

# WORSHIP



*Sunday, September 17, 2017*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*- Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)*

  
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Our Pastors, staff and Session invite you to share in our worship and the exciting opportunities that Church of the Palms offers to learn, serve and grow in your faith. So whether you are a first time visitor, member, affiliate member or frequently attend . . .

*We are glad you are here!*

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**Service times:** Traditional - 9 & 11 am Sanctuary;  
Contemporary - 10 am (Campus Center)



**Watch our 9 am Sanctuary service on Comcast Cable Channel 189, or via livestream on our website.** Services are archived online. DVD copies may be purchased through the church office.



Our worship order is available in **large print**. Children's worship activity packets are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.



Printed copies of **sermon texts** are available in the Sanctuary Narthex and front office. Digital copies are available on our website.

# a celebration of **WORSHIP**

9 & 11 am  
Sanctuary Service  
15th Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER

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### Prayer of Invocation

Jean Powell *1st service* Gene Washcuk *2nd service*



### Prelude

“Raindrop” Prelude F. Chopin

**Hearing Loop**  
Switch Hearing  
Aids to T-Coil

## WE PRAISE

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### Chimes on the Hour

### Introit

Chancel Choir

### \*Call to Worship

### \*Hymn #555

Now Thank We All Our God

## WE CONFESS

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### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Confession *(together)*

Gracious God, we rejoice in your name to be here this morning. “Blessed are those who dwell in your house ever singing your praise,” says the Psalmist. We praise you for the gift of life and for the blessing of being in community with your people. We delight in this sacred space that has withstood the storm, and for the love that fills your people. We give thanks for the opportunity we now have to serve those who have fared far worse this week. Give us pause, O God, before racing back to our regular lives. Forgive us when we do not allow the gravity of such events to direct us further toward your mission to love

the world. Allow us to create a new normal for ourselves that welcomes our neighbors into our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*Congregational Response** *(together)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed** *(together)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WE SHARE

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**Response**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!

**Life at Church of the Palms**

*Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

**Music Meditation**

*Heavens are Declaring* L.V. Beethoven  
Chancel Choir & Brandon Evans, tenor

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Offertory

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Molly Ijames

## \*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.**

## WE PROCLAIM

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## Children's Moment *9 am*

Carol Homeister

## \*Hymn

### *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

It is well with my soul!  
It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul!  
It is well, it is well with my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,

“Even so” - It is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul!  
It is well, it is well with my soul!

## Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 12:12-31 (Pew Bible NT pg. 174)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*Bad Storms Make Good Neighbors*

**Dr. Stephen D. McConnell**

## WE GO

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### \*Hymn #438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the heart from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

### \*Postlude

*Water Music* G.F. Händel

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

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## SEPTEMBER USHERS

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9 am: Barbara Branning, Barry Buchanan, Judy Colvin, Linda Evans, Bob & Sally Irwin, Gerry Laurila, Jim Mills, Jay & Kyle Mitchell, and Pete & Charlene Nowak.

Captains: John & Robin Segó

11 am: Eleanor Smith, Martha Church, Ben Morgan, Vonnie Abele, Victor McMurry, Skip & Cheri Vucek, Jacqueline Williams, and Gregory Williams.

Captain: Barry Buchanan

## SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

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Gavin Montisano, Walter Homeister, Alex Simos, Elena Simos, Olivia Mason, Sophie Goodwin, Olivia Vafeas, Ava Epstein, Charlee Ruth

## SEPTEMBER 17 GREETERS

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9 am: Jeanne Asakura, Eva Goetz, Jim & Nola Saltman, Dee, & Sam Stipp

11 am: Sally Rownd, Laura & Lonnie Trebring, Ann Veith

## IN MEMORIAM

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We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of: **Marge Mansfield**, who died on Sept. 7.



In Celebration of Our 60 Year Anniversary  
**NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY**  
Sept. 28 6-8 pm Campus Center

**Chili Cook Off**

We are celebrating **National Good Neighbor Day** by hosting a *Chili Cook Off*. Church members gather your neighbors and bring in your best pot of chili and see if your recipe is declared #1 at our judging contest!

**Church members please RSVP by Sept. 21**

RSVP to Sarah Soboleski: 924-1323, [ssoboleski@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:ssoboleski@churchofthepalms.org)

The poster features a vibrant background with a sunburst in shades of orange and yellow over a dark green landscape with mountains. The word 'Chili' is written in large, bold, red letters with white outlines, and 'Cook Off' is in white with red outlines. Two cartoon chili peppers with faces and arms are positioned between the 'i' and 'l' of 'Chili'. At the bottom, there are three circular icons: a chili pepper, a chili pepper, and a cartoon man's face.



