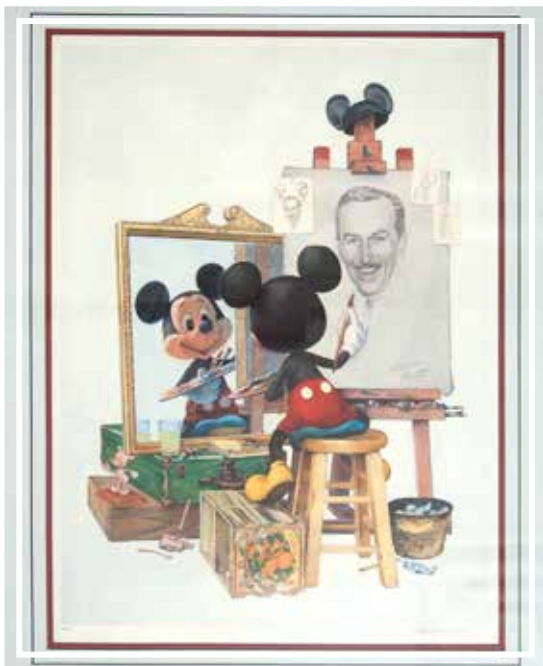


WORSHIP



Sunday, January 20, 2019

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.



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Welcome to



Loving God...Loving Neighbor.

New Members Class

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

Next class: February 10

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 **W****ORSHIP**

9 & 11 am
Sanctuary Service
Second Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

Prayer of Invocation

GINNA CLARK *1st service* JUDY ARMITAGE *2nd service*

Prelude

Sonata in D Major for 2 pianos W.A. Mozart

1. *Allegro con spirito*

WE PRAISE

Chimes on the Hour

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WE CONFESS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*together*)

God of the heathen and righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. In His name we pray. 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.

Anthem

By Faith Cindy Berry
Chancel Choir

New Member Recognition 9 am

Psalter Reading *11 am*

Psalm 122

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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. Hayes/Gaspard

***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*

Laurie Haas

***Hymn** *(Please refer to pages 8-9)*

I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture Lesson

John 1:35-51; Romans 10:14-15 (Pew Bible NT pgs. 95; 160)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

If a Tree Falls in a Forest

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

*Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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

Allegro maestoso Michael Maustein

**Congregation, please stand if able*

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JANUARY USHERS

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

11 am: Emily Conklin, Shirley Davis, Pat Frazier, Deborah Keck, Bob Luedeka, Jane Delgado-Semidei, Doris & Lou Stanek. Co-Captains: Steve Black & Barry Buchanan

JANUARY ACOLYTES

Anna & Sophie Buchmeier, Justine & Nathanael Hearon, Gavin & Owen Montisano, Christian Robetor, Ryan & Stephanie Schitea

JANUARY 21 GREETERS

9 am: Jeanne Asakura, Judy Connell, Al & Carol Gonas, Carl & Anne Hirsch

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

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Betty Young**, who died on Jan. 16

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Charles Hopson**, from his family; in loving memory of **George Weirich**, from Nancy G. Townsend; and in honor of **Joseph Townsend**, from Nancy G. Townsend.

College Search: Living inSanity

Session 1: Feb. 3 • 6:30 pm • PC 10 (for parents of high school juniors & seniors)

Session 2: Feb. 10 • 5 pm • PC 10 (for parents & high school students)

Yes, you can survive and even thrive during the search for just the right college. Join Laurie Haas and Mike Murphy for a two session seminar entitled *College Search: Living inSanity*.

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How Christians Can Talk About Their Country Without Having a Fight

Jan. 23 • 6:30 pm • Campus Center

Join Dr. McConnell as we consider together the challenge of Christian witness in a polarizing age. Dinner available @ 5:30 pm for a small fee prior to the class. RSVP for dinner by calling 941.924.1323.

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things_ a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful_ it
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis plea - sant to_ re -
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know_ it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of_ Je - sus and_ his
 seems than all the gol - den fan - cies of_ all our gol - den
 peat what seems, each time I tell it, more_ won - der - ful - ly
 best seem hun - ge - ring and thir - sting to_ hear it like_ the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis_
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for_
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have ne - ver_
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new_

true; it sa - tis - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 me; and that is just the re - a - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrarin

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



God's Story

Your Story

**Lectionary Readings
for this week**

Sunday

John 1:35-51
Romans 10:14-15

Monday

Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday

Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday

Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

Mark 4:21-34

Friday

Mark 4:35-41

Saturday

Mark 5:1-20

Annual Congregational Meeting

Jan. 27 • 12 pm • Sanctuary

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, called by the Session for **Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12 pm in the Sanctuary**. The purposes of this meeting are: the election of elders, deacons and Nominating Committee members; and voting on the Terms of Call for our installed pastors. Finally, we will review financial results for the church and Foundation during 2018 and hear a report on the church operating budget for 2019. Copies of the detailed 2019 budget are available at the front office. Printed copies of the 2018 Annual Report are available today in the back of the Sanctuary, Campus Center and church office. You may also download a copy on our website: www.churchofthepalms.org

Women's Small Group Book Study

Begins Jan. 29 • 9 - 10:30 am • PC 10

Tuesday evening class may also be offered, 6:30-8 pm, contact Laurie Haas if interested.

