

WORSHIP



Sunday, July 30, 2017

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen.


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loving God . . . loving Neighbor

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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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prayer of Invocation

Judy Connell *1st service* Brian Burman *2nd service*



Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

My Jesus I Love Thee

Children of the Heavenly Father Various arrangers

Hearing Loop
Switch Hearing
Aids to T-Coil

WE PRAISE

Chimes on the Hour

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #455 (vs. 1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King

WE CONFESS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. 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

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

I Am Thine, O Lord Joan Pinkston

Summer 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Mark Hayes

*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*

Jacob Orr

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism *11 am*

Finlay John Reid, son of Kaitlyn & Ryan

*Hymn #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46; Philippians 4:4-9

(Pew Bible NT pgs. 14, 15; 198)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Campfires of Gentle People

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

*Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision

*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

Little Fugue in G Minor J.S. Bach

**Congregation, please stand if able*

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JULY USHERS

9 am: Ethel Webb, Judy Falkenthal, Carol Selvey, Ann Lang, Ginny Greenawalt, Monty Jackson, Dave Lutes, Susan McKinnon, Bob & Edith Lane, Matthew King.

Captain: Barry Buchanan

11 am: Steve Black, Emily Conklin, Jane Delgado-Semidei, Debbie Keck, Bob Luedeka, Mary McQueen, Peg Pentz, Carol Spangle, Lou & Doris Stanek, Peg Tonn.

Captain: Pat Frazier

JULY ACOLYTES

Cooper Flerlage, Sam Wright, Max Middleton, Cooper Middleton, Sophie Buchmeier, Anna Buchmeier, Alex Vafeas, Trey Jones, Christian Robetor, Marin Poleshek

JULY 30 GREETERS

9 am: Jeanne Asakura, Linelle Dickinson, Dave and Sue Lindemer, Jim & Nola Saltsman

11 am: Martha Church, Maxine Lambert, Eleanor McCallum, Myrna Wolfe

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the family of: **Patricia Keithan Courtright (mother of member Diane Prieur)**, *who died on July 22.*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Michael Counen**, *by his wife and family.*

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The Loon by Mary Oliver

Not quite four a.m., when the rapture of being alive strikes me from sleep, and I rise from the comfortable bed and go to another room, where my books are lined up in their neat and colorful rows. How

magical they are! I choose one and open it. Soon I have wandered in over the waves of the words to the temple of thought.

And then I hear outside, over the actual waves, the small, perfect voice of the loon. He is also awake, and with his heavy head uplifted he calls out to the fading moon, to the pink flush swelling in the east that, soon, will become the long, reasonable day.

Inside the house it is still dark, except for the pool of lamplight in which I am sitting.

I do not close the book.
Neither, for a long while, do I read on.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.



God's Story

Your Story

Lectionary Readings for this week

Sunday

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46;
Philippians 4:4-9

Monday

Mark 6:14-29

Tuesday

Mark 6:30-46

Wednesday

Mark 6:47-56

Thursday

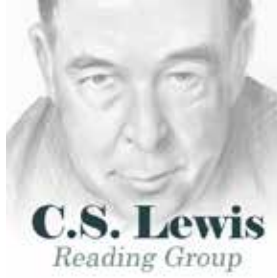
Mark 7:1-23

Friday

Mark 7:24-37

Saturday

Mark 8:1-10



C.S. Lewis Reading Group August 15 • 6 pm Chapel Reception Room

Our next meeting will be on August 15 and we will begin discussion of *The Place of the Lion*, a novel

by Charles Williams (who was one of Lewis' Inklings, a society of writers in the 1930's).

Sarasota Young Voices Music Camp July 31 - August 4 9 am - 12 pm

Children ages 8-18 will enjoy singing, drumming, games and the energy of all the singers together.

A performance will be given on Friday (August 4), and parents will be amazed at the progress the children will have made in the span of one week.

Come join the fun! Register by visiting:

<http://sarasotayv.org>



back to basics

Tutors & Supervisors Needed

Tutoring begins Sept. 5 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) • 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Tutors and Supervisors are needed to serve students in grades 1-12 and college in all subjects. No experience necessary. Visit the Back to Basics Tutoring table under the tree on Sunday to register or fill out a registration form at the front desk in the church office. Also, **there will be a volunteer orientation on August 22 (10:30 am - 12 pm) or August 23 (5 - 6:30 pm) in the Campus Center.** Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

Contact Linda Evans, Director of Tutoring at levans@churchofthepalms.org, 941-924-1323, ext 206.



Pam Gillespie

Our New Executive Director of Operations

Pam was born in Charleston, West Virginia but spent her childhood in Ohio. Her family moved to Sarasota when she was thirteen and at twenty six, she moved to North Carolina. Pam has always considered Sarasota her hometown and she was in fact a member of the youth group at Church of the Palms when she was in high school.