# God's Story

Your Story

## Lectionary Readings for this week

### Sunday

I Corinthians 12:12-31

### Monday

Genesis 24:1-27

*Choosing of Rebekah*

### Tuesday

Genesis 24:28-49

*Choosing of Rebekah*

### Wednesday

Genesis 24:50-67

*Marriage of Isaac & Rebekah*

### Thursday

Genesis 25:19-28

*The Birth of Esau & Jacob*

### Friday

Genesis 25:29-34

*Esau Sells His Birthright*

### Saturday

Genesis 26:1-33

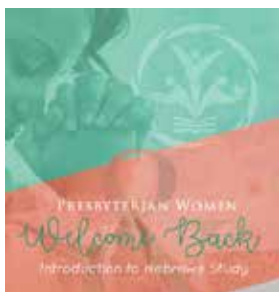
*Isaac & Abimelech*

## Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sept. 24 • 9 am service

Meeting with 3rd grade families and students following the presentation in room 205 until 10:15 am

Third grade students will receive their own bible and a 5-week *Get to Know Your Bible* class during the month of October. Third grade families will be contacted with an invitation. If you have a third grader and would like to join this worthwhile learning, please contact Carol Homeister at the church office.



## PW Welcome Back & Intro to Hebrews Gathering

Sept. 23

10:30 am - 12 pm

Campus Center

(\$8 luncheon)

Register for the gathering by visiting the

PW table under the tree on Sundays. Deadline for registrations is Sept. 19.



## Team Leaders Needed for EPC

Sign up as a Team Leader for the Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) and assist fellow church members in a time of need should a major event (hurricane, tornado or fire) occur in our area. Classroom training is provided. Contact George Jenkins: [uncgeorge@comcast.net](mailto:uncgeorge@comcast.net)

## Emergency Survey Form

With hurricane season upon us, it is important that we have your most current contact information should you and/or your family members require any help after a storm. Please fill out the Emergency Survey Form found in the church office or online at: <http://churchofthepalms.org/emergencyform.html>



## Participate in World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1

Participants dress in native attire of their national heritage (or country of choice) and are part of the processional for worship. We would love to have people representing the countries where we have ongoing mission projects. Several outfits are available for use or you can bring your own. For more info or to sign up, contact Susy Black: [susyschollblack@gmail.com](mailto:susyschollblack@gmail.com), 941-321-5703.

# NEW MEMBER CLASS

10:15 am - 12 pm



10:15 am

### Part 1: COP Orientation

Explore what it means to make a deeper commitment to the COP family. Affiliate memberships are available for seasonal residents.

11 am

### Part 2: Join the Community

Be received into membership.  
Pre-Requisite: New Member Orientation class (past or present).

\* Advanced registration NOT required.

For more info, contact Carolyn Wilson: [cwilson@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:cwilson@churchofthepalms.org)

Today  
Chapel Narthex

# Remember in PRAYER

## *Members*

Jeff Bartell  
Sue Bell  
Alex Biancardi  
Jean Blazey  
John Boeve  
Anna Brent  
Dorothy Curtis  
Julia & Joe Cullen  
Joan Daly  
Marlene Downs  
Margaret Eakin  
Margaret Ferguson  
Carol Gonas  
Grace Greene  
Lee Greene  
Barbara Hartman  
Allen Higginbotham  
Kelley Jamieson  
Eric Jason  
Don Kaiser  
William Killian  
Jeannie Koenig  
Vera Lawson  
Dick Leach  
Bill Lindberg  
Brigitte & Jim Lontz  
Bob MacGrath  
Barbara Michelson  
Richard Mohrman  
Tommy Morton  
Reese Nippert  
Fred & Doris Nocera  
Harry Rownd  
Bob Ruse  
Stan Sergent  
Conrad Schott  
Dorothy Schnabel  
James "Duke" Snyder  
Doris Stanek  
Raison Stern  
Sue Sullivan  
Sally Taylor

George Walker  
Betty Walsler  
Gene Washchuk  
Helen Watrous  
Violet Woodward

## *Friends*

Ann Andrus  
Alex Avery  
Jack Bagley  
Courtney Barr  
Elyse Blazey  
Joe Bodine  
Marilyn Brown  
David Brubaker  
Summer Campbell  
Jennifer Carter  
Joyce Christiansen  
Howard Clark  
Debbie Cook  
Paul Cramer  
Sherita Dancy  
Alex DeBruin  
Carl DeFazio  
Lilian DeLerner  
Jeff Dockum  
Richard Dusseau  
Andy Ellis  
Marian Favat  
Elaine Garwood  
Steve Goodell  
Tyler Greene  
Nancy Grimshaw  
Laurie Sullivan-Gros  
Janet Hallam  
Laura Hardenburgh  
Mike, Michelle & Dylan Harmon  
Karen Hensel  
Peter Higginbotham  
Mark & Justine Hopton  
Annie Kellis  
Melanie Lahurd

## Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

Join us every Sunday as we  
pray for our pastors and  
the morning services.

