

First Presbyterian
Church of Ocean City

“The Coming of
The Messiah”



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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

(arr. Smith)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 2:10-12

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

“Prepare the Way”

(BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN)

(see words on screens)

*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 40:1-11

Solomon Griffith

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, thank you for making a way for us to enter into your kingdom. You have opened up the heavens and come down in Jesus Christ. You call us to follow your way into your kingdom. However, we have chosen our own way instead of yours. Forgive us. Give us new hearts that will rejoice in the good news of your salvation. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of God's Pardon - Isaiah 42:6

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 165 - 167

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - Erin Stubbs

Pastor Luke Bert

Tithes and Offerings

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

(PUER NOBIS)

*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

“Prepare Ye the Way”

(Smith)

“Let It Rise”

(Holland)

“Here I Am to Worship”

(Hughs)

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

Sermon

Mark 1:1-15 | The Coming of the Messiah

Pastor Luke Bert

*Hymn

“Thou Art the Way”

(ARLINGTON)

(see words on screens)

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

FIRST PRES BULLETIN - SUMMER EDITION

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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After Worship Refreshments are back! Join us June 28th after communion in Fellowship Hall for AWR. Sign up to bring something or help clean up on the First Pres app and contact Rebekah Bert.

Next Week's Sermon: Mark 1:16-34 | The Mystery of the Holy One

Martinson's Farewell: Please join us June 14th after service for light refreshments as we say farewell to our friends Tom and Phyllis Martinson and pray for them in this new chapter.

Summer Book Club: Join the M&E Committee this summer in reading, "The Gospel Comes with a House Key." Sign up by June 15th on the bulletin board to receive a book in time.

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.

Vacation Bible School Art Nights: June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. All are welcome! Join us in Fellowship Hall. Drawing, painting, puppets and constructing! Wear your painting clothes!

Vacation Bible School Prep: July 28 - 30. 1:00pm - 4:00pm. All are welcome! Join us in Fellowship Hall. Bring board games for those times when there is nothing to do.

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 or Gretchen!

FPC Ladies & Men's Bible Study: Will start again in September

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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