She met her husband John, at her father's church when she moved to North Carolina. A year later, they were married and she became a mom to John, Jr. They have a younger son, Scott and four grandchildren between both boys. Pam has served First Baptist Church of Salisbury, First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, and most recently Matthews United Methodist Church with a combined experience of 28 years. She is a graduate of Riverview High School and Catawba College. She is also a certified Stephen Leader and an Ordained Lay Deacon in the Baptist Church. Pam feels like she is coming back home and is "so excited to begin serving Church of the Palms!"



Join the Summer Choir

The choir meets early in the Music Building and rehearses simple hymn arrangements/easy anthems. No experience necessary. Contact Genevieve Beauchamp: 924-1323, gbeauchamp@churchofthepalms.org

Summer Choir Dates

August 13 & 27

Please arrive an hour prior to the service to rehearse the music. Robe, music & folders will be provided.

Two Cents a Meal Collection Today!

Every donation we collect will go to hunger related projects, including 50% to our Food Pantry. Red collection baskets will be located by the Sanctuary main entrances. To donate by check, include *Two Cents A Meal* in the memo line.



Remember in PRAYER

Members

Jeff Bartell
Sue Bell
Alex Biancardi
John Boeve
Anna Brent
Dorothy Curtis
Julia & Joe Cullen
Joan Daly
Marlene Downs
Margaret Eakin
Margaret Ferguson
Grace Greene
Lee Greene
Jane Hancock
Marian Heymann
Allen Higginbotham
Kelley Jamieson
Eric Jason
Don Kaiser
William Killian
Jeannie Koenig
Vera Lawson
Dick Leach
Brigitte & Jim Lontz
Bob MacGrath
Allen McIlraith
Barbara Michelson
Richard Mohrman
Tommy Morton
Reese Nippert
Fred & Doris Nocera
Bob Ruse
Stan Sergent
Conrad Schott
Sally Taylor

George Walker
Betty Walsler
Gene Washchuk
Violet Woodward

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David Brubaker
Summer Campbell
Joyce Christiansen
Howard Clark
Michael Collins
Bunny Cook
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Alex DeBruin
Lilian DeLermer
Jeff Dockum
Marian Favat
Elaine Garwood
Steve Goodell
Laurie Sullivan-Gros
Janet Hallam
Laura Hardenburgh
Bonnie Hattersley
Karen Hensel
Peter Higginbotham
Peter Husinko
Donna Jackson
Annie Kellis
Melanie Lahurd
Soren Lindholm
Ann & Debra Maland

Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

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

Richard McIntyre
Grace Moravec
Linda Moss
Lowell Nissley
Dirk Noyes
Joanna Page
Kathy Pendergrass
Prem Rajkumar
Russ & Barbara Rann
Sandra Rowan
Patricia Steinkamp
Gertrude Thomas
Marlene Wagner
Gladys Wavra
Martha & Vincent Van Winkle
Linda Windsor
Roy Williams
Bob Willis

Military

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

The family of

Patricia Keithan Courtright



*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 July 30 - August 6

SUNDAY

| | | |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:00 | Prayer Meeting | Chapel Study |
| 8:45 | Childcare | Education Building |
| 9:00 | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |
| 9:30 | Summer Kid's Club (Pre-K - 5 th grade) | 205 |
| 10:00 | Contemporary Worship Service | Campus Center |
| 10:15 | The Wired Word | Chapel Reception Room |
| 10:30 | Summer Kid's Club (Pre-K - 5 th grade) | 205 |
| 11:00 | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |

MONDAY

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| 9:00 | Firm Believers | Campus Center |
| 9:00 | Sarasota Young Voices Summer Camp | Music & Arts Building |
| 7:00 | Associate Pastor Nominating Committee | Chapel Reception Room |

TUESDAY

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|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7:00 | Men's Bible Study & Breakfast | Off Campus |
| 9:00 | Sarasota Young Voices Summer Camp | Music & Arts Building |
| 2:00 | Women's Prayer Group | West Meeting Room |
| 9:15 | Memorial Garden Board Meeting | West Meeting Room |

WEDNESDAY

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7:30 | Men's Bible Study | Chapel Reception Room |
| 9:00 | Sarasota Young Voices Summer Camp | Music & Arts Building |
| 9:00 | Firm Believers | Campus Center |
| 10:00 | Watercolor Wednesday | West Meeting Room |
| 10:00 | PW Coordinating Team | Chapel Reception Room |
| 3:30 | Prayer Shawl Group | Chapel Narthex |
| 5:30 | Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal | Campus Center |

THURSDAY

| | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:00 | Samaritan Staff Meeting | 206 |
| 9:00 | Sarasota Young Voices Summer Camp | Music & Arts Building |
| 10:00 | Adaptive Movement Class | Off Campus |
| 7:00 | Bridge | Chapel Reception Room |

FRIDAY

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|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:00 | Sarasota Young Voices Summer Camp | Music & Arts Building |
| 9:00 | Swift Construction Meeting | 206 |
| 10:00 | Grief Support Group | Chapel Reception Room |
| 2:00 | Faith-Based Recovery | West Meeting Room |

SATURDAY

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY

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Giving Corner

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