



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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 O'clock in the Morning September 27, 2026

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse." ~ Anonymous

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call to Worship (from Psalm 100) Nancy Young

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord
 with gladness, and come before his presence with a
 song.

*People: Our Lord is God, who created us; we are the people of
 his grace.*

Leader: Come into his gates with thanksgiving,

People: Let us come into his courts with praise.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1, 4, 5)

The Prayer (Unison)

*Merciful Lord, we are so often arrogant in wanting our own
 way. We judge people and events on how they affect our happiness,
 rather than look for ways to be of help. We acknowledge that we
 resist the gentle prompting of your Spirit as you urge us to choose
 life and the way of Jesus.*

** 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

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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

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www.margatecommunitychurch.com

Our Greeters this week 9/27/26

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

Lois "Jean" Ponteri

C/O Villa Raffaella
917 S Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

AT HOME

David McCann

Kay Lee

Ken Heck

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.

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!



Help us to remember today that you love us and you have made us your own in the waters of Baptism. You have gifted us with the ability to not only handle life, but to make life a precious place, rich and full, for those around us. By the power of your Spirit may we be transformed into the people you intend us to be. Amen.

Time With the Children

Sacrament of Baptism

*Robert Edward and Peyton Swift Rotz
Children of Craig and Julie Rotz*

Baptism Hymn #393

Spirit of the Living God

Affirmation of Faith

— Based on Ephesians 4:1-16.

We believe that there is one body of Christ working in the world, one Holy Spirit who sustains and comforts us, one Lord who has called us here today, one faith that we strive to live up to daily, one baptism that brings each of us into the family of God, one God and Creator of all, who is over all and through all and in all. We believe that each of us, as a member of God's family, has a calling to fulfill and that in doing so, the body of Christ may be built up so that all may know of the love God has shown us in the Lord Jesus. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the gift of life and strength that we need to live this life of faith. We believe in this body called the church, that calls us to faith, encourages each of us in our journey, and works for the kingdom of God in the world. Amen.

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

*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: As The Deer

*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

Luke 6:32-36

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon: How Big is Your Spirit? Reverend Vicky Ney

***The Hymn: #451 Be Thou My Vision**

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Colin Walker

~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

Rotz Baptism

Today Sunday September 27, during Worship Fellowship Hall

Advisory Council

Today 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

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 4, 1:00 pm Sumner Lawn

Hope SNJ

Monday October 5, 4:00 pm Parlor

Fall Bible Study Begins

Tuesday October 6, 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir

Wednesday October 7, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday October 7, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

DiPentino/Baran Wedding

Saturday October 10, 2:30 pm Sanctuary



Please join us ...

Blessing of the Animals

**Margate Community Church's
Blessing of the Animals
October 4th
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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**Save the Date!
Mark Your Calendar**

Sunday December 13, 2026

**Annual Christmas Dinner
Dance**

**5:00 pm at
Margate Community Church**

Details to follow!



*The flowers on the Altar are in loving
memory of my mother, Winifred "Winnie"
Bowen to whom I owe so much and I am
so blessed!*

~Lynne Bowen Daley