

Palm City Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER



**SUNDAY
MAY 31**

**ONE SERVICE
@ 10:00 AM**

Join us in the sanctuary for the installation of Rev. Bryan Wenger. This special service will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Don't miss this opportunity for those who attend our three services to worship together! There will be a reception to follow in Langill Hall.

Pastor Bryan to Be Installed



On Sunday, May 31, representatives from ECO's Presbytery of Florida will be here to officially install the Rev. Bryan Wenger as our executive pastor. We will have one combined service that day at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

What is "installing" a pastor? The relationship between a pastor and a church involves four parties: God, the pastor, the congregation, and the presbytery. Pastors are under the care and authority of the presbytery.

When a pastor accepts a call from a congregation, a special service is held to establish that relationship. Representatives from the presbytery bless the relationship. The pastor reaffirms the vows of ordination and promises to serve faithfully. The congregation promises to respect, care for, and serve with the pastor. We all ask God to bless the pastor's ministry and make it fruitful.

Pastor Bryan has been here for several months already, but that's alright. These things take time to organize. We've already seen what a good fit he is here. This will be a joyful celebration of his call and God's faithfulness to our church.

Let God Be God

by David C. Mauldin

Let God be God. That's one of the most basic lessons in theology and also one of the hardest to master. We human beings like to be in control. We love to get our way. We even sit in judgment on God—at least in our own minds. To trust God who sovereignly rules over his creation does not come naturally to us. But if we can learn to do it, blessings abound.

God is in control. That truth comforts us and confounds us. It comforts us to know that our lives are not subject to chance. Rather, all things are directed by our Father in heaven who loves us. Yet when bad things happen, we cannot understand why.

The high view our church has of God's sovereignty, as well as the comfort it offers, can be found in question 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism. Question: "What is your only comfort, in life and in death?" Answer: "That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior,

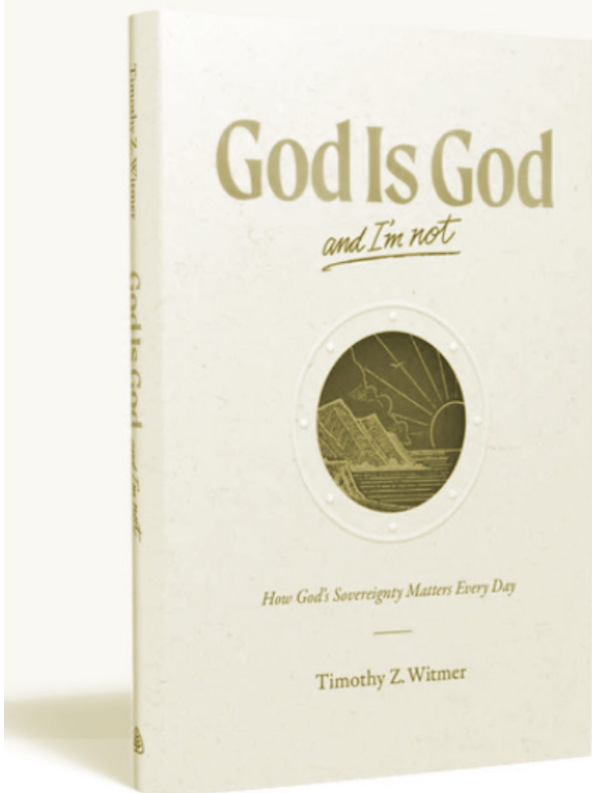
Jesus Christ. At the cost of his own blood, he has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head. Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him."

That's beautiful and powerful. Without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head! I am comforted by that. However, when a hair falls, I might wrestle with God. I liked that hair!

To trust God who sovereignly rules over his creation does not come naturally to us. But if we can learn to do it, blessings abound.

God's sovereign control over all things also raises a question about human freedom. If God appoints what happens, doesn't that mean we are not free? Well, no, it doesn't. Our Westminster Confession answers this concern: "God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet in such a way that God is neither the author of sin nor doing violence to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established."

