Sunday, September 11, 2016

GOD OF LOVE, light a flame of love in our hearts to you, a flame of love to our families and friends, a flame of love to our neighbors, a flame of love to our enemies. Son of the Creator, light a flame of love in our hearts to all, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the Name that is highest of all. Amen.
Welcome to Church of the Palms
Loving God...Loving Neighbor.

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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- **Kiosk**
  available in the Campus Center
- **Envelopes**
  available in worship
- **Online**
  via our website
- **Text to Give**
  941.202.5125
  Text $ amount
- **Stocks & IRA’s**
  Visit our website for more info.

**Service times:** Traditional - 9 & 11 am Sanctuary; Modern - 9 am *The Garden* (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.
WE GATHER

Prayer of Invocation
Penny Mathews 1st service  Jim Mathews 2nd service

Prelude
Melodia Villa-Lobos
Largo and Allegro, from Sonata #6 Vivaldi
Christopher Schnell, cello

Chimes

Introit
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #455
All Creatures of Our God and King

WE CONFESS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (together)
God of life, grant us your forgiveness. We have been heedless in our thoughts, cruel in our words, shameful in our actions. We are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness; we pass by on the other side when we see our neighbor in need; we wander from the way that leads to peace in paths of our own pleasing. God of life, grant us your forgiveness. 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
*Deep River Traditional*
Christopher Schnell, cello
*In memory of the victims of September 11.*

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  
Credo John Purifoy  
Chancel Choir

*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  
Fran Patterson

*Hymn #554  
Let All Things Now Living

Scripture Lesson  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Pew Bible pgs. 2 - 3)  
   Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!  
   People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  
A Dog with a Bone  
Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

*Hymn #555  
Now Thank We All Our God

*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.
LEADERSHIP TEAM

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SEPTEMBER USHERS

Captains: Bob & Sally Irwin.

11 am: Martha Church, Eleanor Smith, Jackie Garn, Ben Morgan, Mary McQueen, Steve Black, Jane Semidei, Barry Buchanan, Bob Luedeka, Charles George, Emily Conklin and Peg Tonn.
Captain: John Mercier.

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

Tommy Morton, Grace McCullough, Alexander Vafeas, Ava Epstein, Peter Cornetet, Olympia Spivey, Walter Homeister, Matthew King, Max Middleton, Cooper Middleton.

SEPTEMBER 11 GREETERS

9 am: Sandi Stewart, Bob and Barb Schaal, Sandra and Tony Tollis

11 am: Dell McAbee, Sally Rownd, Lou & Doris Stanek, Gene & Carol Washchuk

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families of:

Mary Jo Demby, who died on Sept. 1.
Bob White, who died on Sept. 5.
### God’s Story

#### Your Story

**Lectionary Readings for this week**

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**Small Groups Resume Today For All Ages!**

- **PreK-K:** Rm 114
- **First & Second grade:** Rm 211
- **Fourth & Fifth grade:** 205
- **Third grade:** 207
- **Middle & High School:** Rooms 208-210

*Nursery care available until 11 am.*
**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**TODAY!**  
Chapel Reception Rm.

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**10:15 a.m.**  
*Part 1: COP ORIENTATION*  
Explore what it means to make a deeper commitment to the COP family. Affiliate memberships are available for seasonal residents.

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**11:00 a.m.**  
*Part 2: JOIN THE COMMUNITY*  
Be received into membership.  
Pre-Requisite: New Member Orientation class (past or present).

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*Advanced registration NOT required.*  
*For more info, contact Carolyn Wilson: cwilson@churchofthepalms.org*

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**Sept. 18 • 9:30 - 12:30 pm**  
**North Parking Lot**  
The Suncoast Communities Blood Bank will be here on Sept. 18. There will be one bus for whole blood only. **All blood types are needed.** Please consider donating your blood at this important time. You may sign up under the tree today.

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You are invited to participate in World Communion Sunday on Oct. 2.  
Participants dress in native attire of their national heritage (or a country of your choice) and are part of the processional for our church services. We would especially love to have people representing the countries where we have ongoing mission projects. There are several outfits available for use or you can bring your own. *For more info or to sign up, contact Susy Welsh: musicalmoment@me.com, 941-321-5703.*
Back to Basics Tutoring: Resume this Tuesday!
Many thanks to everyone who attended the orientation meetings last week. In addition to needing tutors, we need help on the phone and sign-in desk on Tuesdays and substitutes for all non-tutoring supervisors on both days. Please consider helping our students. Contact Judy Armitage: 924-1323, jarmitage@churchofthepalms.org

