

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City

"The Son of Man Revealed"



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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

"God Will Take Care of You"

(Martin/Hughes)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 2:10-13

Elder Joe Laielli

Leader: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

People: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Leader: Serve the Lord with fear,

People: and rejoice with trembling.

Leader: Kiss the Son,

People: lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

Leader: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

People: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Hymn No. 29

"O Worship the King"

(LYONS)

*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9

Saranna Bert

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you are the true messiah, King of heaven and of the earth. You call us to follow you to the cross. And yet, we have chosen the easier way. We serve you with our words, but not our actions. Forgive us. Put your Spirit within us that we might see the truth of your Word. Save us from our idols that we might serve you with our whole heart. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

In a word or phrase, you may share a confession to God quietly.

Assurance of God's Pardon - 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg W. 40 Q 105-107

Minute for Missions

Sharon Griffith
Christmas Store, New City Fellowship

Tithes and Offerings

“Tell the World That Jesus Loves You”

(Card/Scruggs)

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

*Songs of Worship

“Indescribable”

(Story/Reeves)

“Here I Am to Worship”

(Hughes)

(At this time, children may leave to attend Children’s Church led by Cherie Arias)

Sermon

Pastor Luke Bert

Mark 8:22-30 | The Son of Man Proclaimed

*Hymn No. 499

“Lord, I was Blind”

(O WALY WALY)

vs. 1,3

*Hymn No. 498

“I Love to Tell the Story”

(HANKEY)

v. 1

*Hymn No. 733

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”

(MESSAGE)

vs. 1,3

We Leave to Serve in God’s World

*Benediction

Postlude

“Psalm of Glory”

(Smith)

*Congregation will please rise

Note: Please take this bulletin home with you. Please do not leave it in the pew.

After worship service, there will be Church Elders available to pray for you and with you in the Narthex

HEIDELBERG W. 40 Q 105-107

Q&A 105

Q. What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

(Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:17-18; Matt. 5:21-22; 26:52; Prov. 25:21-22; Matt. 18:35; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:26; Matt. 4:7; 26:52; Rom. 13:11-14; Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14; Rom. 13:4)

Q&A 106

Q. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

(Prov. 14:30; Rom. 1:29; 12:19; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 2:9-11; 1 John 3:15)

Q&A 107

Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

(Matt. 7:12; 22:39; Rom. 12:10; Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:36; Rom. 12:10, 18; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:8; Ex. 23:4-5; Matt. 5:44-45; Rom. 12:20-21 (Prov. 25:21-22))

TITHES & OFFERINGS | “TELL THE WORLD THAT JESUS LOVES YOU”

**Tell the world that Jesus loves you
Tell them you've found a forever Friend
You've opened up your heart's door to Him
The love of Jesus has no end**

You can choose what not to believe in
You can deny there's a heaven above
But once you take a look at Jesus
There's no denying that God is love

Chorus

If you want to show you really love Him
If you want to prove that your love is real
Then you'll obey the Word
He's spoken and do all the things
He's commanded you to

Chorus

SERMON | MARK 8:22-30

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Dinners - October 14th @ 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Meal: Potluck

Lesson: How to Share Jesus with Atheists
\$10/individual & \$20/Family

Next Sunday morning - The Lord's Supper

The session encourages all baptized believers to prepare their hearts to participate in the Lord's Table. Please read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. Examine yourself as to your relationship with the Lord and those in your life. If there is sin that needs to be confessed, forsaken, and restitution needed, then do so, so that the celebration of the table may be a blessing to the whole body of Christ. Two other verses to think about have to do with dealing with broken fellowship with God and others so God hears us and so we can participate in worship, see Psalm 66:18 and Matthew 5:23-24. Despite our failures, the table is a means of grace, so let us prepare to fellowship with God and one another.

Membership Classes are during Sunday School at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

Would you like to learn more about FPC's beliefs, practices, and stories? Whether you are new to First Pres, a regular attender, or already a member, you are welcome.

The Daughters of the King Bible Study meets the **second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm** in the meeting room next to the church parking lot.

We are currently studying the Book of Esther.

Membership & Evangelism Committee Meeting Oct 19th at 6:30pm in the room off the parking lot door. All are welcome.

Celebrate the 130th Anniversary of First Pres! Join us October 25th after communion in Fellowship Hall for lunch and donuts!

True Woman 201 - Now through November 17th

Tuesdays from 10:00am - 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the classroom off of the parking lot

Next Week's Sermon: Psalm 100 | The Chief end of Man

Did you know we have fresh coffee downstairs in fellowship hall?

Join us before and/or after service for a fresh cup of coffee and fellowship to connect with your Pastor, elders, new and old friends!

Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 2:30pm in the classroom near the parking lot entrance. Join us as we pray for our church among other needs. All are welcome.

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First Pres Digital Directory

Please send horizontal family picture, selfie, high quality photo to Bre -
hello@firstpresocnj.net

If you have not updated your contacts please do so!

Reformation Harvest Party October 30th

The harvest party is back from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

This year, we will focus on First Pres fellowship. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors! If you would like to donate candy there is a drop off box in the narthex. If you would like to donate hot dogs, or supplies for s'mores, please let Kim Murphy know.

New for Youth! We now have fidget toys available downstairs by the kids table in the entrance. Kids can take one for service and put them in the used box below to be cleaned.

Children's Church (4 - 10 years old) is after Praise and Worship.

Please contact Connie Young for more details!

Childcare is provided during the 10:30am Sunday Church Service.

There is a fully stocked and staffed nursery downstairs for newborn - 3 years old.

In the nursery this week: Rebekah Bert

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children and adults meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
Contact: Kevin Olandt | All are welcome and child care can be provided! Coffee also included!

Adult Sunday School

- New Member Class
 - Starting October 11th

Pre K - 12th Grade

- Fall Session
 - One Story

K - 2nd: Mrs. Laielli

3rd - 6th: Mrs. Olandt

7th+: Mrs. Young

Church App!

Have you downloaded our church app yet?

Scan the QR code off the poster board in the Narthex to download.

- Go to your Google or Apple App Store
- Search "First Presbyterian Church OCNJ"
- The image on the app is the PCA logo
- Download
- Create Account
- Here you will be able to watch sermons, make prayer requests, connect, read the bible and have access to online giving.



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WELCOME

Our vision is to see our Church and our communities delighting in God, passionately following Jesus, and loving all people.

Welcome Visitors!

Glad you could join us. Please fill out the CONNECT CARDS located in the pews. We want to connect with you, pray with you, and welcome you to church.

Please place them in the offering plate or in the basket in the Narthex. If you are visiting please ask one of the ushers for a first-time visitor's packet.

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First Pres Business Cards are in the Narthex, please take some and hand them out to invite family, friends and others to join us in fellowship here at First Pres!

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Greeters: Kate Gillet & Carol Evans

Ushers: Frank Gillet, Shane Gillet, Bob Krayner, Jack Shea, Gregg Matis

Bulletin Announcements, Prayer Requests & Newsletter Please be sure to email all bulletin announcements, newsletter articles, and updates to Breanna at hello@firstpresocnj.net



First Presbyterian is a biblical, confessional, and Reformed congregation of the PCA, committed to the Good News of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible (the Word of God). We are called to glorify the Triune God and enjoy Him forever.