God is sovereignly in control, yet he is not the author of sin or a doer of evil. Furthermore, God's sovereignty does not rob human beings of freedom. Rather, it makes us free. I admit, that's a lot to wrap your mind around. We may not be



entirely clear how God's sovereignty and human freedom are compatible. But they are. We have an obvious example in Judas Iscariot. The gospels tell us that God ordained what happened. Judas had been appointed as the betrayer. Moreover, the gospels report that "Satan entered Judas." Thus, God appointed him, and the devil made him do it. Nevertheless, Judas betrayed Jesus because he wanted to. He freely chose his path. It was the path God ordained. It was the path the devil directed. But it was the path Judas chose.

This summer, you will have an opportunity to understand God's sovereignty better. It starts with a little book, *God Is God and I'm Not*, by Timothy Z. Witmer. In this easy-to-read book of just over 150 pages, Witmer explains God's sovereignty and the Bible's teaching about it. Then, he discusses how this truth helps us in good times and bad, during life's storms and afterward. He also shows us the help we can find when we face temptation or struggle to forgive. Finally, he answers questions: "If God is sovereign, why

bother to pray?" and "If God is sovereign, why bother to share your faith?" Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will be giving copies of this book to everyone after Pastor Bryan's installation service on May 31. We have 250 copies for those who are willing to read the book.

There will be an online class for those who want to go deeper. It will be Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. It lasts five weeks, starting June 17 and ending July 15. Pastor Bryan and I will both be leading the class. There is no cost for the class, but you will need to register on our [website](#) or by calling the church.

We invite you to read the book and join us online for the class. Together, we will learn to let God be God. We will seek to understand what scripture teaches. And, we will find comfort and help. The sovereignty of God is good news. It promises freedom in more ways than one.

Sounds of Serendipity

Piano concert featuring

Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin

Sunday, May 3 @ 4:00 p.m.

Save the date for an afternoon of enchanting melodies with acclaimed Canadian pianist Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin as she takes us on an exhilarating musical journey! You'll hear a surprising range of musical delights, including classical masterpieces, catchy tunes of pop and ragtime, soulful notes of tango, patriotic melodies, and familiar favorites from Broadway and movies. This free event is open to the community and will be held in the sanctuary.



Jesus Offers Hope

by Pastor Bryan Wenger

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. - Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

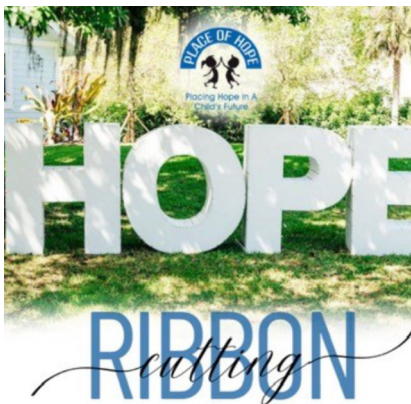
Mother's Day can be a "difficult day" for many women (and many men, too). I know women who long for marriage and children. Experiencing infertility, miscarriage, or a stillbirth opens the door to a journey of grief and loss of a precious life, as well as parents/moms who have had to experience the loss of a child at any age. Moms certainly struggle at times with daily parenting issues, too, and can be hard on themselves as a parent. There are those who do not speak to their estranged mothers or those who have lost a wife and/or a mother to death. Life is hard, but God is faithful.



Let's make a special effort to honor all the ladies whom God has given a mother's heart on May 10 this year, and every year, always being sensitive to the individual life journeys of women around us. Let's give thanks for the gift of our wives, mothers, and/or those women who have shared their mother's heart with us. Jesus offers us hope, healing, and His perfect peace in the midst of our joys and sorrows of life.

Coach Joe Gibbs shares, "What most people don't realize is that something is as true in my family as it is in almost any man's family: What our wives do and have done is much more valuable in terms of eternity than anything we could ever do."

I say, "Amen."



Place of Hope Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Friday, May 22 @ 9:30 a.m.

You're invited to the upcoming ribbon cutting at Place of Hope's Bender Family Campus and Lane Family Village. This campus is one that PCPC has directly contributed to, both financially and through volunteer hours. It will take place at 1600 SE Grace Lane in Stuart. Questions? Please contact Wanda Rosello at rosellow1@gmail.com.