This 12-week study will focus on how God invites us into our own spiritual journey as we read *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Garlough Brown. RSVP to Laurie Haas: lhaas@churchofthepalms.org. Led by Pastor Laurie and Anita Lustrea

Sarasota Young Voices Concert

Feb. 16 • 7 pm • Campus Center

You're invited to join Sarasota Young Voices Choir at our Annual Fundraiser Concert, February 16 at 7 pm. This year's theme is "Northern Serenade" in honor of our summer tour to Quebec/Montreal Canada. Join us for a delightful evening of music, treats, and a silent auction to benefit all our choirs and especially our touring students. Tickets will be sold in the COP office (M-F) and in the courtyard, between services. **Please make checks payable to "Sarasota Young Voices"**.



2019 MISSION EXPO

How Will You Invest Your Heart Shares?

- International food, coffee, tea, sweets and a live Mariachi band
- Over 15 Mission Partners each with dynamic displays and participatory activities.
- Three powerful and immersive exhibits allowing you to step into Church of the Palms' work of loving neighbor through Mind, Body & Spirit.

We will also be accepting donations of the following items to benefit our mission partners:

- Children and Young Adult Books (*Birth – 8th grade*)
- New Socks (*Children & adult*)
- Hygiene Items (*Small/travel sized*)



FEBRUARY 3 | 10 AM - 12:30 PM | PALMS CENTER



Community Speaker Series

KIM PHUC

March 2, 2019

1-3 pm • Church of the Palms Sanctuary

Kim Phuc Phan Thi. Scarcely anyone knows her name, but almost everyone knows her picture, a little girl, burned by napalm, running naked and screaming down a Vietnamese street. No one who has seen the picture will ever forget it. But there was a time when Kim's innermost wish was indeed for it to be forgotten. That is until she was able to see the photo and the fame its publicity brought her as a mandate on her life.

Now 55, Phuc is a goodwill ambassador for UNESCO. In addition she founded an organization for children wounded and maimed in war. She speaks each year to thousands of people, and though she still suffers from that napalm attack, she speaks of reconciliation, without which there cannot be peace. She calls for forgiveness.



GOD AND HOLLYWOOD

FINDING GREAT STORIES OF THE SPIRIT IN FILM

6:30 PM CAMPUS CENTER Led by Dr. Steve McConnell & Janet Epstein

MOVIES

JAN. 30 *Ordinary People*

FEB. 6 *One Flew Over
the Cuckoo's Nest*

FEB. 13 *Jerry Maguire*

FEB. 20 *The Truman Show*

FEB. 27 *It's a Wonderful Life*

DAVID & CRYSTAL DOWNING
February 23, 2019 9 am-4 pm

The Downings are Co-Directors of the Wade Center at Wheaton College, which is known internationally as the center for C.S. Lewis studies. Presentation on "The Life and Friendships of C.S. Lewis". Luncheon \$8/person.

Sign-up online or in the front office.



PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN & ISRAEL

October 19 - November 2

Hosted by Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

For more info and to sign up, please visit:
www.aitsatl.com

And log in with the following credentials:
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Remember in PRAYER

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Dee Ardito
Glynn Armitage
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Ron Bergen
Barbara Branning
John & Ellen
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Georgia Cotter
Victoria Croucher
Joan Daly
Margo DiNunzio
John Dockum
Jo Drymon
Dale & Darian Feick
Barney & Barbara Frisk
Jean Georgiades
Bill Getzen
Phillip Goodell
Katy Goodwin
Diane Graeb
Lee & Grace Greene
Karen Griffith
Lynne Grimshaw
Carolyn Guyton
Sally Hawthorne
Allen Higginbotham
Maryanne Higgins
Michele Holland
Doris Horn
Eric Jason
Al Knox
Jeannie Koenig
Bud & Alice LaFollette
Cherie Leetzow
Eileen Linxwiler
Brigitte Lontz
Donna Lowry
Allan McLraith
Barbara Miller
Mary Lou Mings

