
OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE PALMER

The latest news and updates from Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church



WE ARE PALMER

Our church needs every Palmer's pledge to support our goals for 2026. Stewardship Pledges provide over 80 percent of Palmer's financial resources. Every pledge adds directly to what Palmer can do, supporting our building, outreach, programs, clergy, and staff. Please turn in a 2026 Stewardship Pledge Card, which you can find on-line at palmerchurch.org/give and in the pews in advance of the concluding celebration on Covenant Sunday, November 16. The Finance Council of the Vestry will recommend a budget based upon the Stewardship Pledges received by that time.

CHORAL EVENSONG AND ART RECEPTION

On Sunday, October 5, the Palmer Choir's will have a Choral Evensong service starting at 4:00 PM in the nave, followed by a reception at 5:00 PM in Parish Hall, featuring light refreshments and a display of works by Palmer's visual arts community. Come enjoy and support the musical and visual arts at Palmer. The music featured will be by John Travers, Joseph Jongen, Katherine Burk Webb, Herbert Sumsion, Herbert Howells, T. Hanforth, and Palmer's Composer-in-Residence, David Ashley White.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Join us Monday, October 6 for a candlelit service of contemplative prayer, meditative music, and meaningful silences with Eucharist. A light supper of soup and refreshments will be offered at 6:00 PM in St. Bede's Chapel followed by service at 7 PM in the nave.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 12, there will be "Eucharist on the Lawn & Blessing of the Animals" at 10 AM on the grass between the chapel and the medical center. Please bring your pets and also blanket or chairs with you. Note, there will be a simultaneous worship service held inside the church also at 10 AM for those who do not wish to attend the Blessing of the Animals.

REEL THEOLOGY - SPIRITED AWAY

Our next Reel Theology discussion will be about the animated movie "Spirited Away" on Sunday, October 5, 7 to 8 PM on Zoom. This widely celebrated movie follows young girl who wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches and spirits. It is streaming on HBO MAX. To join the discussion group on October 5, visit palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks.

Fall 2025 FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00-9:45 AM

- **October 5** -Faces of our Faith: Adam and Eve / Shiphrah and Puah
- **October 12** - Faces of our Faith: The Daughters of Zelophehad
- **October 19** - Faces of our Faith: Deborah

SUNDAY MORNING PARENTING GROUP

Parenting Group meets from 9-10 AM in the Canterbury Room upstairs in the Autry House Building at Palmer. If you are seeking encouragement and community in your parenting journey, you are welcome here. For info contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:cym@palmerchurch.org) at cym@palmerchurch.org.

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PreK (with school experience) to 5th grade, Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am in Holy Cross Children's Room. Questions? Contact Courtney Daniell-Knapp at acourtneydaniell@gmail.com.

PALMER YOUTH GROUP

Palmer Youth Group meets Sundays 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Youth Room. Contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:cym@palmerchurch.org), Director of Children's and Youth Ministry.

THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Beginning October 9 - palmerchurch.org/midweek

6:00 PM – Fellowship in St. Bede's Chapel

6:30 PM – Common Prayer for Our Common Life with The Rev'd Allen Junek and The Rev'd Neil Willard in A102

6:30 PM – Holy Observing: A Thursday Evening Art & Faith Series with Roger Hutchison and The Rev'd Neil Willard

Dinner & Discussion - Friday, October 10

At Dinner & Discussion on Friday, October 10, Palmers Jennifer and Mario Macia will speak on "Guyana" they spent 3 years. They will give a brief history and description of Guyana, and share some of their adventures exploring the country. All are welcome to attend this Dinner & Discussion gathering at the home of Cheryl Verlander and Chuck Bracht. Come at 7 PM and bring a dish to share with about six people, plus \$3 each to cover beverage costs. For additional information, please contact Betty Key (bettykey@sbcglobal.net).

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

meets at 7 AM in person and on Zoom. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard rector@palmerchurch.org

Tuesday Women's Bible Studies

meet at 7 AM in person and on Zoom and at 3:30 PM on Zoom. Contact info@palmerchurch.org

Wednesday Bible Study

(open to everyone!) meets at 12 Noon on Zoom and in-person in room A102. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard at rector@palmerchurch.org

OTHER WEEKLY MEET-UP GROUPS

- Women's Spirituality (Mondays 1 PM in A102)
- Meditation in St. Bede's Chapel (Wednesdays 6:30 PM)
- Meditation on Zoom (Mondays and Wednesdays, palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks)
- Gentle Yoga Every Thursday (except Third Thursday) in St. Bede's at 9:30 AM
- Palmer Writing Group (On Zoom)

For Children's and Youth Ministries
contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:cym@palmerchurch.org) at cym@palmerchurch.org

MONTHLY EVENTS AND MEET-UP GROUPS

- Parish Potlucks or Community Meals
- Third Thursday Outing Hosted by the Older Adults Ministry (All are invited!)
- Social Hour with the Rector at Valhalla on the Rice Campus at 5 PM (Second Thursday of the month)
- Dinner and Discussion (One Friday of the Month)
- Downtown Lunch, Noon at Treebeard's in the Cloister (Fourth Tuesdays)
- Reel Theology Movie Discussion at 7 PM on Zoom (First Sundays)
- Creative Arts Community
- Photography Group
- Palmers Assisting Reentry (PAR)
- Daughters of the King Prayer Group
- Board Game Group (Last Wednesday of the Month)

Palmer's Nursery is located in the front office at the end of the staff hallway. You can also access it by the door in the breezeway that leads to the offices. It is open Sundays and for special events.