

Palm City Presbyterian Church

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by David C. Mauldin

We Need Your Help!

If you were around last year, you heard about our 40/50 Vision. It is a vision of where we believe God wants to lead our church from our 40th anniversary in 2024 to our 50th in 2034. It is not a detailed roadmap. Instead, it is a statement of our values and a picture of the church God wants us to be. We reach our destination by setting 90-day, 1-year, and 3-year goals. When we reach each milestone, we set new goals.

Our current 1-year goal is to collect 175 Church Celebration stories. These are stories that show how God is working in our church. These stories also reflect our mission and values. We need your help to collect these stories! To help, you need to know what to look for, so let me remind you of our mission and values.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission statement is: *Sharing life together as Christ transforms us by His Truth.* This is an invitation. We share life together, loving one another and bearing one another's burdens. However, our fellowship is not a closed circle. Others are invited to share life with us.

Christ is the center of our mission statement. The phrase "as Christ transforms us" points to our theology of grace. Christ claims us as his own, and when he does, he transforms us.

The statement ends with Truth (with a capital “T”). This means objective truth. Our church stands firm on the truth of God’s Word and ECO’s Essential Tenets. A loving fellowship, the power of Christ, the gospel of grace, and a commitment to biblical truth are both our identity and our mission.

Our Values

 We put Jesus first. We are committed to making Jesus our highest priority and challenging others to do the same.	 We show up. We are committed to living out our faith by serving others.	 We know “it’s not about me.” We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure for God’s mission in the world.	 We stand on God’s Word. We are committed to obeying scripture as the living Word of God.
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Sample Stories

One of our deacons, Steve Breckley, had a trained therapy dog named Marty. Steve took Marty to visit hospital and nursing home patients, usually three days per week. During COVID, when they could not visit patients, Steve and Marty stood outside Cleveland North hospital in Stuart each morning at 6:30 to greet employees going off the night shift and those arriving for the day shift. Their presence boosted the morale of healthcare workers in our community during the crisis. When they could resume visiting people, they continued this ministry until Marty was forced into retirement by poor health. Marty died on July 30, 2025, at nine years old. During his career, Marty the therapy dog visited over 2,000 patients.

One of our local mission partners that feeds the hungry is Our Community Table. Recently, PCPC took a day to staff volunteers for this ministry. We had 40 people sign up. When our leaders arrived, the folks at Our Community Table said that when 40 people sign up, usually about 20 actually show up. They were surprised when 39 of our people came and served.

Our recent Audio-Visual Improvement Project was expensive, and it was funded outside the church budget by donations from individuals. Several people gave generously toward the improvements in the Huizenga Family Life Center, even though they worship at one of our traditional services. Though they would not benefit directly, they saw the need and potential, and they gave.

Now, It’s Your Turn

How have you seen God at work at PCPC? Email your story (or stories!) to vision@palmcitypres.org. Please write “Church Celebration Story” in the subject line and type your story directly into the email. Attach any photos you’d like to include.

Stewardship at Thanksgiving: Living with Grateful Hearts

by the PCPC Stewardship Team

Thanksgiving is a season when we pause to count our blessings and remember the goodness of God. It is a time to reflect on the countless ways He has provided for us—our families, our health, our church, and the opportunities we have to serve Him. True thanksgiving, however, is more than a single holiday; it is a way of life expressed through our stewardship.

Stewardship means recognizing that all we have—our time, talents, and resources—comes from God, and we are called to use them for His purposes. Just as a grateful heart naturally gives thanks, it also responds with generosity. This Thanksgiving, as we gather around tables filled with food and surrounded by loved ones, let us remember those who are in need (both physically and spiritually) and consider how we can share our blessings.

Your faithful giving enables our church to continue its mission of reaching people with the love of Christ. Whether it's supporting local ministries, funding outreach events, helping those in crisis, or sustaining our worship and discipleship programs, your generosity has a direct impact on lives. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to renew our commitment to giving—not out of obligation, but out of joy and gratitude.

