

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 19, 2025 • 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Anna Laura Page
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Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
The Chancel Bells

arr. Margaret Tucker

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

* Hymn (#366)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. **(A moment for silent confession.)**
Amen.

Response (#424)

Out of the Depths

In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.

We rest our fears in your good word; uphold our fainting spirit.

Your promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support;

I wait for it with patience.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* *Rise in body or in spirit*

* **Response** (#581)

Glory Be to the Father
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.

[11:00] **The Sacrament of Baptism** (see additional page)

James Orville Thompson, III, son of James Orville Thompson, Jr. and Kelly Patton Thompson

* [11:00] **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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 8:14-17

The Word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

Anthem

A Jubilant Rondo

Cynthia Dobrinski

Prayer for Illumination

Second Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God of Mercy"

Rev. Bryant Anderson

* **Hymn** (#435)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* [8:30] **Affirmation of Faith** (see above)

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Kevin McChesney

* **Response** (#700)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
(Repeat)

* **Prayer of Dedication**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* **Hymn** (#39)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Toccata on All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Gilbert Martin

The flowers are given in loving memory of Janice Wiesner
by her husband Jim and family.

*Please join us after worship for hospitality and fellowship in Patten Hall.
All are welcome to join us!*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PALMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

James Orville Thompson, III

son of James Orville Thompson, Jr. and Kelly Patton Thompson

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Leader Hear these words from scripture: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

People In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Leader Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions for the Parents & Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

After the baptism, the elder will welcome James Orville:

Leader James has been received into the church universal through Baptism. God has made him a member of the family of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

People With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Bryant Anderson (Pastor), Rev. Beverly Dempsey (Associate Pastor), Dr. 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, 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 educational building.

If your child is not ready for KidWorship during the 11:00 service, children up to 5 years old are welcome to join us in **Palms Praise and Play**. This nursery time includes free play, age-appropriate crafts, and a caring, fun environment. Praise and Play is available during the 8:30 worship service, the education hour, and the 11:00 worship service.



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 Christians we believe that the best way to understand the nature of God is to look at Jesus. But that doesn't mean that Jesus is the only way to know God; we learn a lot about God's character and work through the many stories and writings of the Old Testament. This series looks at some of the key attributes that we discover about God long before God is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Prayers & Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Aves, Jack & Mary Frost, Sara Gordon, Louise Jackson, Joan Kemp, Penny Leonard, Faye Lightburn, Nelson Moore, Mary Noojin, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Rathburn, Betty Spielman, Sally Trefry, Malvina White

IN THE MILITARY

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

GLOBAL MISSION

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 Rev. Dr. Philip Laryea, 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.

HAPPENING TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. PW Crafters Prayer Shawl Display, Patten Hall
- 9:40 a.m. Outreach Partners (BEAM), Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Middle/High School Sunday School, RM 412 (Youth Room)
- 9:40 a.m. Faith Explorers: (K-5th Grade) Sunday School, RM 209
- 9:40 a.m. ReFuel-->Restored (for parents of kids 0-18), RM 203
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:15 a.m. KidWorship, RMS 209, 213, 215
- 5:30 p.m. HS Youth Group, Offsite at the Machinski's



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ***Monday, January 20***

- The church office will be closed.
- Join the Matthew 25 Team at 9:00 a.m. for the day of service located at 376 4th St. S., in Jax Beach.
- Chanticleer concert 7:30 p.m. Reservations required.

New Member Class



New Member Class ***Saturday, January 25 at 9 a.m.***

Is this the right time for you to formally become a member of Palms Presbyterian Church? If you would like to be a part of Palms' next New Member Class, consider yourself invited on Saturday, January 25 9 – 11:30 a.m. in the Palms Room (RM 211).

Please contact Sylvia Hammond in the church office to let us know you will attend.



**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Annual Congregational Meeting ***Sunday, January 26 at 9:40 a.m.*** ***Fellowship Hall***

Come enjoy coffee and a light breakfast while reviewing the annual report and discussing church business. The report will also be made available online and in the eNews.