

Ocean Heights

Presbyterian Church



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A More Light Presbyterian Congregation joyfully welcoming people from all walks of life, acknowledging the differences of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disabilities. We celebrate all people as children of God.

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

GOD CALLS US TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Variations of "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. Fred Offutt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Letting go of all that is in the past, acknowledging that we have no control over the future,

All: we bow in reflective meditation in this present moment, seeking to be at peace within ourselves, and with all others.

Liturgist: Individually and collectively, we accept that we are moral actors in the flow of history, decision makers who shape the future.

All: Accepting that inevitable fact, we seek truth about ourselves and the universe, that we may be agents for good.

Liturgist: We live in a world where love is more possible. Let us worship God!

HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Gathering for Worship reminds us of God's Holy Breath that breathed us to life and is an occasion for us to share the love of God.

Love makes the Impossible Possible: shirt by Seanese

Call to worship: *Meditations/ Progressive Congregations* by Roger Lee Ray; p8

Hymn 757: *The text of the hymn is a poem and uses the term Lord when referring to Jesus the Christ. It is difficult to change the term "Lord" without affecting the poetry. Some of our language comes from European roots in the Middle Ages, when "king" and "lord" were common, and power was almost exclusively in the hands of men. When referring to God, we strive not to use the words "King" and "Lord", because that would refer to God as male. When referring to Jesus, we strive not to use "king" and "lord", because it hints at a hierarchy that Jesus repudiated. Our English word "Lord" is not in the original scriptures because they were not written in English. "Lord" is a translation of the Hebrew word "Adonai" and the Greek word "Kurios."*

JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

LITANY FOR RECONCILIATION

Litany of Reconciliation:
Meditations/Progressive
Congregations by Roger Lee
Ray; p27

Pastor: Though many adorn their sacred spaces with a cross and our culture is full of jewelry and bumper sticker crosses

All: we still shy away from any sincere self-sacrifice.

Pastor: Apparently, we too easily give into fear of either substantive persecution or even the discomfort of derision.

All: We seek the courage to be fully alive, and deeply committed to meaningful service.

Pastor: Hear our spoken prayer, O God, and now our silent ones...
Moment of Silence

SUNG RESPONSE 184 Calm to the Waves
(sing twice)

Calm to the waves, Calm to the winds.

Jesus whispers, "Peace be still."

Calm to our hearts. Fears at an end.

In stillness, hear his voice.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you/And also with you
(Speak these words to one another)

HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
(stanzas 3 & 4)

WORDS OF RECONCILIATION

GOD'S WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD

Prayer of Illumination: written
by Laurann Cacioppo

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14; 26,27

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body.

All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit. And that Body is not one part; it is many.

If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored; all the members share its joy. You, then, are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it.

SMALL TALK

Small Talk—For all those
young at heart we provide a
small talk, a brief, informal re-
telling of scripture, or
explanation of worship or
aspect of the faith journey.

ANTHEM God Comes to Us as One Unknown arr. John Ferguson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Calm to the Waves 184

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be
still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, and a piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

THE CHURCH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

The musical score is in 3/4 time and G minor. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a simple, rhythmic bass line and chords that provide harmonic support for the vocal melody. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a corresponding musical staff.

God Comes to Us as One Unknown



All 1. God comes to us ___ as ___ one un - known, a
 Choir 2. God comes when souls ___ in ___ si - lence lie and
 Choir 3. God comes to us ___ in ___ sound of seas, the
 Choir 4. God comes in love ___ as ___ once he came by
 All 5. God comes in truth ___ when ___ faith is grown; be



breath un - seen, un - heard; as though with - in a
 thoughts of day de - part; half - seen up - on the
 o - cean's fume and foam; yet small and still up
 flesh and blood and birth; to bear with - in our
 lieved, o - beyed, a - dored; the Christ in all the



heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in dark - ness sown, a ___
 in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a - cross the ___ sky of ___
 on the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of ___ trees, a ___
 mor - tal frame a life, a death, a sav - ing ___ name, for ___
 Scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but not un - known, our ___



pulse of be - ing ___ stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 night with - in ___ the ___ heart, of night with - in the heart.
 voice to call ___ us ___ home, a voice to call us home.
 ev - 'ry child ___ of ___ earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
 Sav - ior and ___ our ___ God our Sav - ior and our God

THIS WEEK

Sunday:

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Adult Ed

Tuesday:

10:00 am Heart & Soul in person or Zoom

Wednesday:

7:00 pm Session meeting via Zoom

Thursday:

7:00 pm Choir

Adult Education

Two Steps into Ministry: Last class January 23rd

The theme for the January Adult Ed is "What are we called to be /do as we consider Jesus' first steps into ministry?" We again are approaching this question through the eyes of the campesino of Solentiname in Nicaragua. January 23rd will be an experiential exploration of the call to ministry for each of us.

Come and join us in the meeting room following worship to learn, grow and exchange experiences of faith. The sessions will be led by Alice Groome and Judy Kohatsu.

Clerk of Session – Betsy Phillips
Elder for Spirituality & Care – Alice Groome
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Ocean Heights Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement

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By the grace of God, the people of Ocean Heights Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), gather for worship and ministry in the name of Christ.

We joyfully welcome people from all walks of life, acknowledging the differences of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and disabilities. We celebrate all people as children of God.

We strive to be the body of Christ in the world, working for peace and justice for all persons. We join with people of good faith to address the threats of climate change and the degradation of God's good creation.

As a progressive Christian congregation, we endeavor to understand and practice the faith we have from scripture, informed by the wisdom of science and the theological and cultural diversity of the world's people.

We give thanks to God for the community we share in worship and ministry for the sake of a world where love is more possible.

The Art Gallery is Open!

We have started displaying art in the gallery again! Peg Smith is our first featured artist and her work is currently on display. Our next exhibitor will be Gene LoCastro and his work will be on display starting February 20th.

If you know of an artist who would like to show their work, have them contact the office and we can put them on the schedule.

per capita

This is a word that means connected. Being Presbyterian means we are not independent, rather we are connected with other Presbyterians in our part of the state and in the nation. Because we are connected we are obligated to share financial resources with the governing councils of our denomination.

Our fair share is based on the number of people who are members of our congregation (\$37 a member). If you would like to help offset this cost to our annual budget you can make a donation marked "per capita expense". Please place your donation in the offering plate or deliver to the church office.

How the per capita is shared:

General Assembly	\$ 7.02
Synod	\$ 3.95
Presbytery	\$26.03
Total	\$37.00 per member

Session

Class of 2022

Sharon Eaton
Stephanie Bense
Dianna Lease

Class of 2023

David Prescott
Lorene Gilman
Barbara Bennett

Class of 2024

Art Farnum
Betsy Phillips
Carol Petters

We are a member



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Sanctuary Flowers

Last Sunday's flowers were donated by Lorene Gilman in memory of her Father Bruce Gilman.

Today's flowers are donated by Camelia East in memory of her Mother Rosa Nieves.



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Earth Care Project

I helped reduce my impact on our planet this week by doing these lifestyle changes:

1)

2)

3)