Stewardship is also about giving of ourselves. Volunteering, mentoring, praying for others, or lending a listening ear are powerful ways to show thankfulness in action. Every moment we invest in God's work reflects our love for Him and our appreciation for His blessings. This Thanksgiving, let us live with open hands and thankful hearts, ready to share what God has entrusted to us, so that His love may be experienced by all.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

Gracious Father, we thank You for every good and perfect gift. Teach us to give generously, serve joyfully, and live daily in gratitude for Your blessings. May our thanksgiving overflow into acts of love that glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



ECO National Gathering 2026

February 2-5 in Atlanta, GA

Registration is open for the 2026 National Gathering! This dynamic conference will be held at Atlanta's Marriott Marquis. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from encouraging speakers, experience breakout sessions that will inspire your life and ministry, and come together for powerful worship. Visit www.econationalgathering.org for details and registration.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

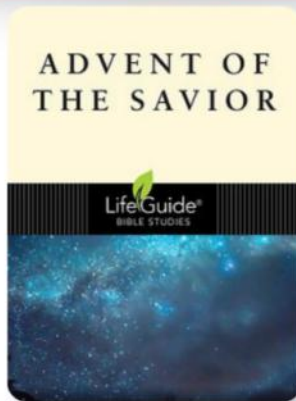
at Palm City Presbyterian Church



Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. in Langill Hall

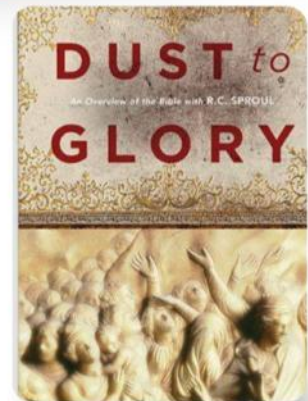
This group is exploring the life and ministry of Christ through the Gospel of Luke. Coffee and breakfast are served every week.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall

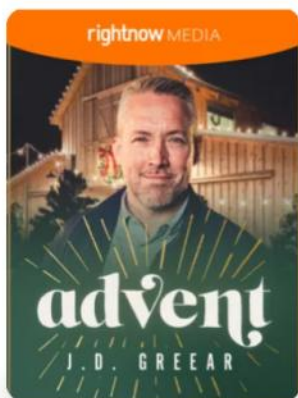
The author of this study comments, "It takes great intentionality to make space for Christ during the Christmas season." We agree! Join us and gain a fresh vision of our Lord and Savior.



Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. in the chapel

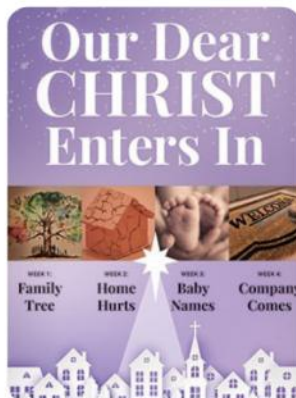
This co-ed class gathers weekly for Dr. R.C. Sproul's *Dust to Glory* video series and discussion on key biblical themes. All are welcome!



Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. with childcare in Langill Hall

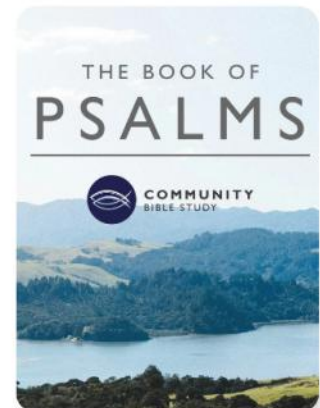
This series takes a look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the Great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story—the arrival of Jesus changes everything!



Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. in the library

Join Cathy Coco in the library for an Advent class designed to prepare our homes and our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The study will begin November 19 (no class on November 26). Study guides are available in the office for \$8.



Community Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the chapel

Learn about the unwavering love of God, find hope in the midst of life's struggles, and strengthen your prayer life in this in-depth study. For details about this study for men, women, and children, please visit palmcityeve.cbclass.org.

Sermons in November

In November, Pastor David will preach from Psalms 90 to 93. These four psalms stand at the beginning of Book 4 of the Psalter, as the pain of exile gives way to renewed trust in God. In the life of faith, there is always that turning point where we resolve to trust God anyway. Despite our disappointments, he proves faithful. This series focuses on God as our dwelling place.

November 2: Psalm 90

November 16: Psalm 92

November 9: Psalm 91

November 23: Psalm 93

Updated PCPC Directory

The Membership Team is excited to announce that an updated interim directory is now available! Church members who have opted in to the directory can now access it using the free **Instant Church Directory app**. The directory app is regularly updated, so no need to wait for the next hard copy to see new members! If you would prefer to be emailed a PDF copy of the directory, please email directory@palmcitypres.org, and we will be happy to send that to you. If you are not in the directory and would like to be added, please use this same email address to let us know.