Third Grade Bible Presentation: Sept. 25 @ both 9 am services
If you have a 3rd grade student, please provide the name of your student and which service you will be attending. Contact Lisa Baughman: 924-1323, lbaughman@churchofthepalms.org

Family Promise Volunteers are needed for the week of October 9 - 16.
Family Promise is gearing up for another important week of hosting homeless families at the Family Promise house (located at 702 S. School Ave). We need volunteers to help with shopping, setting up and breaking down for our guests, making and serving meals, and hosting overnight. You can sign up under the tree beginning on September 18. Contact: Sarah (780-3899) or Steve (587-0177), familypromise.palms@gmail.com
Members
Alex Biancardi
Charlee Bell
Nancy Brown
Ellen Cavanaugh
Louise Christopher
Julia & Joe Cullen
Joan Daly
Joan DeRue
Roger Dickinson
Jacqueline Fellhauer
Matthew Gerzeny
Penny Goodell
Aaron Gooding
Lee Greene
Babe Hart
Len & Carole Higley
Dutch Johnson
Margaret Terry Larsen
Vera Lawson
Elzada Leavesley
June LeBell
Jerry McFadden
Reese Nippert
Fred Nocera
Mae Perry
Jan Carper-Swope
Sally Taylor
Frieda Thayer
Bob Windom
Bill Zurlo

Friends
Ida Andalora
Mike Amstead
Olivia Anagnostopoulous
Ryan Baldwin
Jill Bass
Chris Block
Anna Delia Brillon
Summer Campbell
Jim Carroll
Jacob & Melody Cherian
Freddy Chesney
Jeff Dockum
Herb Dosser
Bruce Eberlin
Jimmy Eiland
Linda Escapa
Marian Favat
Dick Genda
David Gill
Keli Jo Green
Laurie Sullivan-Gros
Grace Hager
Bridgett Hart
Christian Hauser
Joe Hochadel
Jack Hodges
Chuck Holmes
Mark Hopton
Malyn Lake
Sarah LaStrange
Shauna Matteo

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.

Call To Prayer
Sundays • 8:00 a.m.
Chapel Study
Join us every Sunday as we pray for our pastors and the morning services.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our church office at 924-1323.
SUNDAY
8:00  Prayer Meeting  Chapel Study
8:45  Childcare  Education Building
9:00  The Garden Worship Service  Campus Center
9:00  Traditional Worship  Sanctuary
9:30  Kid’s Worship (Pre-K - 5th grade) / Acolyte Training 205
10:15  Middle & High School Connect  208-210
10:15  Kid’s Sunday Small Groups  Education Building
10:15  The Wired Word  206
10:15  Life Together  202
10:15  Four Marks of Christian Maturity  Chapel
10:15  New Member Class - COP Orientation  Chapel Reception Room
11:00  New Member Class - Join the Community  Chapel Reception Room
11:00  Traditional Worship  Sanctuary

MONDAY
9:00  Firm Believers  Campus Center
9:30  Priscilla Circle  Chapel Reception Room
10:00  PW Monthly Meeting  211
10:00  Rebekah Circle  East Meeting Room
6:30  Sounds of Glory Orchestra Rehearsal  Music & Arts Building
6:30  The Garden Leadership Team Meeting  East Meeting Room
7:00  Worship Committee Meeting  Chapel Reception Room

TUESDAY
7:00  Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast  Off Campus
9:30  Mary Circle  210
1:00  Design Team Meeting  206
2:00  Women’s Prayer Group  West Meeting Room
2:30  Tutoring  Campus Center
4:45  Sarasota Young Voices Rehearsals  Music & Arts Building
5:00  Nominating Committee  202
6:00  The Healing Ministry of Jesus  West Meeting Room
6:30  Deep End  Off Campus
6:30  Girl Scout Troop 127 Meeting  211
7:00  North & South Home Bible Study  Off Campus

WEDNESDAY
7:30  Men’s Bible Study  Chapel Reception Room
10:00  Watercolor Wednesday  Chapel Reception Room
3:30  Prayer Shawl Group  Chapel Narthex
5:00  Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal  Sanctuary
5:45  M.S. Youth Group  205-207
6:00  Jubilee Handbell Rehearsal  Sanctuary
6:30  The Hero Effect  Chapel Reception Room
6:45  Bridge (Middle & High School)  Campus Center
7:15  H.S. Youth Group  208-210
7:15  Chancel Choir Rehearsal  Music & Arts Building
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For More Information

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or

Rev. Steve McConnell:  smcconnell@churchofthepalms.org  941.924.1323

One of the greatest ways you can care for those you love in a lasting way is to make a will and to keep it current with your present wishes. Don’t hesitate. You’ll be glad for the peace of mind that follows.