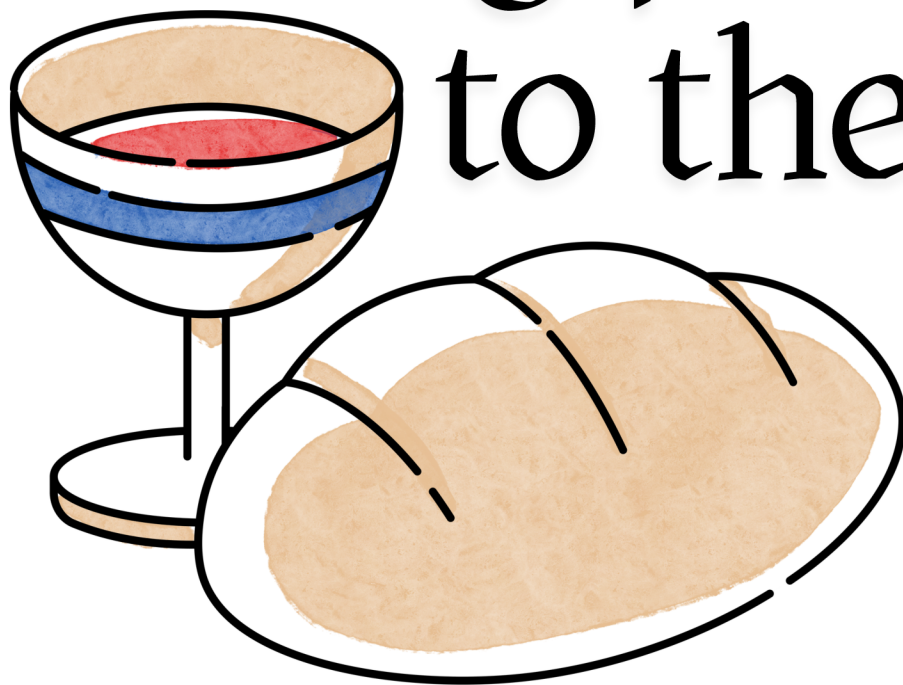


First Presbyterian  
Church of Ocean City

Sing praises  
to the Lord



May 24, 2026

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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

“Spirit of God”

(Atkinson/arr. Paxton)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 33:1-4

Elder Kim Murphy

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

**People: Praise befits the upright.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

**People: make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;

**People: play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright,

**People: and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

\*Hymn No. 419

“God of Our Fathers”

(NATIONAL HYMN)

\*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Luke Bert

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 2:1-10

Rebekah Bert

Unison Prayer of Confession

Pastor Luke Bert

**Father God, you are rich in mercy. You have loved us with a perfect love. You have seated us with Jesus in the heavenly places. But, far too often, we have gone back to our old ways. We walk after the ways of this world instead of doing the good works that you prepared for us. Forgive us. Send your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts that we might work for your glory in every area of our lives. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of God's Pardon - Philippians 1:6

Pastor Luke Bert

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings                      “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”                      (Schrader)

\*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.**

Pastoral Prayer                      Pastor Luke Bert

\*Songs of Worship                      Medley of Remembrance and Praise

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

Sermon                      Pastor Luke Bert

Psalm 98 | Rejoice in God's Salvation

\*Hymn                      “Sing a New Song to Jehovah”                      (AUSTRIAN HYMN)

(see words on screens)

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                      “Let Freedom Ring”                      (arr. 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

# FIRST PRES BULLETIN - SUMMER EDITION

**Children are a gift from God!** We celebrate the birth of Asher Colvin. Son of Ryan and Olivia Colvin, grandson of Kim and Gretchen Murphy & Rich and Beth Colvin. Born, May 18, 2026.

**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.



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**After Worship Refreshments are back!** Join us TODAY after communion Sunday in Fellowship Hall for after worship refreshments. Sign ups are on the app and downstairs on the bulletin board.

**Next Week's Sermon:** Mark 1:1-13 | The Coming of the Messiah

**Missions Committee Meeting** Tuesday May 26th at 7:00pm in the room off the parking lot door. New members welcome!

**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.

**FPC Ladies & Men's Bible Study** will start again in September

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00am - 12:15pm | Ages 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please contact Connie or Gretchen!

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

**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.

**Sunday School** for children and adults meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall All are welcome and child care can be provided! You can also find **coffee** during Sunday School in Fellowship Hall.

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