Please note that only those listed in the directory can access it. Not yet a member? Join us for the New Members Class on November 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall. Please RSVP on our website's Upcoming Events page.

PCPC BELLS OF PRAISE PRESENTS

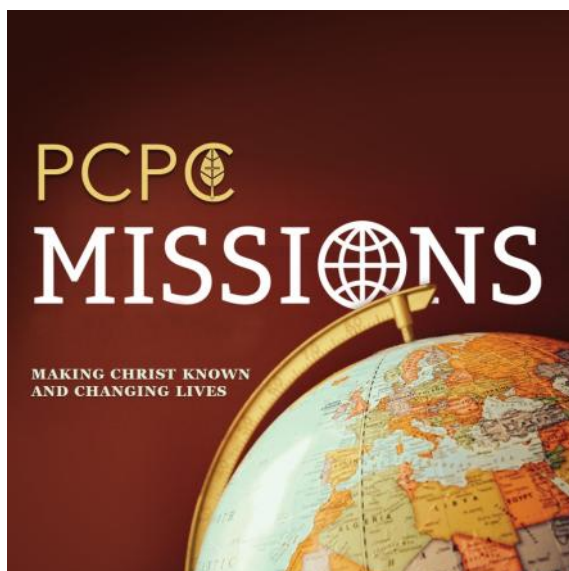
Ding Dong Merrily on High

A CHRISTMAS HANDBELL CONCERT

Saturday, December 20

5:00 p.m. in the chapel





Holiday Mission Trees

The holidays are nearly here! As in the past several years, our mission committee will be providing gifts to several local mission partners for their Christmas ministries. We need your help!

Starting the first week of November, we will collect toys for the children currently in programs at 4KIDS foster agency, The Salvation Army, and Good Samaritan Ministries. Look for angel tags with toy suggestions on display in the sanctuary narthex and HFLC lobby. Each nonprofit asked to receive donations early so they have time to match the right toy with each child. **Congregation members should deliver toy donations to PCPC by December 1!**

We are also providing gift cards for people in the programs at Dunklin Memorial Church and LAHIA. Christmas trees with these tags will be set up just before Thanksgiving. **The deadline for returning gift cards is December 15.** The recipients of these gifts are so grateful every year, and we appreciate your generous help with this project.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to use where needed most, please deliver it to the church office. Our mission committee members will be happy to purchase any remaining needed gifts.

The Refuge Ranch

By Wanda Rosello, PCPC Liaison

Pictured below is Anastasia, one of the residents at The Refuge Ranch, a women's addiction recovery center. She was the winner of this year's pumpkin decorating contest. PCPC members assisted in judging the entries during lunch at The Ranch on October 14. Anastasia also shared about her journey through years of addiction. She finally found her way to The Refuge Ranch, where, with God's help, she has been redeemed and can face an addiction-free life!



Our next lunch is scheduled for December 9, when we will judge gingerbread houses decorated by the residents. It's always a fun time—please consider joining us! Contact me at rosellow1@gmail.com with any questions or to RSVP!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: December 5 & 12

by Kim Johnson, PCPC Liaison



Registration is now open to assist our local Salvation Army with their largest fundraiser of the year. Bell ringers at The Salvation Army's iconic red kettles make a big difference in the community. PCPC has reserved two full days of ringing in Palm City.

- ◆ Friday, December 5, at Publix on Martin Hwy. (Old Palm City)
- ◆ Friday, December 12, at Publix on Martin Downs Blvd.

There are two shifts per time slot, so you can ring with a friend if you'd like. Feel free to bring a chair and something to drink. If you are musically talented, you can also sing or play an instrument! To register for your time slot, visit RegisterToRing.com, select "I'm ringing with a group," enter group code 34990, and click submit. For assistance, contact Kim Johnson through the church office.

Discipleship Global, North Africa

by Susan Hastings, PCPC Liaison



As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of all that we should be grateful for, especially our freedom to pursue Christ. Our mission committee recently received a beautiful update from Jordan (last name withheld), our mission partner working in North Africa, which highlights how precious this freedom truly is.

