

WORSHIP



Sunday, March 18, 2018

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have won for us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

- Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)



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Welcome to



Loving God...Loving Neighbor.

Our pastors, staff and Elders 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!

<http://www.churchofthepalms.org>



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 on our website. DVD copies may be purchased through the church office.



Our worship order is available in **large print**. Please ask an usher for assistance.



Children's worship activity packets are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. Nursery care is available in room 103 of the Education Building.



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



Hearing loop available. Please switch hearing aids to T-Coil.



Need help? Visit the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Narthex and someone will gladly assist you.

a celebration of **W****ORSHIP**

9 & 11 am
Sanctuary Service
Fifth Sunday In Lent

WE GATHER

Prayer of Preparation

Kyle Quattlebaum *1st service* Mary Ann Hartley *2nd service*

Prelude

Grace Alone Brown & Nelson

Women's Ensemble, directed by Judy Lutes

WE PRAISE

Chimes on the Hour

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #559

We Gather Together

WE CONFESS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Response

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

Commissioning of 2018 Stephen Ministry Class 9 am

Life at Church of the Palms

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

Recognition of New Members 9 am

Music Meditation 11 am

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place J. Brahms
Chancel Choir

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

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place J. Brahms 9 am
Chancel Choir

O Sacred Head Now Wounded arr. Mark Hayes 11 am

*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

Children's Moment 9 am

Hmingi Browne

*Hymn #338

Kum ba Yah

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 65: 1-5; John 19:1-16 (Pew Bible OT pg. 695; NT pg. 113)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Getting the Joke

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

*Hymn #344

Christ of the Upward Way

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be a gift to You.**

*Postlude

Rondeau Jean-Joseph Myriad

*Congregation, please stand if able

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MARCH USHERS

9 am: Barbara Branning, Barry Buchanan, Judy Colvin, Linda Evans, Katy Goodwin, Candy Hoffman, Phil Hoffman, Bob Irwin, Sally Irwin, Gerry Laurila, Jim Mills, Jay Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell, David Williams, Pam Williams. Captains: John & Robin Segó

11 am: Vonnie Abele, Wayne Blythe, Martha Church, Victor McMurry, Ben Morgan, Cheri & Skip Vucek, Gregory Williams, Jacqueline Williams. Captain: Barry Buchanan

MARCH ACOLYTES

Gavin Montisano, Owen Montisano, Walter Homeister, Olivia Vafeas, Christian Robeter, Olivia Mason, Sophie Goodwin, Moxie Bonifield, Alex Simos, Elena Simos

MARCH 18 GREETERS

9 am: Jeanne Asakura, Jan Carlson, Judy Connell, Al & Carol Gonas

11 am: Karen Griffith, Sheryl Lindholm, Lonnie & Laura Trebing, Ann Veith

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Robert R. Patterson**, who died on 3/12.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS OF 2018

Marcia Baarson Jean Powell
Marie Bonifield Martha Richmond
Roger Bureau Larry Weaver
Shari Bureau Ann Widen
Ann McColgan Carolyn Wilson

Easter Flowers Dedication

You are invited to sponsor Easter Flowers for our Sanctuary and Campus Center *in memory of* or *in honor of* a designated person(s). Please use the envelopes marked “Easter Flowers” found in the pew racks or available in the church office. Donations in any amount are welcome. **To be included in the bulletin, they must be received in the office by 9 am on Monday, March 26.**

Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteers Wanted!

We need many egg stuffers and helpers for this fun family event. Please drop off plastic eggs in the front office and candy to stuff into the eggs (no chocolate please). **Sign up online at our website: www.churchofthepalms.org**



Easter

EGG HUNT & FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 24

9:30 – 11:30 AM • COURTYARD (EGG HUNT BEGINS AT 10 AM)

Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs.

Bounce House • Face Painting • Refreshments • and more!



God's Story

Your Story

Lectionary Readings for this week

Sunday

John 19:1-16

Jesus Condemned

Monday

John 14:15-31

*The Promise of
the Holy Spirit*

Tuesday

John 15:1-17

Jesus the True Vine

Wednesday

John 15:18 - 6:4a

The World's Hatred

Thursday

John 16:4b-15

The Work of the Spirit

Friday

John 16:16-24

Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

Saturday

John 16:25-33

Peace for the Disciples

Palms Processional

March 25 • 9 am service

It is our tradition that all students and families participate in the Palms Processional. We need all children and students to help lead us into worship with the processional. All children and students should be dropped off at the Chapel by 8:45 am. They will pick up their palm frond for the processional parade which will take place at 9 am for the Sanctuary service.

Church of the Palms Book Group

Today • 3pm • Chapel Reception Room

This month's book is *In the Field of Grace* by Tessa Afshar. This book is based on the biblical story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz.

Save the Date: A Fulfilling Christian Life & Installation of New Officers on May 5

Carolyn Wilson will speak on "A Fulfilling Christian Life". Installation of new officers and Birthday Offering celebration will take place. Sign up under the tree at the PW table. Everyone is invited!



Suncoast Concert Band

March 25 • 3 pm
Sanctuary

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. Concert theme: Spring to Bach and Bernstein

YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE

Palms Center
GRAND
OPENING
CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 25
5:30 - 7:30 pm

*Tour the Beautiful Facility.
Enjoy Live Music and Fun Games for all ages.
Hors d'Oeuvres will be served.*

Celebrate Easter

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 25 • 9, 10 & 11 am)

Maundy Thursday (March 29 • 6:30 pm • Sanctuary)

Join us at Jesus' feast of love and grace.