Shepherds Needed!

by Carol Elswick, Shepherd Coordinator

If you have a caring heart and want to serve at church, consider joining the Shepherds Program. For nearly 50 years, its mission has been to ensure every PCPC member has a shepherd. With over 60 active shepherds and a growing congregation, more volunteers are needed. Shepherds are assigned a group of members to pray for, welcome at church, and stay connected with through cards, calls, texts, or email. This ministry can be done from home, and no experience is required. If you're interested, please contact the church office.



Don't Give Until It Hurts— Give Until It Feels Good

by PCPC's Stewardship Team

For many, the phrase “give until it hurts” has been used to inspire sacrifice. While there is a place for sacrificial giving in the Christian life, the Bible paints a broader—and more joyful—picture. God doesn't want us to give reluctantly or under pressure; He wants us to give from hearts overflowing with gratitude. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

When we give out of guilt or obligation, the act often feels heavy. But when we give out of joy—recognizing all that God has given us—the act becomes life-giving, both to the receiver and to the giver. Instead of “giving until it hurts,” we can think of “giving until it feels good”—until our hearts are warmed by the knowledge that God is using our resources to bless others and advance His kingdom.

True joy in giving comes when we see our contributions—whether financial, time, or talents—making a real difference. It might be the smile on a child's face at Vacation Bible School, the relief of a family in need receiving a meal or other assistance, or the knowledge that a missionary is sharing the gospel in a place you may never visit. Each of these moments is fueled by faithful, joyful giving.



Giving until it feels good doesn't mean giving less. It means giving with the right heart. It's an act of worship, a declaration that we trust God as

our provider, and a step toward aligning our lives with His purposes.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to give with joy and gratitude, not from obligation but from love. Help me to trust You as my provider and to delight in seeing how You use my gifts for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Five Weekly Reflection Questions For May

- 1. What currently motivates my giving—joy and gratitude, or obligation and habit?** Take a moment to honestly examine what is driving your generosity and how that aligns with God's desire for a cheerful giver.
- 2. Where have I seen God use my time, talents, or financial gifts to bless others?** Reflecting on real impact can help cultivate joy and deepen your connection to the purpose behind your giving.
- 3. What is one step I can take this week to give in a way that brings joy—to me and to others?** Identify a practical, immediate action that moves giving from concept to joyful practice.
- 4. How might my perspective on giving change if I more fully embraced that everything I have comes from God?** Consider how viewing yourself as a steward—not an owner—could reshape both your attitude and your actions.
- 5. When have I experienced joy through generosity, and what made that experience meaningful?** Reflecting on past moments of joyful giving can help guide future decisions and reinforce a heart of gratitude.



Care Net Baby Bottles

by Marlene Boobar, PCPC Liaison



The baby bottles have arrived! Care Net's Baby Bottle campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Through this annual fundraiser, Care Net continues to empower those facing difficult pregnancy decisions to choose life through its free and confidential services, including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI testing, counseling, maternity and baby supplies, parenting classes, community referrals, mentoring, and abortion recovery for women and men. To participate, pick up a bottle at any of our church services beginning on Mother's Day, May 10. Take it home with you and fill it with cash, coins, or a check payable to "Care Net Treasure Coast." Please return the bottle to church before Father's Day, June 21.



Spring Food Drive at PCPC

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the spring food drive was a success! We contributed to five faith-based, local organizations.

Lourdes Stortz of The Salvation Army remarked, "Thank you so much for your generous donation of 269 pounds of food. We truly appreciate your kindness and support. Because of you, we're able to help families in our community who really need it. Your generosity is making a real difference, and we are so grateful to have your support."

The photos above show PCPC Mission Committee members delivering donations to Dunklin Memorial Church, The Salvation Army, LAHIA, The Refuge Ranch, and Our Community Table.



The Refuge Ranch

Upcoming Luncheon



You're invited to lunch at The Refuge Ranch in Okeechobee!