Last month, we shared about Khalid (name changed for security reasons), a young man who left for work as a welder and met some Syrian Christians while working at a factory in Turkey. He was overjoyed to receive a Bible in Arabic and began reading it. Khalid read the entire Gospel of Matthew and had many questions. He sent us lots of voice messages asking about Jesus and His teachings. Khalid became more and more convinced

as he read that he wanted to follow Jesus with his whole life, even if it cost him dearly. Khalid shared with us that his dad attends the mosque regularly, and both of his brothers are fundamentalist Muslims. He has already had problems with them because he isn't a "good Muslim." I was very clear with Khalid that he would likely face persecution and hardships due to the area of the country he is in and his family background.

After more time studying the Bible together, Khalid made the decision to follow Christ. He found a secluded section of beach, and a small group of us gathered for his baptism. Knowing the opposition and likely persecution he would face, I asked Khalid, "Are you ready to follow Jesus no matter what? Even if your family comes against you? Your neighbors and friends? Your government? Are you ready to follow Jesus even if it costs you your life?" Khalid replied, "Of course I am, they have already come against me. I choose to follow Jesus!"



Palm City Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

by Rebecca Stephens

BENEFITING OUR COMMUNITY TABLE:

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN MARTIN COUNTY WORKING TO END HUNGER



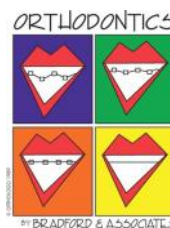
This wonderful community event has been well-attended in Palm City for 14 years! Before you enjoy delicious turkey and warm pies, please join us by participating in the race or by volunteering to make this another successful year.

This chip-timed race is limited to 600 participants and always sells out. The race begins at 7:30 a.m., and the awards ceremony will start by 9:30 a.m. Awards categories are: Male & Female Overall; Male & Female Masters; and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division. Finishers receive a commemorative medal, plus enjoy coffee and breakfast following the race. There will be prize tables, games, a kids bounce house, and other activities on campus for everyone to enjoy! Visit RunSignUp.com to register!

Packet pickup will be held on November 25 and 26 at PCPC from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to pick up a packet for a friend or family member. Race day packet pickup will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of ways, such as handing out waters and medals at the finish line, serving breakfast and coffee, and more! See our website's [Upcoming Events page](#) for the link.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!



Dr.'s Tom & Shannon Galinis of:



Mount Dora Adventure!

by Marlene Boobar

On the third weekend in October, 40 PCPC members and friends spent two days and one night exploring the town of Mount Dora, FL. We enjoyed three delicious meals at local restaurants, a boat ride exploring the Dora Canal, and a full day of shopping at the well-known annual craft fair featuring 350 of the top exhibitors in the country. The trip was a great time of fellowship! On the bus and at each meal, we shared stories and enjoyed time together. New friends were made, and the bonds between old friends were strengthened. We thank God for the blessing of this fun getaway!





Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff



October was a wonderful month filled with energy, laughter, and moments that reminded us why we love doing ministry together! From special events to everyday gatherings, we saw God at work in joyful and meaningful ways.

We had an amazing time at our **BALLOON BASH!** Kids laughed, raced, and popped their way through an evening full of games, team challenges, and joyful chaos. Thank you to our volunteers and families who joined in and helped make it memorable!

Our **ROOTED YOUTH** middle school youth group kicked off the *More Than Your Conscience* series from Deep Discipleship by LeaderTreks. This is a four-week study focused on the Holy Spirit: who He is, what He does, and how He leads us in our everyday lives. So far, we've completed lessons 1 and 2, learning how the Holy Spirit is our helper and teacher, reminding us of Jesus' words and strengthening our faith. We've enjoyed memory verses, dinners, games, and "Battle of the Wits" trivia. New students are joining, friends are being invited, and many are getting involved with First Priority and church. It's inspiring to see their excitement grow as they take ownership of their faith and share it with others.



As this year's club mentor for **FIRST PRIORITY AT HIDDEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (HOMS)**, I encourage members to have and lead EPIC (Equip, Prepare, Invite, Connect) club meetings according to First Priority's strategy. Each week, the club has gained new members, growing from 17 to 36 in just three weeks! It has been an inspiration to see the students not only step into leading the different elements of each meeting, but also create their own tools for sharing the gospel. First Priority meets at HOMS on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in room 2-58. All HOMS students are welcome! It's a great opportunity to connect with other Christians on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Sundays, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the HFLC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Wednesdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the HFLC

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

November's **preschool theme** is *Uh Oh, Topher!* That mischievous gopher has snuck into the classroom and hidden the Bible story pictures! Now it's up to the kids to find them so the story can be told—learning along the way that God takes care of them and His way is best.

