

# WORSHIP



*Sunday, October 21, 2018*

We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds. We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, whom you sent among people to make possible our reconciliation and healing. For the saving grace available wherever you reign, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms, we pray. Amen.



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Welcome to



*Loving God...Loving Neighbor.*

### New Members Class

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Chapel Narthex, from 10:15 am - 12 pm.

**Next class: November 11**

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're glad you're here!**

**Be sure to join us every Sunday after the service in the courtyard for coffee and fellowship!**

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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 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 visit the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Narthex. 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 **WORSHIP**

9 & 11 am  
Sanctuary Service  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER

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### Prayer of Preparation

Judy Lutes *1<sup>st</sup> service* Phil Ellis *2<sup>nd</sup> service*

### Prelude

*Romance Op. 26* Johan Svendsen

*Christopher Takeda, violin (Associate Concertmaster of Sarasota Orchestra)*

## WE PRAISE

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### Chimes on the Hour

#### Introit

*Chancel Choir*

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God's Word has been lived among us! We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation. We gather before the One who is heir to all things.**

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors. Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus Christ.

**People: Who are we that God is mindful of us? Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.**

Leader: Jesus has named us brothers and sisters. We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

**People: The realm of God is for all people. God's dominion is over all creation.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### \*Hymn #458

*Earth and All Stars*

## WE CONFESS

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### **\*Call to Confession**

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

All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless or hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love. 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

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!

### Life at Church of the Palms

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

### Anthem

*See I Make All Things New*  
Chancel Choir

### New Member Recognition 9 am

### The Psalter 11 am

Psalm 138

### 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

*Melodie from Orfeo and Euridice* Gluck/Kreisler  
Christopher Takeda, violin

### \*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*

Hmingi Browne

**\*Hymn #370**

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 7:31-37 (Pew Bible NT pg. 42)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*ephphatha*

**Rev. Laurie Haas**

## WE GO

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**\*Hymn #376**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**\*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**

*Rondo in C* John Bull

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

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## OCTOBER ACOLYTES

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Moxie Bonifield, Anna Buchmeier, Nathanael Hearon, Olivia Mason, Gavin Montisano, Owen Montisano, Ryan Schitea, Stephanie Schitea, and Alex Vafeas

## OCTOBER USHERS

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9 am: Elizabeth Dexter, Judy Falkenthal, Monty Jackson, Bob & Edith Lane, Dave Lutes, Susan McKinnon, Ingrid Petri, Carol Selvey, and Ethel Webb.

Captain: Barry Buchanan

11 am: Emily Conklin, Shirley Davis, Pat Frazier, Deborah Keck, Bob Luedeka, Diana Owens, Jane Delgado-Semidei, Lou & Doris Stanek.

Co-Captains: Steve Black & Barry Buchanan

## OCTOBER 21 GREETERS

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9 am: Bob & Joan Dickson, Joan Lanberg, Ken & Marcia Myers, Howard Ramsay

11 am: Martha Church, Lonnie & Laura Trebing, Ann Veith

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Allen Higginbotham, Jr.** from his parents.

## IN MEMORIAM

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We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bradley G. Carlson** who died on Oct. 7.

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## All Saints Day

All Saints Day is around the corner. If you wish to remember a family member who died since last year's All Saints Day (**Nov. 1, 2017**), please contact the front office (941.924.1323) **no later than 9 am Monday, October 29.**



# God's Story

Your Story

## Lectionary Readings for this week

### Sunday

Mark 7:31-37

### Monday

Luke 9:51-62

### Tuesday

Luke 10:1-16

### Wednesday

Luke 10:17-24

### Thursday

Luke 10:25-37

### Friday

Luke 10:38-42

### Saturday

Luke 11:1-13

## Hurricane Michael Response

We are delighted to share with you that thus far we have collected **\$10,245** to support Hurricane Michael relief efforts.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, you may do so in Sunday's offering or by sending your gift to the office. In the coming week contributions can also be mailed or delivered to the church office.

