

**OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970**  
**January 24, 2021**



*SILENT MEDITATION*

*What makes the present situation truly distinctive and threatening is that the idolatrous structures can so exercise their control, reinforced by the powers of the electronic media, that people are increasingly incapable of experiencing the “natural” world in ways that would expose as empty idolatry’s claim to absolute control.*

*The pretense of idolatry to give life or identity or worth apart from God is always a lie. The pretense that this world is all there is does not lead to greater independence and freedom, but to even greater degrees of dependence and slavery. And has the earth ever seen humans so dependent and needy and addicted as those now inhabiting contemporary Westernized countries?*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 62, adapted*

L: For God alone our souls wait, in silence; for our hope is from God.

**C: God, only God, is our Rock, our Salvation, our Fortress, our Safety.**

**ALL: We shall not be shaken.**

L: Trust in God at all times, pour out your hearts to God, because God is our Refuge.

**C: The poor and the marginalized are light as a feather. The rich are kidding themselves. We, all of us, are short-lived as a breath before God.**

**ALL: We set our hopes on nothing but God, who is the power and who judges. Let us worship God, our Rock and our Redeemer! AMEN.**

### REFLECTION ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY

God, your Word comes to us and calls us to do justice and to love mercy. We are afraid. We are filled with resentments; we are frozen by our past.

**Set us free, O God, from fear and paralysis. In this time of separation, and even of isolation, widen our vision of who is yours, of who you love, of who and what your will surely will restore.**

Take away our fear of sharing, of opening our doors. Take away our hesitation, to open our hearts to your searching – and our own.

**Strengthen us, Holy One, to go where you send us, to carry your vision and your very good news. Fill us with your Spirit, fill us with your purpose, fill us with your love; make us new for the sake of our world, which is in need.**

Friends, the One who calls us reconciles us by grace, accepting our repentance and reclaiming our hearts for the Kingdom!

**Thanks be to God, in Christ!**

### PRAYER RESPONSE

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### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3: 1-10

### PSALM READING

Psalm 62:5-12

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20

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

### SERMON

Called Beyond Ourselves

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you. 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

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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 Mike Read.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** are brought to us today by Voices of the Word.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS ....**

are given by Kathy and Herb Sheetz in celebration of their granddaughter Lucy's birthday!

**Until we are back together again..**

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

The service will begin at 9:30 as usual.

**Looking ahead: Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1:21-28

## **Christian Education today Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> - 'A Conversation on Racism'**

Continuing our discussions about racism in our society, we will be joined by Marlene Saunders and Don Peterson - two individuals who are active in the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice (SDARJ). Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.  
Meeting ID: 820 0674 9853 Passcode: 829360

### **Fellowship Hour**

Please join us every second Sunday of the Month 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!

### **Annual Congregation Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

The Annual congregation meeting to review 2020 reports and finances will be held after service at 10:30am on Zoom. Please check back for Zoom call in information.

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 needed:

- 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!

**Prayer List**  
**January 24, 2021**

Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their children, and mother Nohad	Laurie Linard	Charlie O'Neill and Family
John Doherty	Joni & Ray Keller	Elaine Jackson
Alex Rhodes	Ray Keller, Jr.	Dottie Nicholson
Ainslie & Keith Peoples	Tom Murray	Kasey
Brian DeFazio	Dick Regester	Charles Berry
Angie Ritter	The Family of Donna Stitz	Tracy Higdon
Emma Meadows	Evy Symer	Dave Sergison
Sue Dick	Ann Logan	John Burris
Lynn Palombini	Cara	Peterson Family
	Henifin Family	David & Teresa Jednorski

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

# 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**

- |                                                 |                                                       |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Board           | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter / Usher              | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Assistance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Service Assistance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Tech   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Meals             | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Scripture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Committee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing in Choir             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Jumble Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Singing/Playing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavenly Luncheon Vol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Coffee Hour    | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Committee            | <input type="checkbox"/> MHDC Home Repair      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OVPC Mission Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a Lay Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerium           |

- Prayer Chain Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Securing Church Property
- Stephen Ministry
- Women’s Circle
- Kitchen Ministry/Pathways
- Sharing Pantry

**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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- \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>

### Jonah 3 1:10

**1** The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,

**2** "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

**3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

**4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

**5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

**6** When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

**7** Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

**8** Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands.

**9** Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

**10** When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### Psalm 62:5-12

**5** For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**6** He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

**7** On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**8** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. (Selah)

**9** Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**10** Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**11** Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, **12** and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

### Mark 1:14-20

**14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

**15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**16** As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

**17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

**18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

**19** As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

**20** Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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