This month's **elementary theme** is *Hip, Hip, Charade!* In this action-packed series, kids will explore the amazing life of King David and discover reasons to shout "Hurray!" to God—all while playing an exciting game of charades.

November's **Next Level** lessons help preteens connect with God through prayer, which was a powerful part of Jesus' ministry and is a vital part of a believer's life. Praise God that we have the opportunity to come to Him as His beloved children!



Something is Pickling at PCPC!

This spring, we are working to launch a pickleball league for upper elementary and middle school students. We need three to four coaches to make this happen! By partnering with Upward Sports, each practice and game will include devotions, keeping Jesus at the center of everything we do. If you play pickleball and are willing to give a few hours each week beginning in late January, please reach out to me at jessica@palmcitypres.org.

Make It Awkward: MomCo

Our MomCo is growing! This month, we reflected on the legacy of strong working women and how every kind of work serves God's kingdom. We left encouraged to embrace our unique roles, knowing we are seen and valued by God even amid life's challenges.

At our next meetup, Jennifer Iverson, Director of Leadership Development at MomCo, will speak on the power of words—how speaking kindly to others and ourselves can shape our families, friendships, and community. All moms are welcome! Dinner is included. Childcare begins at 5:45.

November 18, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
in Langill Hall

Learn more and RSVP by visiting our MomCo website: themom.co/groups/pcpcmomco

UPCOMING EVENTS



True North Christmas

December 12, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind children's Christmas program keeps families pointed to Jesus in the holiday season. Incorporating Bible Memory Buddies and music from the *True North* VBS, *True North* reignites the energy and delight of our summer event.



Gingerbread Bash

December 19, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Grab your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and join us for a festive, hands-on celebration for kids and families! We'll build gingerbread nativities, sing Christmas songs, and hear the story of Jesus—the greatest gift ever given. Gingerbread Bash is a lively, interactive experience where everyone gets in on the fun—you won't want to miss it! Please RSVP on our website's Upcoming Events page!

Lord, Do You Hear Me?

by Marlene Boobar, Deacon Team



In this life, we will have trouble. We get sick. Our loved ones get sick. We have relationship problems. We have financial problems. There are times when everything is going smoothly, and then a storm comes. One moment, we are on that mountain-top, and then the next instant, we land in the valley. Simply put, life has its ups and downs. What do we do? Where do we turn? Does the Lord hear us when we ask for help?

King David had his share of trouble early on while king. He found himself running away from King Saul's soldiers, who were trying to kill him. David was the "apple of God's eye." He was favored by God, yet David had trouble and was fearful for his life. He wrote in Psalm 17:8 (ESV), "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." In verse 6, David writes, "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." Did God hear David? Yes! David did not fall into Saul's vicious hands; he again assumed his reign as king. In Psalm 34:4 and 34:17 (ESV), we read: "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." If David

could write that the Lord answered him, we can also believe that the Lord would deliver us from our fears.

Jesus told us to come to Him. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-29 ESV).

Trouble comes to us. No one is exempt. But the question is, what do we do when trouble comes? Do we reject the thought that the Lord hears us when we cry out to Him? Rather, do we seek refuge in His word? We must be still to hear Him. It is in the stillness that we find that comfort. "Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him" (Psalm 62:5 NLT).

Twenty-five years ago, the husband of one of my closest friends was diagnosed with a brain tumor. I prayed every day for months that God would cure him. I believed God would cure him. And when God did not cure him, I was angry. I struggled for a long time with doubt. Why is it that if I believed Curt would be healed that he wasn't? Didn't Jesus tell us that if we had faith "even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible" (Matthew 17:20 NLT)? I believed that scripture. Yet my friend became a widow just as she and her husband were planning to enjoy an early retirement.

So, again, we ask, "God, do You hear me? Are You there for me?" We don't know who God chooses to heal. He may heal one person and not another. He is the Master of His plan. Again, it is HIS plan. So how can we be comforted? We remember that the *Master Plan* is not that we live without pain in this life. The *Master Plan* is that we prepare in this life for the next. We are going to live in eternity without pain, without sorrow, without tears. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (Revelation 21:4 NLT).