Tuesday, May 19 @ 12:00 p.m.
Off Route 714 in Okeechobee

Come and learn about this impactful ministry partner, as well as enjoy lunch with some of the women who are residents of their year-long recovery program. Carpooling will take place from PCPC at 11:15 a.m. Please email Wanda Rosello (rosellow1@gmail.com) for details and to RSVP.

go.build.love: Building Stronger Communities

by Seth Ray, founder & CEO

The statistics are sobering. Every day, nearly 10,000 people around the world die from waterborne illnesses. Even more heartbreaking is that one-third of those people have never heard the name of Jesus. When a community lacks clean water, they lack more than just a drink; they lack the health to work, the strength to go to school, and the time to dream. At go.build.love., we fight poverty through the gift of clean water and the message of the Gospel. But providing a filter is just the beginning of the story.

The Power of Your Impact: A Year of Transformation

The vision of "building on top of water" isn't just a dream—it is a measurable reality. In the last 12 months alone, we have witnessed 634 people put their faith in Jesus for the first time across five different countries. Through over 1,400 filter distributions, we've had the privilege of discipling 8,900 individuals, ultimately impacting the lives of more than 17,000 people. Our reach continues to expand as we have now launched new teams in El Salvador and Colombia, marking the 11th and 12th countries our mission has reached.

From building a new home for Maria in El Salvador to developing a clean water system for an art school in Colombia that feeds 800 abused children daily, the stories of restoration are endless. We've established a new water distribution plant in Guatemala and built a mission center in Honduras that now serves as a hub for weekly church services and children's feeding programs. Even amidst civil unrest, our work in Haiti continues daily. All of this has been fueled by the dedication of over 150 short-term missionaries who have traveled across Latin America and the Caribbean in the last 12 months. To ensure this growth is rooted in depth as well as width, we've launched our new *gbl | Expedition and Trip Training* series, along with the Faith Assessment Index, to help us measure and nurture the spiritual health of every community we enter. Closer to home, we are preparing to open our new "Greenhouse" office and mission center in Florida this May—a space dedicated to cultivating the next generation of dreamers and doers.



We believe that we are better together. Whether it's through distributing a water filter to a family, building a school, or sitting on a dirt floor to share a Bible story, everything we do is rooted in the belief that every person deserves a hope and a future. We thank you for joining us in this mission. Together, we can ensure that the life-changing love of Jesus doesn't just stay within the walls of a church but floods the streets of every community we serve.

To learn more about our current projects or how to get involved, visit us at gobuildlove.org.



Celebration **STORIES**

Unexpected Blessings

by Carol Elswick



The Bible teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Coordinating the Shepherds Program at Palm City Presbyterian Church for the past two years has shown me firsthand that this biblical truth is very real. Shepherding an individual or family involves praying for them, sending them cards and words of encouragement, and speaking to them at church. When we ask God to watch over, protect, and care for the people for whom we pray, we feel a closeness to them. We also feel we are helping them as we offer them our time and talents.

Many of you can relate to the fact that when we give to others, we are the ones who are blessed, even though that was never our motive. An unexpected, but wonderful, result of shepherding is that Ken and I have had the opportunity to be around young people. Serving at church events with those we are shepherding led to spending time getting to know them better. Our “grands” live far away, so being with teens is something we value and miss. Furthermore, we were blessed to have help during our recent move through relationships made in shepherding. It has been a privilege to use my God-given spiritual gifts to serve the Lord and His family of believers at PCPC. When I volunteered to coordinate the ministry, my desire was to give to others. I can honestly say that I have been blessed beyond belief.

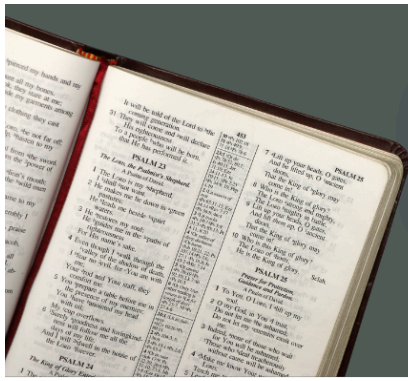


Congratulations

We celebrate with Margo Siewert and Fredrick Bollard-Fontaine who were married in the PCPC chapel on March 11!

