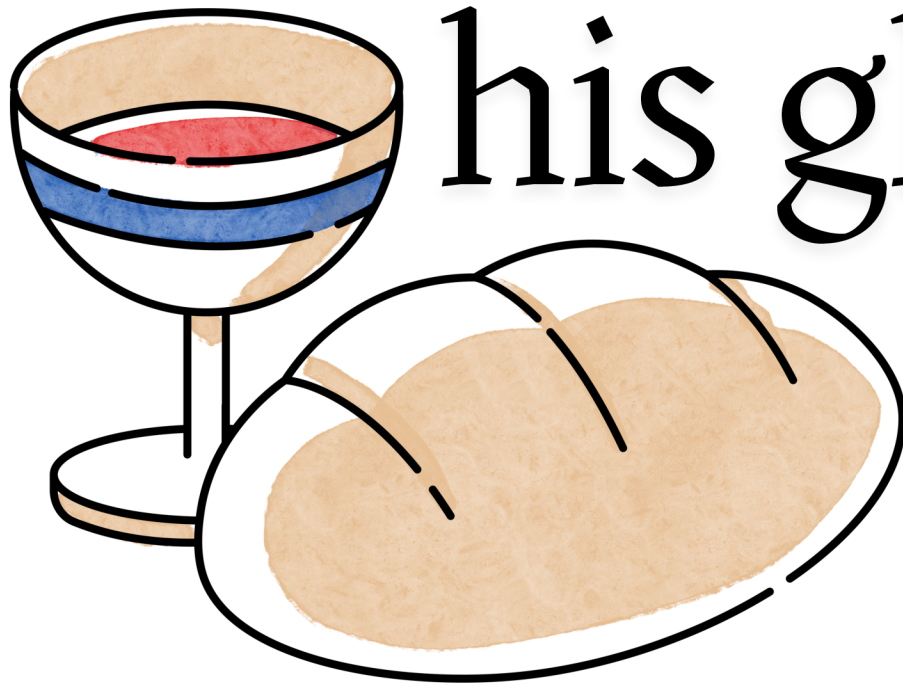


First Presbyterian
Church of Ocean City

“Declare
his glory”



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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

"If I Stand By God"

(J.S. Bach/arr. Blake)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-3

Elder Kim Murphy

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great King above all gods.

*Hymn No. 96

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

(JOYFUL SONG)

*Prayer of Invocation

Elder Joe Laielli

Song Declaring God's Salvation - The Lord is My Salvation

(Getty/Nockles/Myrin)

Please follow along on the screen for lyrics

Declaration of Praise - Isaiah 12:1-2

Elder Joe Laielli

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation."

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings "In Remembrance" (Red/Courtney/arr. Fettke)

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Elder Joe Laielli

**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.**

Scripture Reading - Romans 12:1-12 Toni Esposito

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Luke Bert

*Songs of Worship Creation Sings the Father's Song (Getty/Townend)

How Great Is Our God (Tomlin/Reeves/Cash)

Majesty (Loeve / Christian Life Center)

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

Sermon Pastor Luke Bert

Psalm 96 - A New Song

*Hymn No. 802 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (HOLY MANNA)

We Are Invited to the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements until instructed to partake, all communion bread is gluten-free.

*The Lord's Prayer Elder Kim Murphy

We Leave to Serve in God's World

*Benediction Pastor Luke Bert

Postlude "His Majesty" (Blake)

*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

Sermon | Psalm 96

1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
13 before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. [ESV]

Tithes and Offerings | "In Remembrance"

Verse 1

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done

Verse 2

In remembrance of Me heal the sick
In remembrance of Me feed the poor
In remembrance of Me open the door
And let your brother in let Him in

Bridge

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is My body
And precious blood shed for you shed for you

Verse 3

In remembrance of Me search for truth
In remembrance of Me always love
In remembrance of Me don't look above
But in your heart
Look in your heart for God
Do this in remembrance of Me

Buryl Red, Ragan Courtney
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Day of Prayer

First Presbyterian and Ocean City Tabernacle come together for The National Day of Prayer on May 7th. Join us at The Tabernacle at 6:00pm as we pray for our city and nation.
www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Missions Committee

Meeting Monday April 27th at 7:00pm in the classroom off the parking lot door. Steve and Maggie Carr will be presenting their upcoming ministry to Romania.

FPC Ladies

Daughters of the King
Mon. May 11th @ 7:00pm

Salem Bible Study
Tues. May 12th @ 1:00pm
(Last meeting until September)

Did you know we have fresh coffee downstairs in the welcome center off the parking lot entrance?

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!

After Worship Refreshments are back!

Join us TODAY in fellowship hall for after worship refreshments. Sign ups are on the app and downstairs on the bulletin board.

Small Groups Are Back!

Starting again April 12th - May 23rd. If you would like to join or change your small groups; contact your leader. If you would like to host a new small group, see Pastor Luke!

Next Week's Sermon:

Micah 7:1-7 | The Harvest

June / July / August Newsletter

Please have all articles and announcements to Breanna by Friday, May 15th

Men's Bible Study

will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall



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.

Church App!

Have you downloaded our church app yet?

- 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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YOUTH

Tuesday, April 28 - Service Project

6:30pm - 8:00pm | All are welcome | Meet in Church Kitchen
Make Sandwiches for homeless in Philadelphia and deliver to EHT
WAWA or Ice Cream stop, cost is on your own

Wednesday, May 6 - Lounge Study & Games | 6:00pm

High School - Church Lounge | Grades 4-8 - Church Youth Room

Wednesday, May 13 - Shuffle Board & Ice Cream

6:00pm - 8:00pm | All are welcome | Meet at Church

Wednesday, May 27 - VBS Art Night

6:00pm - 8:00pm | All are welcome | Fellowship Hall
Drawing, painting, puppets and constructing! Wear your painting clothes!



Vacation Bible School

Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

Monday through Friday August 3rd - 7th, 2026

9:00am - 12:15pm | Ages 4 - 6th Grade

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year,
please contact Connie Young or Gretchen Murphy!

Volunteers Needed – Children’s Ministry

We’re looking for volunteers to serve in Sunday School, Children’s Church, and the Nursery. Whether you can help weekly, monthly, or as a substitute, your time can make a lasting difference in the lives of our children.

For more information or to get involved, please contact
Connie Young or Kristen Ali.

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving!

New for Youth!

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

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

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

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

Please contact Connie Young for more details!

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 for the first time, please ask one of the ushers for a **first-time visitor's packet**.



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!

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!

Adult Sunday School

- Verse by verse Bible Study
 - Ezra–Nehemiah

Pre K - 12th Grade

- Spring Session
 - The Gospel Project - The Son Has Come!

Contact Us:

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Secretary: Breanna Young - Hello@firstpresocnj.net

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Greeters: Annette Bennett & Peg Davis

Ushers: Carol Evans, Frank Gillet, Shane Gillet, Bob Krayner, Gregg Matis, Jane Shea

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

June / July / August Newsletter: Please have all articles and announcements to Breanna by 5/15



First Presbyterian is a biblical, confessional, 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.