Our home is in the next life. THAT is the *Master Plan*.

During my friend's husband's illness, I was in scripture daily. My prayer life strengthened. My spiritual life deepened. My friend cared for her husband at home, and he felt dearly loved. My friend's husband came to know the Lord on his deathbed! My friend will see her husband again.

Not long after Curt's death, my friend fell in love again and was married and still is married to a wonderful man. There was sadness at the time, but then later came celebration. It was not the prayer I was praying that was answered, but the Lord did hear me. The Lord did answer and gave my friend and me many blessings through this ordeal.

God is good and He does hear us. "The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12 NLT). We must not stop talking to Him. He hears us, and we can hear Him when we follow His command to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10 NLT).

Estate Planning Workshop

Sunday, December 7 @ 12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall

Creating a Lasting Legacy of Faith: A Guide to Impactful Estate Planning

by Tom Lytle

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- 1 Timothy 6:18-19

On Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., PCPC will host a discussion and workshop on the financial and legal aspects of impactful estate planning. With changes to tax laws that are expected to take effect in 2026, and as we consider year-end giving and planning, the PCPC Finance Committee thought a workshop on these topics might be of interest. Our local presenters are Craig D. Price, CFP®, CTFA, a wealth manager with Mesirow Financial in Stuart, and Margaret "Peggy" Wood, an attorney with McCarthy, Summers, Wood, Norman, Melby, Schultz, Wood & VanValkenburgh, P.A., also in Stuart. They will outline the financial and legal considerations involved in leaving a legacy and preparing essential documents such as trusts, wills, and letters of instruction. While they will not offer specific or individual advice at this session, there will be ample time for questions and discussions. A light lunch will be served.

Please plan to attend! Scan the code or visit our website's Upcoming Events page to register so that we can accurately provide seating, lunch, and refreshments.



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IN CHRIST



Our next New Members Class will be
held on Sunday, November 16, at
12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall.

If you'd like to learn more
about PCPC, please join us!
A light lunch and childcare
will be provided. Scan
the code above or
visit our website to
RSVP and learn more.





GriefShare, facilitated by Florine Blackshear, offers biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week video seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often, people tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is a key part of this program.

**AT PALM CITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Tuesdays, 12:00–2:00 p.m.
in the PCPC library

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not, you will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Please visit griefshare.org to learn more. Questions? Contact Florine at f.dian.b@gmail.com.

GRANDMOTHERS & OTHERS

Sewing Ministry

**We supply the fabric and notions;
you supply the talent!**

This sewing fellowship at PCPC provides clothing for children in Martin County by partnering with organizations such as The 4Cs, Care Net, and Good Samaritan Ministries. We welcome additional sewers! This group is not limited to PCPC members. Most of the sewing is done at home, but also during our meetings while we discuss projects, exchange ideas, and enjoy fellowship. To learn more and/or join us, please contact Larry Jones at ljones1992@gmail.com.

2025–2026 Meeting Schedule

November 20	March 19
December 11	April 16
January 15	May 21

Grandmothers & Others will meet on the Thursdays listed above from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the PCPC sewing room.



Women's Ministry Update

by Kelly Raiford

The women of PCPC came together on October 11, full of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has blessed us with. If you were not with us, we missed you! We began our time with breakfast and socializing. After being led in prayer and devotion by Lee England and reviewing updates for ministry opportunities in service, study, and support, the sisters were ready to put our attitudes of gratitude and thanksgiving to work. We finalized our plans for 2026, starting with our last event of 2025, the Advent Dessert Gathering.



CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Advent Dessert Gathering will be held on Saturday, December 6, in the HFLC from 1:00–3:00 p.m. This event is open to PCPC women and friends. You can find further details on the [church website](#). Our coordinators for this event are Sallie Snyder, Joann Ranta, Lee England, and myself. We have several sisters signed up to volunteer, but there is always a place for more, especially if you would like to decorate a table. **The deadline to register and/or sign up to be a table hostess is November 17!**

SAVE THE DATES

We are planning a “Galentine's” **Bunco Night** on Friday, February 20, for PCPC women and friends. If hospitality is your gift and you love Valentine's and games, please consider helping to coordinate this event! Contact me at kwraiford0109@gmail.com to join our team.

On Saturday, April 25, we are planning to attend the **Aspire Women's Night** in Fort Pierce. We are hoping to receive the group rate with 10 or more ticket purchases. More information to come!