Congratulations to Chris and Amy Urban as they welcome a daughter, Natalie Grace, who was born at the end of March weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz.

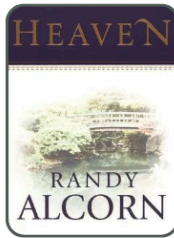




BIBLE STUDY

Groups & Classes

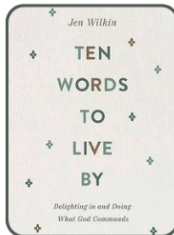
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Adult Sunday School

This co-ed class, facilitated by Mike Jones (mjonesas@comcast.net), is looking at *Heaven*, a comprehensive guide to everything the Bible says about our eternal home. Learn more about this video series and find class handouts on our website. All are welcome in the library every Sunday.

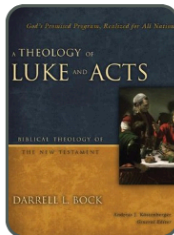
WED
10:00 AM



Women's Bible Study

This group is studying *Ten Words to Live By*, by Jen Wilkin. In this study, we will take a fresh look at the Ten Commandments, showing how they affect our lives today as we seek to love God and others, and to live in a joyful freedom. Learn to see the law of God not as a burden, but as a feast for your famished soul. The study will be held in the library through June 17. Please contact Cathy Coco (cococat17@aol.com) with any questions.

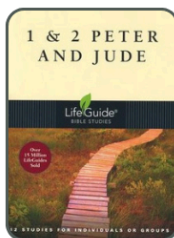
THURS
7:00 AM



Men's Bible Study

Join us for an hour of fellowship, study, and discussion in Langill Hall. A light breakfast and coffee is served. Our current study is focused on the books of Luke and Acts. We're looking at who Jesus was, what he did, why he came, and our role in his plan. The video series, featuring New Testament scholar Darrell Bock, PhD., helps bring the meaning of Luke's gospel into our current daily lives.

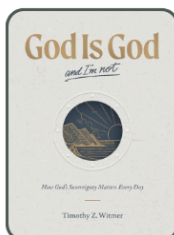
THURS
9:30 AM



Women's Bible Study

This group is studying the books of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude using a relatable LifeGuide study by Carolyn Nystrom. This series looks at how God provides direction and comfort through all stages of life and what it takes to be mature in Christ. The books are available for purchase at the church office for \$8 each. This 12-week class will end on June 4. Please contact Sallie Snyder with questions at salliedsnnyder@gmail.com. This class meets in Langill Hall.

WED
6:00 PM
Beginning June 17



God Is God Online Class

Pastors David Mauldin and Bryan Wenger will host a class this summer for those who would like to dive deeper into the book *God Is God and I'm Not* by Timothy Witmer. The class will explore God's sovereignty, including focused chapters on God's help in temptation and forgiving others, as well as answers to common questions about His reign. The five-week class will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. See our website for more information and to sign up.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff

A Season of Transition in Student Ministry

I want to share an important update with our church family. At the end of this month, Youth and Young Adult Specialist David Amerson will be stepping into a new season, as God is leading him to relocate and pursue a new opportunity in ministry. While transitions are never easy, I am grateful for the time, energy, and heart that he has invested in our students. Over the past season, our middle and high schoolers have been taught, encouraged, and challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ. From weekly gatherings to special events and meaningful conversations, his impact has been both lasting and significant.

Even as I feel the weight of this change, I also trust in God's continued faithfulness. He has been at work in our student ministry, and I am confident that He will continue to guide and provide in this next chapter. The commitment of the ministry remains the same—to invest in the next generation in a way that is relational, grounded in Scripture, and centered on the gospel.

Youth Groups



Our Rooted Youth groups will **break for the summer after May 13 for middle school and May 17 for high school**, but don't miss these next few weeks! We're diving into a series on the Holy Spirit—

helping students see Him as personal, present, and active in their daily lives. We'll explore who He is, His role in Scripture, and how He works in and through us. We'll focus on living empowered by the

Spirit—recognizing His leading, growing in sensitivity to His voice, and experiencing real transformation in character, decisions, and faith. Our hope is that students leave not just with knowledge, but with a growing awareness that they're not alone—the same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is at work in them, equipping them to follow Jesus with confidence.

