

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023 • Reign of Christ

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Jason Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come, Christians, Join to Sing!* arr. David Evans
The Chancel Choir

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Our God reigns; let the earth be glad.
God's word is truth; let all creation sing.

**We bow before God's strength and majesty;
we come in awe before his throne.**

Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth,
to worship and make faithful witness.

**God is our righteousness and our peace.
God's truth renews us.**

* **Hymn** (#643) *Now Thank We All Our God*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. **(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 Psalm 100:1-5

The Word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

Anthem *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Jason McCoy

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in,
ere, the winter storms begin; God, the Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield, all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land, all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores. These to thee, our God, we owe, source from where all blessings flow,
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then thankful people, come! Raise the song of harvest home! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-40

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Christ the King" Rev. Emily K. Béghin

* **Hymn** (#268) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **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.

Prayer 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

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God. By Him, all things were made that have been made.

Nothing was made, He has not made.

*** 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 (#275)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*** Charge & Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Anna Laura Page

The flowers are given by Rose Walker in loving memory of Bob Walker.

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Emily K. Béghin (Associate Pastor), Rev. Bryant Anderson (Pastor), Ronn Cummings (Director of Music & Fine Arts), 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 and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

KidWorship

Following the Time for Children at the 11 a.m. worship service, all children, age 3 through 5th grade, are invited to attend **KidWorship**. 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.



Angels appear at four key moments in the Christmas story as told by Luke and Matthew, and in all four instances they say the same thing: "Do not be afraid." We are sometimes surprised by this: why is a divine visitation received with fear? Why wouldn't it be welcomed with joy and amazement? But we should not be surprised—God has a stubborn tendency to interrupt our lives, to upset our expectations, and to derail our plans. And this is what the Christmas story is all about, really: a surprising visitation from God that alters the course of human history.

Prayers & Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Aves, Denny Eller, Jean Faulds, Anne Flora, Dottie Harper, Louise Jackson, Pat Kelk, Joan Kemp, Penny Leonard, Faye Lightburn, Nancy McCarthy, Nelson Moore, Mary Noojin, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Rathburn, Betty Spielman, 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

Jeff Winkler, 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, Lucas Seilhymmer, 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 Pam Mann at either 904-509-6192 or gatorpep@aol.com.



Advent Flower Dedications



You are invited to make a contribution to the Palms Oasis Garden as a living memorial to honor, remember, or celebrate someone. The names of those who are honored will be listed in the bulletin Sunday, December 17, and in the weekly eNews Wednesday, December 20. Forms are due no later than Monday, December 11.

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:15 a.m. KidWorship, RMS 209, 213, 215
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting, RM 412

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Small Group, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Caregivers' & Beyond Support Group, RM 203
- 6:15 p.m. Men's Over 50 Basketball, Gym

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study, RM 202
- 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina, Library
- 11:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study, RM 202
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Deck Them Halls (and do them crafts), Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Gym

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 11:00 a.m. Parkinson's Support Group, RM 202
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) Crafters, RM 202
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, RM 202

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- No events scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- No events scheduled

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Patten Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Adult Advent Sunday School, Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Children's Advent Sunday School, RM 126
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:15 a.m. KidWorship, RMS 209, 213, 215
- 12:00 p.m. Lutheran Social Services Lunch & Learn, Patten Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS



Angel Tree

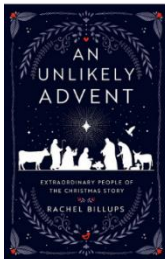
Now through December 3.
Please record your selected angel.



Deck Them
HALLS

AND DO THEM CRAFTS
NOVEMBER 29 AT 5-7 P.M.

Advent Sunday School: December 3, 10, 17



Adult Sunday School, held in the chapel at 9:40 a.m., will be based on, "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups. We have a limited supply of books available to purchase for \$12 each in the church front office.

Also recommended for personal Advent study if you are not able to attend the class.



CHILDREN'S ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHOOL

RM 126 AT 9:40 A.M.



You are invited to the Lutheran Social Services Lunch & Learn on **Sunday, December 3 at 12 p.m.** in Patten Hall. Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida operates five very different community outreach programs that share an important commonality... the ability to help those facing hardships stabilize their lives and earn a fresh start. Please register to attend: <https://bit.ly/LSSLunchandLearn>.



SEASONED SAINTS
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

'Tis the season to spread joy and festive cheer! You are invited to the Seasoned Saints Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy music from choral interns Ted Louckes & Daniel Banks and enjoy some good food & company. This luncheon will take place **Thursday, December 7 from 12 - 2 p.m.** in Patten Hall. The cost is \$5. Please bring a wrapped ornament for a gift exchange and register to attend at <https://bit.ly/SSHolidaylunch>.



Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

For more information call the church office or go to palmschurch.org.

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