FUTURE PLANS

Women's fellowship will round out 2026 with a “Painting with a Twist” experience in August at the Jensen Beach Studio, a breakfast meeting in September, and a Christmas event in early December. A retreat team is being formed to pray, plan, and organize a women's retreat at PCPC. We are targeting an October date; however, it will depend on how God leads us as we pray and plan. If you are interested in serving on the retreat team, please email me.

As you see, it's going to be an amazing 2026 for the sisters of PCPC as we share life together, being transformed by the truth of Christ who leads, sustains, and blesses us!

High School Senior Spotlight: Luke White

by Jessica Waltersdorff, Director of Next Generation Ministry



This month, we celebrate Luke White. Luke is a vibrant young man attending Martin County High School (MCHS). He is a member of the National Honor Society and a standout athlete on both the varsity cross-country and varsity track teams. Luke lends his voice as a news anchor for *On the Prowl*, the high school's daily news show, serves in MCHS student leadership, and brings his friendly smile to work at Chick-fil-A with several of our youth. This past month, he was celebrated as homecoming king.

Beyond his school achievements, what stands out most about Luke is his heart for God. At church, Luke is a regular at Sunday worship, youth group, volunteering, and, most recently, has stepped into co-leading our preteen Sunday morning class. When asked about his favorite church memory, Luke shared how much he loved being a crew leader at vacation Bible school. His favorite part was when everyone came together to sing—he said he liked to imagine God watching and smiling. That simple image captures so much of who Luke is: someone who finds joy in worship, community, and the shared moments that draw people closer to Christ.



As Luke looks ahead, his future is full of possibilities. He's still exploring his options, but plans to attend one of Florida's state universities next year. Wherever he goes, we know he'll continue to lead with faith, humility, and a servant's heart.

Please join us in celebrating Luke and praying for him as he steps into this next season of life. May God continue to guide his path and bless every step of the journey ahead.



Something is Pickling at PCPC

If you are interested in helping to launch pickleball at PCPC,
please contact Jessica Waltersdorff at jessica@palmcitypres.org!

2025 November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	3 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	4 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 12:00 p.m. GriefShare 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	5 9:30 a.m. WBS 10:00 a.m. WBS 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. NT Class	6 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	7 10:00 a.m. Dunklin Memorial Tour	8
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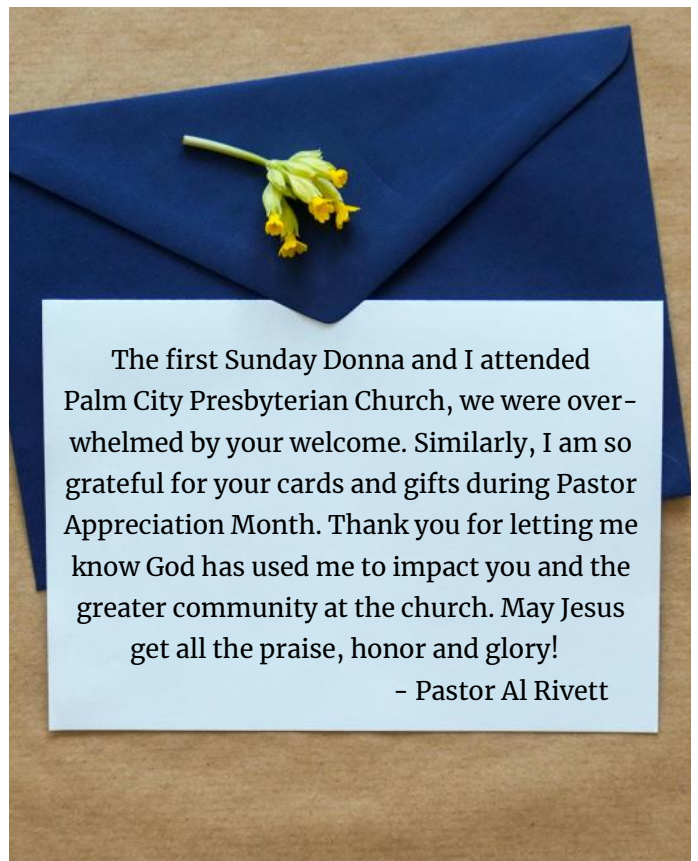


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Traditional Services

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

Contemporary Service

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

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