Checks should be made payable to The Church of the Palms with "Hurricane Michael" in the memo line.

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## Bible Discovery

Today • 10:15 am • Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206

Join us in helping you to understand the stories of the Bible. Led by Dr. Alan Rodda & Tom Webber.

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## Global Partners Mission Committee Advocate Workshop

Today • 1:30 - 3:30 pm • Palms Center

Explore with us how COP can best love God and love neighbor, especially children. You will also learn more about what it means to become a Mission Partner Advocate. *Contact Sarah Soboleski: [ssoboleski@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:ssoboleski@churchofthepalms.org)*

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## Wednesday Night Life Continues with "A Search for Saints on All Hallowed Eve"

Oct. 24, 31 & Nov. 7 • 6:30 pm • Campus Center

Join Pastors Dr. Hmingi & Will Browne as they explore the subtlest of shifts in the meaning of "saint." Dinner in the Campus Center @ 5:30 pm for a small fee. RSVP for dinner via our website or by calling the church office.



## FOOD PACKAGING EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Our *Wednesday Night Life* series continues as we partner with **Rise Against Hunger** and package 10,000 meals in just under an hour and a half. The packaged meals will be transported to an area in the world with specific hunger needs for children and adults alike. Prior to the event, you and your family are invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 pm in the Campus Center for a small fee. RSVP for dinner via our website or by calling the church office (941.924.1323).



**Nov. 14**  
**6:30 - 7:45 pm**  
**Palms Center**

### Christmas Bazaar

**Nov. 17 • 9 am • Campus Center**

PW is hosting a Christmas Bazaar to fund many of their mission projects. If you want to donate nearly new holiday items for us to sell, please donate between Nov. 14-16 only. Contact Linda Evans: [levans@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:levans@churchofthepalms.org)

### Red Kettle Campaign



*Doing the Most Good*

Sign-up sheets will be at the Red Kettle table under the tree from 10 am - 12:30 pm beginning Oct. 28. You may also sign up during regular business hours (M-F, 9 am - 5 pm) in the front office.

### Advent Dinner

**Dec. 7 • 6 - 8:30 pm**  
**Campus Center**

*To benefit Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast*

Become a Table Host by hosting or decorating a table. Contact Lynne Truschel: [ltruschel5@aol.com](mailto:ltruschel5@aol.com), 941.650.9029

# Remember in PRAYER

## **Members**

Barbara Branning  
Ellen Cavanaugh  
Vivian Chapman  
Georgia Cotter  
Victoria Croucher  
Joan Daly  
Jo Drymon  
Ruben Gerzeny  
Bill Getzen  
Lee & Grace Greene  
Karen Griffith  
Lynne Grimshaw  
Allen Higginbotham  
Maryanne Higgins  
Doris Horn  
Annadele Jackson  
Jeannie Koenig  
Bud & Alice LaFollette  
Kathryn Lee  
Cherie Leetzow  
Eileen Linxwiler  
Brigitte Lontz  
Donna Lowry  
Allan McIlraith  
David MacMillan  
Barbara Miller  
Joyce Nerthling  
Doris & Fred Nocera  
Jean Powell  
Arline & Philip Reetz  
Charles Schenck  
Cristi Schitea  
Dorothy Schnabel  
James "Duke" Snyder  
Lois Tackett  
Bill Torrance  
Don Unbekant

Jim Wanting  
Helen Watrous

## **Friends**

Dan Audier  
Kathryn Barnes  
Dave Brecht  
Angie & Alydia Brylowski  
Glenn & Liz Cameron  
John Citari  
Brent Cottrell  
Kimberly Crippen  
Fran Denison  
Kathleen Dockum  
Blair Dryden  
Francois Duvergne  
Kelsey Fagerstrom  
Gerda Fife  
Colleen Freedley  
Nigel Grainge  
Bob Grigerit  
Nancy Grimshaw  
Laurie Sullivan-Gros  
Adelia Guedes  
Mike, Michelle & Dylan Harmon  
Peter Higginbotham  
Ken Hoffert  
Kathryn Hopcian  
Ann Hykin  
Heather Imel  
Charlotte Jones  
Annie Kellis  
Michael Leong  
Susan Lestock  
Soren Lindholm  
John Matthews  
Doug McLead

## Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

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

Katie Miller  
Kay Nakielny  
Tessy Nedy  
Perrin Nicolson  
Don Olson  
Joanna Page  
Jim & Maggie Pinegar  
Bob Riep  
Mirka Sadek  
Mildred Sells  
Sean & Pat Skinner  
Leslie Talbot  
Merlyn Wagner  
Karen Weinstein  
Kimberly Weller  
Roy Williams  
Bob Willis  
Jerry Wilson  
Linda Wilson

## **Military**

Christopher Branning  
Tyler Greene  
Marc Jason  
Matthew Purmort  
Tracy Prohoniak-Stacy  
Matthew Stacy

## **The Family of**

Bradley G. Carlson

*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 Oct. 21 - 28

## **SUNDAY**

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8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30	Impact Kids (Pre-K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 211
9:30	Impact Kids (3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 210
9:30	Middle School Connect	Palms Center PC-11
10:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Campus Center
10:15	Christians Understanding Today	Palms Center Rm. 10
10:15	Gospel of Matthew	Chapel Reception Room
10:15	Bible Discovery	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
10:30	Impact Kids (Pre-K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 211
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10:30	Middle School Connect	Palms Center PC-11
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00	Connect 101	Chapel Reception Room
12:00	Life Together Small Group A	Chapel Reception Room
12:00	Life Together Small Group F	Off Campus
12:00	Life Together Small Group G	Palms Center PC-11
12:00	Life Together Small Group H	Palms Center PC-12
1:30	Global Partners Advocate Workshop	Palms Center PC-10
7:00	High School Youth Group	Palms Center Gym
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

## **MONDAY**

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5:30	Sounds of Glory Orchestra Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
6:00	Session Dinner	Campus Center
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball Session 2	Palms Center Gym
6:30	Cantori Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30	Life Together Small Group 1	Chapel Reception Room
7:00	Session Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
7:00	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 208-210
7:00	Choral Artists of Sarasota	Music & Arts Building

## **TUESDAY**

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7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	Off Campus
9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
10:00	Samaritan Spirituality in Therapy Class	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
11:30	Women of the Word (WOW)	Chapel Reception Room
12:00	Love Serves Event	Campus Center
2:00	Women's Prayer Group	West Meeting Room
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
4:30	Sarasota Young Voices Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball Session 2	Palms Center Gym
7:00	Messiah Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00	North & South Home Bible Study	Off Campus
7:15	Men's Small Group	Chapel Reception Room

**WEDNESDAY**

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7:30	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Board Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
10:00	Watercolor Wednesday	West Meeting Room
3:30	Prayer Shawl Group	Chapel Narthex
5:30	Wednesday Night Life Dinner	Campus Center
5:30	Jubilee Handbell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00	Middle School Youth Group	Palms Center Gym
6:30	Wednesday Night Life Class	Campus Center
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building

**THURSDAY**

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7:00	Women's Discipleship Group	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Staff Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
9:00	Beginner Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
10:00	Adaptive Movement Class	Off Campus
12:00	Nominating Committee	Chapel Reception Room
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
5:00	First Impressions Leadership Team	Chapel Reception Room
5:00	Companions for the Journey	Off Campus
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball Session 2	Palms Center Gym
7:00	Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal	Campus Center

**FRIDAY**

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9:45	Loving Stitches	West Meeting Room
10:00	Grief Support Group	Chapel Reception Room
11:30	Eat, Meet & Be Merry	Off Campus
2:00	Faith-Based Recovery	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
7:00	Friday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

**SATURDAY**

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9:00	Suncoast Youth Basketball	Palms Center Gym
11:30	Shepherding Deacon Meeting	Campus Center

**SUNDAY**

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8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
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