John Lorusso  
Soren Lindholm  
Bruce Lindell  
Ann & Debra Maland  
Richard McIntyre  
Joyce Moore  
Linda Moss  
Patricia Nalepka  
Lowell Nissley  
Dirk Noyes  
David & Doreen Onley  
Joanna Page  
Kathy Pendergrass  
Prem Rajkumar  
Russ & Barbara Rann  
Sandra Rowan  
Patricia Steinkamp  
Gertrude Thomas  
Marlene Wagner  
Gladys Wavra  
Roy Williams  
Bob Willis  
Linda Windsor

## *Military*

Christopher Branning  
Ramon Elliot  
Rob Garner  
Marc Jason  
Lauren Moffett  
Tracy Prohoniak-Stacy  
Matthew Stacy

*The family of*  
Marge Mansfield



*If you or someone  
you know is in need  
of prayer, please call  
our church office at  
924-1323.*



## Missionaries & Mission Partners

A list of our supported local and  
worldwide mission partners and  
missionaries is available on the  
literature racks throughout the  
church campus.

# Events Calendar

For the week of Sept. 17 - 24

## SUNDAY

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8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30	Blood Drive	North Parking Lot
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:00	Middle School Connect	209
9:00	High School Connect	208-210
9:30	Kid's Worship (Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	205
10:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Campus Center
10:00	Library Grand Opening	202
10:15	Life Together	208-210
10:15	New Member Class	Chapel Narthex
10:15	The Gospel of John	Chapel Reception Room
10:15	The Wired Word	206
10:15	Kid's Small Groups (Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Education Building
10:15	Middle & High School Small Group	208-210
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00	Church of the Palms Book Group	Chapel Reception Room

## MONDAY

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9:00	Firm Believers	Campus Center
9:00	Samaritan Meeting	211
6:30	Sounds of Glory Orchestra	Music & Arts Building
7:00	Mission Committee Meeting	206

## TUESDAY

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7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	Off Campus
8:00	Foundation Meeting	West Meeting Room
11:30	Discerning the Voice of God	206
2:00	Women's Prayer Group	West Meeting Room
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
4:30	Sarasota Young Voices Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
5:00	Stephen Ministry Leadership Meeting	206
6:30	Girl Scout Troop 127 Meeting	211
7:00	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	206
8:00	Stephen Ministry Small Groups	202, 205, 206, 207, 208

## WEDNESDAY

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7:30	Men's Bible Study	West Meeting Room
8:00	Samaritan Executive Committee Meeting	206
10:00	Watercolor Wednesday	West Meeting Room
3:30	Administration & Finance Meeting	206
3:30	Prayer Shawl Group	West Meeting Room
5:30	Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal	Campus Center
5:30	Jubilee Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30	Middle School Youth Group	208-209
7:15	High School Youth Group	Campus Center / 208-209
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building

## THURSDAY

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10:00	Adaptive Movement Class	Off Campus
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
5:00	Nominating Committee	202
6:30	Christianity and Science Class	206

## FRIDAY

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9:00	Swift Construction Meeting	206
9:00	Firm Believers	Campus Center
9:45	Loving Stitches	West Meeting Room
10:00	Grief Support Group	Campus Center
2:00	Faith-Based Recovery	West Meeting Room

## SATURDAY

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9:30	Sarasota Young Voices Chamber Rehearsals	Music & Arts Building
10:30	Presbyterian Women <i>Welcome Back</i> Event	Campus Center

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## Dinner & Conversation With Adair

Sept. 20 • 5:30-6:30 pm • Campus Center

In two years Adair Purner has traveled over 150 hours in the air, has visited seven nations, and has witnessed countless miracles. Join us for dinner and conversation with Adair as she shares her testimonies of how God has opened her heart to missions on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 pm in the Campus Center.



A gift of a life insurance policy, which you no longer need, could save you some taxes and help strengthen and deepen God's work here at Church of the Palms. For more info, contact John Mercier: 941.586.5726, [jmaosf@gmail.com](mailto:jmaosf@gmail.com); or Rev. Steve McConnell:

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