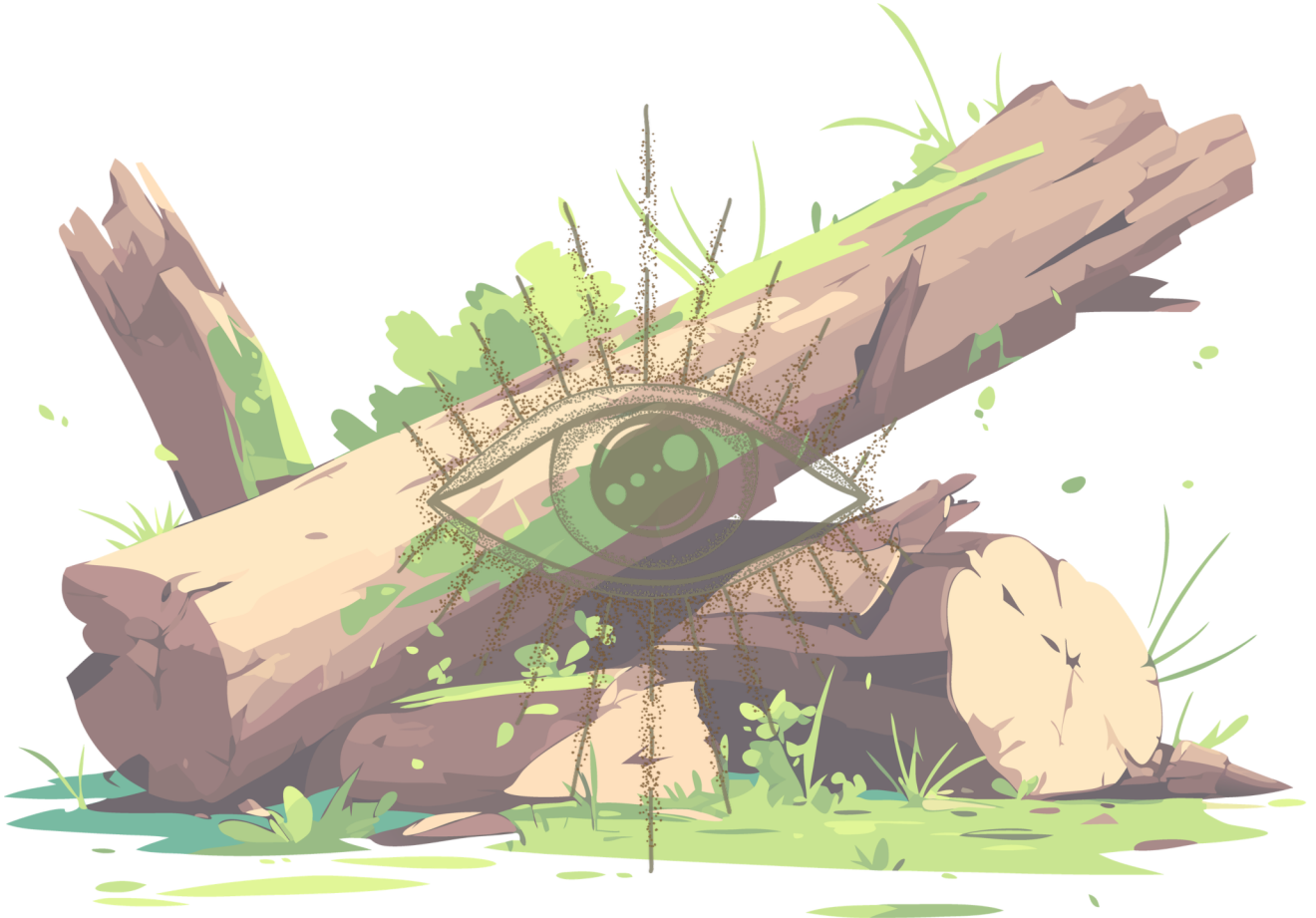


First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City



Matthew 7:1-6

July 5, 2026

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Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kim Murphy

We Enter God's Presence

Organ Prelude

“God Bless Our Land”

(Scriveyner)

Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 7:8-11,17

Leader: The Lord judges the peoples;
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness

People: and according to the integrity that is in me.

