ☐ Session
- ☐ Nativity Festival Volunteer
- ☐ Office Work Volunteer
- ☐ Sharing Craft / Hobby
- ☐ Teaching ESL
- ☐ Visitor Contact / Follow-up
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **WORSHIP**

- ☐ Changing Banners
- ☐ Crafting Banners / Artwork
- ☐ Giving Children's Talk

#### **REACHING OUT**

- ☐ Cemetery Committee

#### **OTHER**

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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January 4, 2021

Dear Ocean View Presbyterian,

The faculty, staff, and students at Lord Baltimore truly appreciate the time and money donated to gifts for the four families this year! Your secret Santa shopping brought holiday cheer to our families in need. Some of our families have had it harder this year, but are doing their absolute best to keep positive attitudes and open minds. Wonderful surprises like your donation gifts made their holidays brighter.

During these uncertain times of constant change and inconsistencies, one thing is certain-the love and generosity of people like you in our community remain consistent.

The gifts you purchased for each family went to those who could not be more deserving of the gifts going under their tree! Your thoughtfulness and generosity made this possible and will bring much joy this holiday season to two boys who were likely not to receive any gifts this year. They have been in contact with me, some in tears, for how grateful they are!

Thank you very much. We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!  
Sincerely,

Stefanie McElhinny  
School Counselor

## Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

### Genesis 1:1-5

**1** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

**2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

**3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

**4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

**5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### Mark 1:4-11

**11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the  
**4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

**6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

**7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

**8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

**10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



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