Abide Kids on Sunday Mornings

This month, our **preschool** unit is "Lights, Camera, Action!" where preschoolers get to perform scenes from Bible stories about the early church. They'll discover that the church is our supporting cast, but Jesus is the real star of the show!

Our May **elementary** unit, "Puzzled," shows kids how life can feel unclear at first. As scrambled images come together, they'll explore stories from Paul's life and learn that God is always at work, fitting every piece into His perfect plan.



Upcoming Events

MomCo Meetup: May 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us in Langill Hall for the final meeting of this season. You'll be blessed by this time to connect with other moms and find encouragement for the journey of parenting! Dinner and childcare will be provided.

VBS Volunteer Training:

Wednesdays May 13 & 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

All volunteers must attend at least one training session. The sessions are held in Langill Hall.

Final Volunteer Meeting: June 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Please join us in Langill Hall to ensure this exciting week at PCPC will run smoothly!

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12

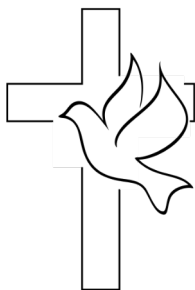
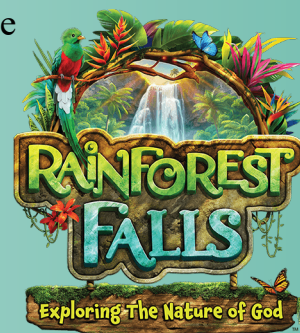
This year's theme is *Rainforest Falls*, where kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. It will be a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith!

> VBS camper packet pickup day will be on Sunday, June 7, 12:00-3:00 p.m. in Langill Hall.

Volunteers Needed!

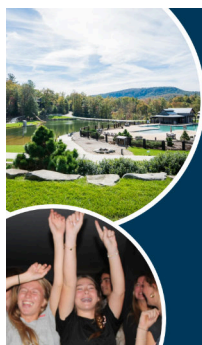
NextGen Ministry is looking for any active church members or young adults who want to join our ministry and use their talents—specifically for leading small groups, setting up dinner, leading worship, or just being a regular face. To get involved, please contact me at jessica@palmcitypres.org!

Are you available during VBS week? We're looking for small group leaders to guide children (ages 6-12), helping them move between stations and engage in fun activities throughout the morning.



Confirmation Class Beginning August 30

PCPC will offer a confirmation class for students in 8th or 9th grades. The program features 15 lessons by our pastors and includes learning from spiritually mature believers, ministry projects, and writing a personal statement of faith. Find more information, the full schedule, and the registration form on our website's [Youth Ministries](#) page.



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Martin County

SPONSOR A SEAT ON THE BUS!



YoungLife, one of our mission partners, is raising money to help youth in Martin County attend [Carolina Point](#) summer camp on June 21, 2026. YoungLife camp is more than just a week away—it's a life-shaping experience where students are introduced to Jesus Christ and grow in their faith through fun and adventure. To donate, scan the code or send a check to P.O. Box 2508, Stuart, FL 34995.





HOLY WEEK 2026



*death, where is your victory?
 death, where is your sting?*

*of death is sin, and the power of
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 tory through our Lord Jesus Chr*

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (ESV)





Sermons in April

by Pastor David Mauldin

In May, I will continue to preach through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' great manifest about how to live the good life. We will interrupt the series on May 31 for Pastor Bryan's installation service.

