

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

# *Palms Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, June 18, 2023 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Jesus Shall Reign*

arr. Jason Payne  
arr. David Lasky

### Welcome & Announcements

### Introit

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
The Summer Choir

Frederick Atkinson

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

*Adapted from a prayer for Jewish Shabbat*

Give us a place to rest, O Lord, our God.

**Bring us into shelter  
in the evening shadows of your truth.**

For with you are true protection and safety,

**and in your presence are acceptance and love.**

Watch over us as we go forth.

Prepare for us as we return.

**Spread over us your shelter of peace.**

### \* Hymn (#370)

*This Is My Father's World*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Adapted from a prayer for Jewish Shabbat*

Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. God, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when your presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk. Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed. And we, clay touched by you, will reach out for holiness. **(A moment for silent confession.)** Amen.

### Response (#437)

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

\* Stand if able

## Assurance of Forgiveness

- \* **Response** (#582)      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading      Hebrews 4:1-11

The Word of God for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God.**

### Time for Children

### Anthem      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      arr. Dale Wood

O master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
winning word of love; teach me, O Lord, the wayward feet to stay, and guide them  
in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Lord, let me live.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Second Reading      Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

The Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon      "Toil & Leisure"      Rev. Bryant Anderson

- \* **Hymn** (#716)      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

#### Deacons

Ellen Carson, Vickie Cavey, Laura Kusumoto,  
Pam Mann, Laura Strickland

#### Elders

Pam Chally, Andy Mignerey, Lucy Stewart,  
Gordon Strickland

## Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts,

**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,

**but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

**Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

## Statement on Ordination

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

## Constitutional Questions & Prayer of Ordination

### Prayers of the People & 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.

## Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

*Let Us Pray for Peace*

Thomas Keesecker

Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation. May God's truth and justice mend every breach; may we learn to live as one. Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy. May compassion guide our way in the world, may forgiveness heal division. May forgiveness heal us all.

We pray for peace, we pray for understanding, pray that hatred cease and God's reign is known on earth. Hear our prayer for peace, hear our prayer for love. Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray. You know our hearts, you know our selfish struggles. Take away our pride and fill us all with you. Fill us with your peace, fill us with your love, fill us all this day, O Lord, we pray.

May your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

May your reign of love be known in our lives, may your will be done among us. Amen.

**\* Response (#606)**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* Hymn (#305)**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

**\* Charge & Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*Sinfonia*

Georg Frideric Handel

The flowers are given in loving memory of Marty Martin by her husband,  
Bill Martin, to honor her passing on 6/20/2021.

## Leading Worship Today

Rev. Bryant Anderson (Pastor), Rev. Emily K. Béghin (Associate Pastor), Rev. Craig Davies (Parish Associate), Ronn Cummings (Music Director), and Cathy Fortson (Organist)

## Let us know you're here!

Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have joined us for worship today. Sign the connection pad in the pew or pull out your phone and visit [palmschurch.org](http://palmschurch.org) and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

## KidWorship & KidWorship JR

Following the Time for Children, all children, age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to attend **KidWorship** (or **KidWorship Jr.** for 3 year-olds - Kindergarten). This program will feature music, Bible study, games, prayer, and more fun activities to help kids grow in faith and deepen connections with one another.

**Children can be picked up after worship** in our children's area on the second floor of the education building.

For families wishing their children to remain in worship, worship bags with materials designed to engage children during worship are available in the back of the church.



As summer begins, we focus on rest. Christians have a complicated relationship with notions of Sabbath, but it's hard to deny the central place that the practice enjoys in the foundational stories of Scripture, from creation to the giving of the law. We explore the meaning of Sabbath and how we might create more room for Sabbath in our daily lives.

# Prayers & Concerns

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Ernine Astolfi, Nancy Aves, Jean Faulds, Jane Fischer, Anne Flora, Betty-Lu Grune, Dottie Harper, Jean Hurner, Louise Jackson, Pat Kelk, Joan Kemp, Betty Larkins, Penny Leonard, Faye Lightburn, Nancy McCarthy, Frances Moody, Nelson Moore, Mary Noojin, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Rathburn, Betty Spielman, Sally Trefry, Michelle Weitz, and Malvina White

## IN THE MILITARY

James McDuffie Brunson, Woody Cromley, Zach Johnson, Dr. Janet West, Andrew Whelan, Daniel Wise, and Dr. Austin Yoder

## GLOBAL MISSION

Richard & Ursula Wagner (AMFA) and Pastor Charles George, Zoe Church, Home of Compassion, Delft, Cape Town, South Africa; Leon & Jacky Dorleans and Nadege Gay, Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM); CODEP-Comprehensive Development & Reforestation Project (Haiti); Dr. Connie Duke, Art Creation Foundation (Haiti); Dr. Tharwat Wahba, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo (ETSC) and the Presbyterian Church of Egypt; Dr. Roger Wegurih, "Operation Go Home" (Upper Presbytery, Ghana); Dr. John Azumah, The Sanneh Institute (Ghana); and The Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Theology, (Ghana)

## LOCAL MISSION

Lori Richards, BEAM; Steve Gilbert, Beaches Habitat for Humanity; Latoya Thomas, The Carver Center, Jelisa Jackson, The Gail Baker Center; Dee Davis, The Jordan Center, Faculty, students, and families of local Beaches Area schools, Michael McAvoy, Mission House; Rick Cartlidge, The Sanctuary on 8th Street; Lori Anderson, Dial-A-Ride, Mary Jane Brown, Beaches Community Kitchen

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit a prayer request by contacting Sallie Gipson at [sallie.gipson@palmschurch.org](mailto:sallie.gipson@palmschurch.org).

# In Memory

## Betty Patterson

*June 24, 1929 - June 6, 2023*

A service will be held June 23  
at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Bill Galvin

*December 1, 1930 - June 9, 2023*

No service details at this time

## Don Reek

*February 2, 1934 - June 30, 2023*

A service will be held June 29  
at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

# Weekly Calendar

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:15 a.m. KidWorship & KidWorship, Jr., RMS 209, 213, 215

## **MONDAY, JUNE 19**

- 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

- 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:15 p.m. Men's Over 50 Basketball, Gym

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

- 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina, Library
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Gym

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

- 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) Crafters, RM 202
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, RM 202
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class, RM 211

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

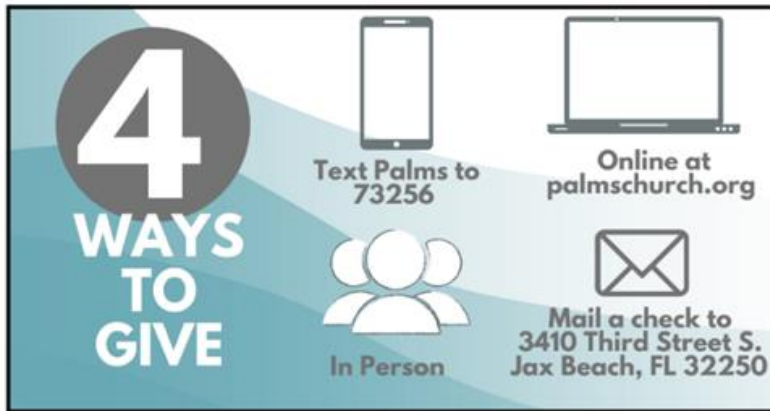
- 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 1:00 p.m. Betty Patterson Memorial Service, Sanctuary

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

- No events scheduled

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:15 a.m. KidWorship & KidWorship, Jr., RMS 209, 213, 215
- 6:00 p.m. No Guilt Fellowship Group, Offsite



### STAFF CONTACTS

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