Good Friday (March 30 • 6:30 pm • Sanctuary)

Come walk, reflect, and pray through experiential Stations of the Cross. Together we shall deepen our gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and renew our commitment to follow him. Family friendly.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service @ Lido Beach (6:30 am • Near the pavillon)

All are welcome. Dress casually. Some chairs will be provided but it is suggested that you bring a chair or blanket.

Traditional & Contemporary Services

9 & 11 am Traditional • Sanctuary

10 am Contemporary • Campus Center

Includes a special time for children in all services.

Remember in PRAYER

Members

John Boeve
Ann Clark
Joan Daly
Barbara Flory
Bill Getzen
Lee & Grace Greene
Allen Higginbotham
Thomas Holt
Jeannie Koenig
Kathryn Lee
Cherie Leetzow
Brigitte & Jim Lontz
Allan McIlraith
Joyce Nerthling
Fred Nocera
Ron Ramlo
Andrea Reynolds
Bob Ruse
Charles Schenck
Frank Smith
James "Duke" Snyder
Sue Sullivan
Harlan Twible
Helen Watrous

Friends

Suzanne Lovingood-Carlin
Georgia Cotter
Alex DeBruin
Diane Desch
Kathleen Dockum
Blair Dryden
Andy Ellis
Marian Favat
Gail & Vic Ferrulli
April Fichtenberg
Colleen Freedley
John Freeman, Sr.
Jack Gant
Elaine Garwood
Nancy Grimshaw
Laurie Sullivan-Gros
Mike, Michelle & Dylan Harmon
Mark Hesser
Peter Higginbotham
Michele Hollands
Martin Hykin
Vickie Keidel
Susan Lestock
Gene Mazzola
Bill McDonald
Angela & Keith McSweeney
Katie & Vohnda Miller
Perrin, Kendall, Hunter Nicolson
Ife, Kristen & Morayo Ojo
Liz Osterholt
Joanna Page

Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

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

Jim Pinegar
Todd Piver
Dylan Reiss
F. Morgan Roberts
Alice Shaw
Thomas Sheetz
Mary Ann Springer
Leslie Talbot
William Waggener, Sr.
Kathryn Wandof
Wyatt Weber
Roy Williams
Bob Willis
Robert Yager
John Zimmerman

Military

Christopher Branning
Ramon Elliot
Rob Garner
Tyler Greene
Lauren Moffett
Matthew Purmort
Tracy Prohoniak-Stacy
Matthew Stacy

The Family of

Robert R. Patterson

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

Events Calendar

For the week of March 18 - 25

SUNDAY

8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:00	Blood Drive	North Parking Lot
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Confirmation Class	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 208/210
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30	Kid's Worship (Pre-K - 5 th grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 205
10:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Campus Center
10:00	Middle & High School Connect	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 209
10:15	Kid's Small Groups (Pre-K - 5 th grade)	Education Building
10:15	The Gospel of John	Chapel Reception Room
10:15	The Wired Word	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
10:15	Life Together	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 202
11:00	Connect 101	Chapel Reception Room
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00	Church of the Palms Book Group	Chapel Reception Room
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

MONDAY

9:00	Firm Believers	Campus Center
10:30	SILL Music Mondays	Sanctuary
3:00	Global Partners Committee Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
4:00	Generosity Team Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
5:30	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 211
6:30	Sounds of Glory Orchestra Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building

TUESDAY - NO TUTORING DUE TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS

7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	Off Campus
9:00	Memorial Garden Board Meeting	West Meeting Room
11:30	<i>Breathe</i> (Priscilla Shirar Women's Study)	Chapel Reception Room
1:00	Grief Support 201	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
2:00	Women's Prayer Group	West Meeting Room
4:30	Sarasota Young Voices Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
4:45	Bellissimo Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00	Stephen Ministry Leadership Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
6:00	C.S. Lewis Reading Group	Chapel
7:00	Men's Leadership Study	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 209
7:00	Stephen Ministry Small Groups	202, 205, 206, 207, 208
7:00	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206

WEDNESDAY

7:30	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Executive Committee Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
9:30	Family Easter Chapel	Sanctuary
10:00	Watercolor Wednesday	West Meeting Room
3:30	Prayer Shawl Group	Chapel Narthex
3:30	Administration & Finance Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
5:30	Jubilee Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

5:30	Middle School Youth Group	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 208/210
6:30	View From Jerusalem Lenten Study	Chapel
7:00	High School Youth Group	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 208/210
7:15	View From Jerusalem Small Groups	Chapel
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building

THURSDAY

7:00	Women's Discipleship Group	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Staff Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
8:15	Suncoast Band Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00	Adaptive Movement Class	Off Campus
2:00	Easter Beach Service Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
5:00	First Impressions Leadership Team Mtg.	Chapel Reception Room
5:00	Companions for the Journey	Off Campus
7:00	Turtle Rock Small Group	Off Campus
7:00	Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal	Campus Center

FRIDAY

9:00	Firm Believers	Campus Center
9:45	Loving Stitches	West Meeting Room
10:00	Grief Support Group	Chapel Reception Room
10:30	Palms Strings Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
2:00	Faith-Based Recovery	West Meeting Room
7:00	Friday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

SATURDAY

9:30	Easter Egg Hunt	Courtyard / Campus Center
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8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
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10:15	Life Together	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 202
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00	Suncoast Band Concert	Sanctuary
5:30	Palms Center Grand Opening	Palms Center
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

Day of Hope on Saturday, July 21

Monetary donations can be made to "Church of the Palms" with "Day of Hope" specified on the memo line. You may also sign up to volunteer by visiting the Day of Hope table under the tree.