May 3: Matthew 5:17-20, "The Law and the Prophets"

May 10: Matthew 5:21-26, "Concerning Anger"

May 17: Matthew 5:27-32, "Adultery & Divorce"

May 24: Matthew 5:33-37, "Oaths"

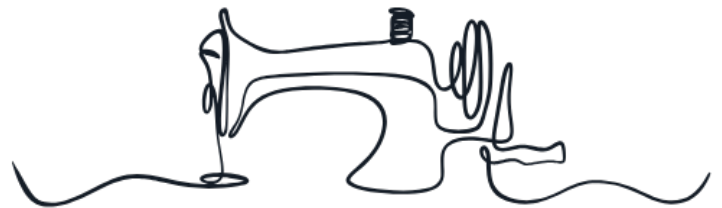


Grandmothers & Others

Needs You!

by Larry D. Jones

Our group is looking for new members, and we would love your help! We create clothing for local ministry partners, including Care Net, Good Samaritan Ministries, and others. If you enjoy sewing, we warmly invite you to join us. And if you've never sewn before but would like to learn, we're happy to teach—no experience necessary. Don't have a sewing machine? No problem. We have machines available to borrow, and we provide everything you'll need, including patterns, fabric, and notions. And gentlemen—sewing hasn't always been seen as a hobby just for women. Historically, it was a male-dominated craft, with skilled tailors creating garments for royalty. It's also a relaxing and rewarding way to give back, and we would love to have you be part of it.



2026 MEETING DATES

May 20 October 15 November 19 December 10

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Grandmothers & Others sewing fellowship meets one Thursday a month during season from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We meet in our dedicated sewing room at PCPC. Although we don't officially meet over the summer, our members continue sewing during June through September to be ready for the distribution of clothing in the fall. Come join us and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others! Feel free to contact me by calling the church office or by email at LJones1992@gmail.com.

Eastertide

by Katie C. Bradshaw, Deacon

Last month, we celebrated Easter, but the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, deserves to be commemorated for more than just a day. In fact, Eastertide is the fifty-day celebration of joy and renewal between Easter and Pentecost that began with the early Christians. Here in early May, we are about halfway through our Eastertide celebration.

When He appeared to the disciples, Jesus did not hide His scars. He showed them. He invited Thomas to touch them. The risen Christ carried the marks of suffering, not as signs of defeat, but as transformed reminders of God's redeeming love. This is good news for all of us who carry wounds of our own.

We sometimes imagine that faith should make us "get over" our pain, and do so quickly. But the gospel tells a different story. Jesus' resurrected body is whole, yet His scars remain. They are no longer sources of shame or fear, as they have become physical proof of His testimony. In the same way, our emotional, spiritual, and physical wounds do not disqualify us from life, faith, or service. They are also part of our story, and in God's hands, they can become places where grace shines through.

As deacons, we are called to embody Christ's compassion in practical ways by visiting, listening, praying, supporting, and simply being present for church members. Eastertide is a powerful time to remember that healing is not a solitary journey. The early disciples found courage and restoration together in the community. We too can find the same grace, hope, encouragement, and power in our own community; a community in which we come to worship and learn, but where we also are aware that:

- some among us are grieving,
- some are navigating illness and/or chronic pain,
- some of us are helping to raise grandchildren,
- some are facing the challenge of living alone again or for the first time,
- some are caring for aging parents, and

- some carry invisible burdens that weigh heavily on the heart.

Many are facing these or other challenges. The resurrection doesn't demand that we pretend these wounds don't exist. Instead, it promises that God is already at work regarding them; bringing comfort, strength, and new life.

In this season after Easter, may we all:

- notice those who are hurting,
- offer our gentle presence rather than quick fixes,
- share our own stories honestly,
- trust that God is still transforming that which feels broken, and
- remember that resurrection hope is for everyday life, not just Easter Sunday.

Jesus, our risen Lord, meets us not only in our triumphs but also in our failures. He meets our weaknesses with the tenderness of one who also lived life as an individual who faced temptation. His scars remind us that nothing we carry is beyond His understanding or His healing.

We have all been given much, and the Lord asks us to give to others as well. It is not only up to us to forgive others, but also to acknowledge that forgiveness. Joy is also something that we not only feel, but that we, in turn, are asked to work for or with others, so that they may feel joy as well.

All of this helps us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May these weeks be filled with hope, gratitude, and the assurance that Christ's risen life is at work among us.



