First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City

"The Son of Man Revealed"



November 8, 2026

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Welcome and Announcements — Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude — "To God Be the Glory" — (Crouch/arr. Smith)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 29:7-11

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
Leader: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
People: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
Leader: and strips the forests bare,
People: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
People: the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!
People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Hymn No. 419 — "God of Our Fathers" — (NATIONAL HYMN)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading - Exodus 24:1-18 — Kristen Ali

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to your people. You spoke by your servants Moses and Elijah. Now, you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ, the King of your kingdom. Yet, we have not served you as our king. We have turned from your glory and forgotten your promises. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see Jesus. Give us ears that will hear his words, so that your kingdom may be established in us. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of God's Pardon - John 1:14,16

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Week 42: Questions 110-111

Tithes and Offerings "Faith to Carry On" (Besig/Price)

*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 "King of Kings" (Ligertwood/Ingram)

"What A Beautiful Name" (Fielding/Ligertwood)

"Shout to the Lord" (Zschech)

(At this time, children may leave to attend Children's Church led by Robin Donlevy)

Sermon Pastor Luke Bert

Mark 9:1-13 | The Son of Man Revealed

*Hymn No. 451 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (ARISE)

We Leave to Serve in God's World

*Benediction

Postlude "Praise Everlasting" (Paxton)

*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 WEEK 42: QUESTIONS 110-111

Q&A 110
Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?
A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.
(Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10; Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6; Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35; Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5; Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13)

Q&A 111
Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?
A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.
(Isa. 58:5-10; Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:28)

TITHES & OFFERINGS | "FAITH TO CARRY ON"

At the break of day
As I waken and pray
I can feel that God is near
Guiding all I do ever faithful and true
I will never need to fear
Though I may not understand
All the things that God has planned
In my heart I know I am not alone
God will give me strength to carry on

Though I never know
What the future may hold
Or the trials I may face
I can ease my mind
In the promise of God's grace
When there's sadness in my heart
And my life seems torn apart
I will find a way to rejoice each day
God will give me hope to carry on

When the storms of life surround you
You will feel God's arms around you
Bringing comfort where there's sorrow
Giving hope to face tomorrow

At the break of day
As you waken and pray
Always know that God is near
Guiding all you do ever faithful and true
You will never need to fear
Let each moment that you live
Be a chance to love and give
If you always start with a joyful heart
God will give you strength
God will give you hope
God will give you faith to carry on

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SERMON | MARK 9:1-13

The Transfiguration

1 And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste
death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high
mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became
radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good
that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6
For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” 8 And suddenly,
looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had
seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. 11 And they asked him, “Why do the
scribes say that first Elijah must come?” 12 And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to
restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things
and be treated with contempt? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him
whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

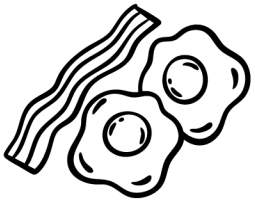
Next Week's Sermon:
Mark 9:14-29
The Son of Man in Power

Wednesday Night Dinner!
November 4th - $10/individual & $20/Family
Meal: TBD
Lesson: How to Share Jesus with Former Christians

Winter Greeters Needed!
Please contact Cherie Arias if interested.

Children are a gift from God! We celebrate the birth of Isla Newsome. Born, November 3, 2026. Daughter of Andrew and Chrissy. Granddaughter of David and Lisa Newsome.

Newsletter Deadline! Please have all details for the December - February edition of the newsletter to Breanna by Wednesday, November 18th!



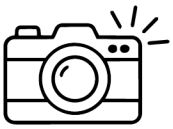
Men's Breakfast - November 28th from 8:00am - 10:00am!
First Pres Church officers invite all men to the men's breakfast on Saturday November 28th for breakfast and book study.
The book study is on "What is Reformed Theology" - Please contact Joe Laielli if you will be joining or if you have any questions!

FPC Ladies

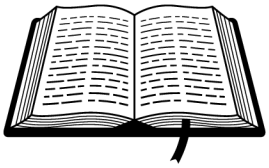
Daughters of the King
Mon. November 9th @ 4:00pm
Parking lot classroom
Book of Esther, Lesson 5
Days 1, 2, 3, on pages 91-102.

Salem Bible Study
Tues. November 10th @ 1:00pm
Parking lot classroom
We will study the Parable of the Ten Virgins

True Woman 201
Tues. @ 10:30am in Fellowship Hall
Wed. @ 4:30pm in Parking lot room



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Please send horizontal family picture, selfie, high quality photo to Bre - hello@firstpresocnj.net
If you have not updated your contacts please do so!



Are you interested in being a scripture reader?
Please contact Pastor Luke if interested and for more information!

Membership Classes

Happening 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
For info please contact: Eileen Kilpatrick

New for Youth! Fidget toys and children's bulletins are available downstairs by the kids table in the entrance. Please take one toy for service and return it to the used box downstairs 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: Sydney Halliday

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
  - All are welcome!

Pre K - 12th Grade
- Fall Session
  - One Story

K - 2nd: Mrs. Laielli
3rd - 6th: Mrs. Olandt
7th+: Mrs. Young



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

PCA

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.