Joyce Nerthling
Doris & Fred Nocera
Jean Powell
Arline & Philip Reetz
Paul Rostowsky
Tom Rowe
Shirley Schickler
Cristi Schitea
James "Duke" Snyder
Lois Tackett
Eilene Thompson
Bill Torrance
Helen Watrous

Friends

Kathryn Barnes
Sherry Bjornlund
Angie & Alydia Brylowski
Glen Cameron
Marjorie Dever
Sandy Diaz
Kathleen Dockum
Blair Dryden
Andy Ellis
Mark Evenson
Arthur Ferreira
Colleen Freedley
John Freeman
Mike Gick
Nigel Grainge
Laurie Sullivan-Gros
Adelia Guedes
David Hancock
Mike, Michelle & Dylan Harmon
Peter Higginbotham
Gordon & Kathryn Hopcian
Ann Hykin
Judith Johnson
Lindsay Knops
Craig Larson
Mary Leonard

Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

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

Loretta Levinus
Soren Lindholm
John Matthews
Carole McDermont
Katie Miller
Shawn Montgomery
Stephanie Moore
Jim & Maggie Pinegar
Thelma Santone
Sean & Pat Skinner
Lily Smith
Leslie Talbot
Lydia Twamley
Kimberly Weller
Linda Wethe
Roy Williams
Bob Willis
Jerry Wilson
Linda Wilson
Barbara Whitlatch
Ann York
John Ziebarth

Military

Christopher Branning
William Diamond
Tyler Greene
Marc Jason
Matthew Purmort
Rick Smart
Tracy Prohoniak-Stacy
Matthew Stacy

The Family of Betty Young

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our church office at 924.1323.

Events Calendar Jan. 20 - 27

SUNDAY

8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
8:45	Nursery Care	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 103
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30	Impact Kids (Pre-K - 2 nd grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 211
9:30	Impact Kids (3 rd - 5 th grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 210
9:30	Middle School CONNECT	Palms Center PC-11
10:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Campus Center
10:00	Confirmation Class	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 209
10:15	Christians Understanding Today	Palms Center Rm. 10
10:15	Gospel of Matthew	Chapel Reception Room
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11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
4:00	Young Life Board Meeting	Palms Center PC-10
7:00	High School Youth Group	Palms Center PC-11
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

Church office, Palms Preschool, Food Pantry & Samaritan Counseling closed in observance of the holiday.

10:30	SILL's Music Mondays/SYV	Sanctuary
6:00	Song of Paul Rehearsal	Campus Center
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball	Palms Center Gym
7:00	Boy Scout Troup Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 210
7:00	Choral Artists of Sarasota	Sanctuary

TUESDAY

7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	Off Campus
9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
11:30	Women of the Word (WOW)	Chapel Reception Room
1:00	Grief Support 201	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
2:00	Women's Prayer Group	West Meeting Room
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
4:30	Sarasota Young Voices	Music & Arts Bldg.
6:00	C.S. Lewis Reading Group	Chapel Reception Room
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball	Palms Center Gym
7:00	North & South Home Bible Study	Off Campus
7:15	Men's Small Group	Chapel Reception Room

WEDNESDAY

7:30	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
10:00	Watercolor Wednesday	West Meeting Room
11:30	Office Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	Campus Center
3:30	Prayer Shawl Group	Chapel Narthex
5:30	Wednesday Night Life Dinner	Campus Center
6:00	AMPED - Middle School Youth Group	Palms Center

6:30	Wednesday Night Life Class	Campus Center
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building

THURSDAY

7:00	Extraordinary Women Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Suncoast Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00	Beginner Pickleball	Palms Center Gym
2:30	Tutoring	Campus Center
4:30	Bellisimo Handbell Rehearsal	Chapel Reception Room
5:00	First Impressions Leadership Team Mtg.	Chapel Reception Room
5:00	Companions for the Journey	Off Campus
6:00	Song of Paul Rehearsal	Campus Center
6:30	Suncoast Youth Basketball	Palms Center Gym
7:00	Contemporary Worship Band	Campus Center

FRIDAY

9:00	Firm Believers	Palms Center Gym
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

SATURDAY

9:00	Suncoast Youth Basketball	Palms Center Gym
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11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:00	Annual Congregation Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30	Foundation Board Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
3:00	Suncoast Concert Band	Sanctuary
7:00	Point Break - High School Youth Group	Palms Center PC-11
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

Front Office Volunteer Needed

We have an open slot on Tuesdays, 9 am - 12 pm. Receptionist experience helpful but not necessary. We'll train you! Contact Cathie Silbaugh by phone or email: csilbaugh@churchofthepalms.org. 941.924.1323 x205.