Why Join the Church?

by PCPC's Membership Committee

In the Book of Acts, following Jesus meant being part of the Church. Believers didn't question joining; belonging to Christ meant belonging to His people. Though there were no formal membership lists, connection to the Church was essential for discipleship. Acts 2:47 says, "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved," showing how God brought new believers into his family. Through the covenant of membership, an individual is joined to the local congregation and is able to be fully involved in its mission to the local community and the world.

There are many who attend, participate, and care about the church but haven't taken the step into membership. Are you a regular attender or the spouse of a church member? Maybe you have attended and participated in Bible studies for years, but don't see a reason to become a church member. Or maybe you were part of a church in the past, and it wasn't a good experience. There are many possible reasons to say no to church membership. **Here are 7 reasons to say yes to church membership:**

1. Be part of something bigger: God invites us into an active life of following Jesus—not just watching from the sidelines (Mark 8:34). Church isn't a place to spectate; it's a place to grow, serve, and walk alongside others.

2. Truly belong: Jesus spoke often about the importance of being identified with him. When we join a local church, we're saying to the world, "I belong to Jesus!" It's a public step that shows our heart and commitment.

3. Live out your faith in community: When we follow Jesus, we become part of His Body—the Church (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:22-27). That means we're connected, not just to God, but to each other. As members, we share life together. Church gives us a place to live this out, just as God intended.

4. Help shape ministry: God has gifted every believer to play a part in His Church. Your voice, gifts, and presence make a difference.

5. Follow Jesus in obedience: Jesus invites us to more than belief. He calls us to follow. Being part of a church is one way we say, "I'm all in." It's an act of obedience that shows we take His call seriously and want to walk closely with Him.

6. Give, not just receive: Love in action is at the heart of discipleship. Church is a place to serve others, not just be served.

7. Mature and grow: We grow best together. In Ephesians 4, Paul reminds us that maturity comes through connection to the Body of Christ. The church is where faith takes root and thrives—surrounded by people who walk with you, encourage you, and hold you accountable.

In committing to the cause of a life lived in and through Jesus Christ, covenant partners grow in Christian community together to become more Christ-like. In Christian community, we realize the fullness of life together and life in Christ, and discover our unique place in a common mission and narrative of God's work. The covenant partner and the congregation are both blessed and become a great blessing as they covenant together, intentionally, in Christ's work.

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The Benefits of Covenantal Partnership

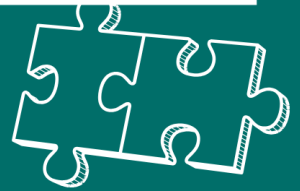
We invite you to attend the next New Member Class on May 17 at 12:15 p.m. A light lunch will be served and childcare is available. Please RSVP on our [website](#) or by calling the church. You'll meet others, learn what we believe, discover our vision for the future, and find out how you can get involved.



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New Members Class

Want to learn more about PCPC? Join our pastors on **Sunday, May 17, at 12:15 p.m.** in Langill Hall. A light lunch and childcare will be provided! See our website or call the church for details and to RSVP.



Senior Spotlight: Julian Gonzalez



This month, we're excited to celebrate Julian as he prepares to graduate from Martin County High School. Julian has faithfully navigated his high school years with diligence and focus, earning his AICE diploma—an accomplishment that reflects both strong academics and consistent perseverance.

This fall, he will continue his journey at Florida International University, where he has been accepted into the Honors College as a biology major. This next step speaks not only to his academic ability but also to his curiosity and commitment to learning.

Julian's story also includes a meaningful foundation in music. He began playing piano at just six years old at Palm City Presbyterian Church, studying under Joanne Raulin, the church's longtime pianist and organist. Her influence left a lasting impression—not only shaping Julian's musical development but also forming a connection that was deeply valued by both her and the family. Joanne's legacy continues to echo in the lives she invested in so faithfully.

As Julian steps into this next season, we celebrate all that God has done in his life and look forward to what lies ahead. Join us in congratulating him and praying for continued growth, wisdom, and direction in the years to come.

Pictured near right, Julian and his brothers with Joanne Raulin in 2024. Pictured far right, Julian and his family on Easter.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional Services

8:20 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center

Our worship services are live streamed on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on YouTube and our website.

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