



THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 8900 Ventnor Avenue
 Margate, New Jersey 08402

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 O'clock in the Morning September 20, 2026

"There is subtle magic in the falling of old leaves." ~Avijeet Das

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call to Worship

Lynda Donovan

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

People: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

People: You reveal deep and mysterious things.

Leader: You are light and in you there is no darkness.

All: And the light shall not be quenched.

Hymn: #398 Jesus Calls Us (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

The Prayer (Unison)

Thou who art over us,

Thou who art one of us,

Thou who art:

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;

A humble heart, that I may hear thee;

A heart of love, that I may serve thee;

A heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

** Indicates standing for those who are able*

MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ECUMENICAL
"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"
 8900 Ventnor Avenue, Margate, NJ 08402

Office Hours: Monday - Friday; 9 am-3 pm
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Founded in 1929, MCC is an interdenominational congregation with membership in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Through these affiliations our church participates in a seniors residence at 610 N. Fredericksburg Avenue and is a Covenant church with Habitat for Humanity. We are lifetime members of the Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University.

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor

Rob Tucker, Director of Music

Colin Walker, Pianist

Carmella Marcheski, Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson, Director of Christian Education

Luis Meneses, Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

Visit our website for current news and information:
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Our Greeters this week 9/20/26

Lynne Daley / Celestine Perry

Deacons' September Communion Offering

Our September Deacons' Communion Offering is designated
 for **Volunteers in Medicine.**

Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support
 those in need.

✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

SAY A PRAYER

SEND A CARD

NURSING/CONVALESCENT HOME/REHAB FACILITY

Julie Duncan	Mira Vie at Warren 274 King George Road, Warren, NJ 07059	(908) 647-3005
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Lois "Jean" Ponteri	C/O Villa Raffaella 917 S Main Street Pleasantville, NJ 08232
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AT HOME	David McCann	Kay Lee	Ken Heck
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Prayer Requests

We are happy to include names of hospitalized persons or others with special concerns in the liturgy of prayer each Sunday. If you wish to have a name included, please provide us with a first name, the length of time requested to be on our prayer list, and the name of the person requesting the prayer. Thank you.

Time With the Children

Responsive Reading

(taken from Sundar Singh, India, 20th century)

Leader: In comparison with this big world, the human heart is only a small thing.

People: Though the world is so large, it is utterly unable to satisfy this tiny heart.

Leader: The ever-growing soul and its capacity can be satisfied only in the infinite God.

People: As water is restless until it reaches its level, so the soul has not peace until it rests in God.

All: Amen.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/trespass)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Offering

Anthem: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You,
I want to see You.*

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You*

*We Welcome All Visitors to
The Margate Community Church
and ask that you prayerfully consider using the QR to
make a donation online.
God Bless You and Thank You for your Generosity!*



***The Doxology**

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 Lesson

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God**

The Sermon: We Are Called to Shine

Kim Tucker

***The Hymn: #585 This Little Light of Mine (vs. 1-3)**

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Colin Walker



Last 4 days to VOTE!

We need to VOTE EVERYDAY!

Best Place of Worship ~ Community
Best Wedding Officiant ~
Individualized Services
Best Child Day Care ~ Services

**Voting Phase: September 2 - September 23
Winners Publication: November 2026**

~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

Hope SNJ

Monday September 21, 4:00 pm Parlor

Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday September 22, 7:00 pm Library

Bell Choir

Wednesday September 23, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday September 23, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Ladies Night Out

Thursday September 24, 6:00 pm Little Italy

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Rotz Baptism

Sunday September 27, during Worship Fellowship Hall

Advisory Council

Sunday September 27, 11:00am Library

Hope SNJ

Monday September 28, 4:00 pm Parlor

Deacons' Meeting

Monday September 28, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir

Wednesday September 30, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday September 30, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Thursday October 1, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Margate Community Church

(Non-Profit Organization)



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Please join us ...

Blessing of the Animals

**Margate Community Church's
Blessing of the Animals
October 5th
1:00pm Sumner Ave Lawn**

We will have a special service for the Blessing of the Animals. Families are encouraged to bring their well-behaved pets. After a brief service of worship, there will be individual blessing for each animal present. We will also observe a moment of silence during the service for pets who are unfortunately involved with sport dog fighting, puppy mills, and other inhumane, unethical treatment of animals. Refreshments for humans and fur/feather friends will be served following the blessings.

*If you cannot bring your animal ...
just bring a picture!*

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