Leader: Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
and may you establish the righteous—

People: you who test the minds and hearts,
O righteous God!

Leader: My shield is with God,

People: who saves the upright in heart.

Leader: God is a righteous judge,

People: and a God who feels indignation every day.

Leader: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,

People: and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

*Hymn No. 419

“God of Our Fathers”

(NATIONAL HYMN)

*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Kim Murphy

Scripture Reading - Psalm 119:65-72

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, as we approach you in worship we acknowledge that our greatest sin is that we do not love you wholly and that all other sins come from this one. Because we are so often blind to our sins or refuse to acknowledge them, we ask that your Holy Spirit would search us and convict us, that we might confess them to you. Since your word tells us to bring forth the fruits of repentance we dedicate ourselves, by your Spirit, to forsake the sins we now confess in the quiet of our hearts before you. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of God's Pardon - Revelation 1:5-6

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Tithes and Offerings "Patriotic Medley" (Various)

*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.**

Scripture Reading - Romans 14:1-13

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gary Englestad

*Songs of Worship "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Chisholm)

"Oh, How Good It Is" (Getty/Holmes/Townend)

"Change My Heart, O God/Spirit Song" (Espinosa)

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

Sermon Pastor Gary Englestad

Matthew 7:1-6 | Righteous Judgment

*Hymn No. 710 "We Are Called to Be God's People" (AUSTRIAN HYMN)

We Leave to Serve in God's World

*Benediction Pastor Gary Englestad

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Beethoven/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

“Patriotic Medley”

(Various)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage,
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
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His truth is marching on.

O beautiful for patriot's dream
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America!
America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

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!

After Worship Refreshments are back! Join us August 23rd after communion in Fellowship Hall for AWR. Sign up to bring something or help clean up on the First Pres app or contact Rebekah Bert.

Next Week's Sermon: Mark 2:18-3:6 | The Mystery of the New Covenant

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.

Ladies of the Church,

Last fall we did True Woman 101. Now this fall we hope to do True Woman 201 Interior Design! True Woman 201 Interior Design is a 10 week study that covers ten elements of redeemed womanhood found in the book of Titus. It is filled with solid, Biblical truth, insightful content and opportunities for personal reflection. If you missed 101, that is no problem. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Breanna Young at Hello@firstpresocnj.net. Hope you will join us. - Kate Gillet

Summer Book Club: Please Join us on July 15th at 6pm to discuss Chapters 1-5 of "The Gospel Comes with a House Key". Bring your dinner while we eat and discuss in Fellowship Hall. No prior sign up needed. All are welcome. Come when you can.

FPC Ladies

Daughters of the King & Salem Bible Study will start again in September

Men's Bible Study

will start again in September

The Martinson's New Address:

Phyllis and Tom Martinson
401 Sparrows Ridge
Glen Mills, PA 19342

JULY USHERS

Carol Evans
Neil Jordan
Gregg Matis
Jack Shea
Jane Shea

Our Missionary, Rich Ernst, invites everyone to join him for a 6:00 pm Hymn Sing at South Seaville Camp Meeting (188 Dennisville Road, South Seaville, NJ), on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. A service follows at 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!

Vacation Bible School Art Nights: July 15 - 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.

Some positions still open and ready to be filled for this year's VBS!

- 3rd & 4th Grade teacher
- Pre K- Kindergarten Art teacher
- Assistants and Helpers

Did you know that our app has special prayer request groups?

Download the app today & join the youth group chat, the Young family prayer group, the church-wide prayer group, & more!

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.

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: Kristen Ali

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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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!

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

- Verse by verse Bible Study
 - Ezra–Nehemiah

Pre K - 12th Grade

- Summer Session
 - One Story

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

Contact Us:

Senior Pastor: Pastor Luke Bert - PastorLuke@firstpresocnj.net

Director of Music and Family Ministry: Kim Murphy - Kim.Murphy@firstpresocnj.net

Secretary: Breanna Young - Hello@firstpresocnj.net

Tech Manager: Dan Ahmad - Tech@firstpresocnj.net

Organist and Choir Director: Renee Tobias

Custodian: Jack Shea

Greeters: Meredith Neely & Pat Matis

Ushers: Carol Evans, Neil Jordan, 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



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.