

First Presbyterian
Church of Ocean City



“The Gospel
according to
Micah”

May 10, 2026

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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

“A Mother's Love”

(Denton)

Responsive Call to Worship - Exodus 15:1-2,11

Elder Kim Murphy

Leader: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

People: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song,

People: and he has become my salvation;

Leader: this is my God, and I will praise him,

People: my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**People: Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?**

Special Music

“The Horse and Rider”

First Pres Youth

*Hymn No. 30

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”

(FILLMORE)

*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Tom Martinson

Scripture Reading - John 10:1-18

Phyllis Martinson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Elder Tom Martinson

Savior God. You are the good shepherd. You say that we should know your voice. We should trust you for our salvation. And yet, we have focused more on our efforts than on your grace. We have not spent time listening to your voice in your word. Set our eyes on Jesus, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification. Give us the knowledge of salvation that is found only in your word. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of God's Pardon - John 6:47 Elder Tom Martinson
Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg W. 26 Q 69-71 Elder Tom Martinson

Tithes and Offerings "Rise and Call Her Blessed" (Choplin)

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Elder Tom Martinson
**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 Pastor Luke Bert

*Songs of Worship "How Majestic Is Your Name" (Smith)
"Great Is The Lord" (Smith)
"The Lord Is My Salvation" (Getty/Nockles/Myrin)

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

Sermon Pastor Luke Bert
Micah 7:8-20 | Who is Like God?

*Hymn No. 50 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (MIT FREUDEN ZART)

We Leave to Serve in God's World

*Benediction Pastor Luke Bert

Postlude "Recessionale" (Wesley/arr. Broughton)

*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. 26 Q 69-71

Q & A 69

Q. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

(Acts 2:38; Matt. 3:11; Rom. 6:3-10; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Q & A 70

Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

(Zech. 13:1; Eph. 1:7-8; Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 1:5; Ezek. 36:25-27; John 3:5-8; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11-12)

Q & A 71

Q. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism "the water of rebirth" and the washing away of sins.

(Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Tit. 3:5; Acts 22:16)

Tithes and Offerings | "Rise Up and Call Her Blessed"

Her words are good and kind, she feeds the heart and mind
as she lives to share God's wisdom with her young.
To teach them what to do, what is good and true,
she is faithful to her work that's never done.

Rise up and call her blessed, rise up and show your love.
Give thanks to the mother, give thanks to God above.
Through the years, through the tears,
as she offers them her best,
the children of a faithful mother are blessed.

More precious than a pearl, her life will bless the world
as she cares for her children day by day.
Though her days of work are long, by the Lord,
she is made strong as she lives to raise a family of faith.

Chorus
Rise up and show your love.

SERMON | MICAH 7:8-20

⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the Lord will be a light to me.
⁹ I will bear the indignation of the Lord
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me out to the light;
I shall look upon his vindication.
¹⁰ Then my enemy will see,
and shame will cover her who said to me,
“Where is the Lord your God?”
My eyes will look upon her;
now she will be trampled down
like the mire of the streets.
¹¹ A day for the building of your walls!
In that day the boundary shall be far extended.
¹² In that day they will come to you,
from Assyria and the cities of Egypt,
and from Egypt to the River,
from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.
¹³ But the earth will be desolate
because of its inhabitants,
for the fruit of their deeds.
¹⁴ Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your inheritance,
who dwell alone in a forest
in the midst of a garden land;
let them graze in Bashan and Gilead
as in the days of old.

¹⁵ As in the days when you came out of the land of
Egypt,
I will show them marvelous things.
¹⁶ The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their
might;
they shall lay their hands on their mouths;
their ears shall be deaf;
¹⁷ they shall lick the dust like a serpent,
like the crawling things of the earth;
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds;
they shall turn in dread to the Lord our God,
and they shall be in fear of you.
¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

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!

June / July / August Newsletter

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

FPC Ladies

Daughters of the King

Mon. May 11th @ 7:00pm

Salem Bible Study

Tues. May 12th @ 1:00pm

(Last meeting until September)



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!

Membership and Evangelism Committee

Meeting Monday May 18th at 6:30pm in the room off the parking lot door. New members welcome!

Next Week's Sermon:

The Gospel According to Micah

After Worship Refreshments are back!

Join us every month after communion Sunday in Fellowship Hall for after worship refreshments. Sign ups are on the app and downstairs on the bulletin board.

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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ANNOUCEMENTS

Wednesday, May 13 - Shuffle Board & Ice Cream
6:00pm - 8:00pm | All are welcome | Meet at Church



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!

Wednesday, May 27 - VBS Art Night

6:00pm - 8:00pm | All are welcome | Fellowship Hall

Drawing, painting, puppets and constructing!

Wear your painting clothes!



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.

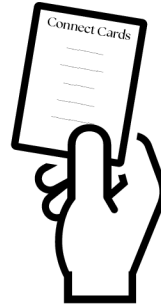
Childcare is provided during the 10:30am Sunday Church Service.
There is a fully stocked and staffed nursery downstairs for newborn - 3 years old.

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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Custodian: Jack Shea

Greeters: Renee Laielli & Carol Evans

Ushers: Carol Evans, Bob Krayner, Gregg Matis, Jack Shea, 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

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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.