



PALMETTO HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Celebrating Life in Christ
By Reaching Out and Building Up
For God's Kingdom and Glory*

May 3rd, 2026

***SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 66:1-9, 16

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name." Selah

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

*Congregation Standing

***SONG OF EXALTATION**

Forever Settled in The Heavens (#59)

Forever settled in the heav'ns,
thy word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
thy faithfulness shall never fail;
the earth abides at thy command.

I should have perished in my woe
had not I loved thy law divine;
that law I never can forget;
O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

Thy word and works unmoved remain,
thine ev'ry purpose to fulfil;
all things are thine and thee obey,
and all as servants wait thy will.

The wicked would destroy my soul,
but in thy truth is refuge sure;
exceeding broad is thy command,
and in perfection shall endure.

***INVOCATION**

***SONG OF ADORATION**

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all
things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds
(Chorus)

Chorus

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign (Chorus)

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO CONFESSION

I Thessalonians 1:2-5

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we bow before you with thanksgiving and joy. You have welcomed us into your presence and invited us to pray for others. Yet we confess, Lord, that we are often slow to pray for one another. We frequently fail to recognize and remember your work in our sisters and brothers. We forget the power of your gospel at work among us.

Forgive us, Lord, for our prayerlessness. Give us eyes to see and hearts to celebrate the fruit of your Spirit in your church.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, and we pray as he taught his disciples to pray, saying

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.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I Thessalonians 1:6-10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

*SONG OF ASSURANCE

Christ Will Be My Hideaway

I will dwell within the shelter
Of the God Who reigns above
I will rest beneath the shadow
Of the mighty King of love
Though a sickness hides in darkness
Though a plague destroys by day
I will stand upon His promises
Christ will be my hideaway

Chorus

*In You my God I trust
You are strong and here with us
In You my hope remains
Christ will be my hideaway*

Angels gather to protect me
When they hear my Savior call
Sovereign hands are ever ready
To uphold me should I fall
Safe beneath His wings of refuge
All my fears are kept at bay
I am shielded by His faithfulness
Christ will be my hideaway (Chorus)

Though a thousand fall around me
Though death looks me in the eye
Evil shall not have the vict'ry
While the Lord is at my side
God in power raised my Savior
I no longer fear the grave
Through this fragile life and evermore
Christ will be my hideaway

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-
begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance
with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to

the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge
both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic¹ and
apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹catholic = universal

*SONG OF APPROACH

Be Thou My Vision (#642)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my
fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON

Joshua 9

As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, **2** they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel. **3** But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, **4** they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, **5** with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. **6** And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us." **7** But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?" **8** They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?" **9** They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, **10** and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the

Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.¹¹ So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, “We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us.”’ **12** Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. **13** These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.” **14** So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord. **15** And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them. **16** At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. **17** And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. **18** But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. **19** But all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. **20** This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them.” **21** And the leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them. **22** Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, “Why did you deceive us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you dwell among us? **23** Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.” **24** They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the Lord your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing. **25** And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it.” **26** So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them. **27** But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place that he should choose.

Life Is Complicated

1. Deception
2. Decision
3. Discovery
4. Direction

CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS SUPPER

*SONG OF RESPONSE

See The Destined Day Arise

See the destined day arise
See a willing sacrifice
Jesus to redeem our loss
Hangs upon the shameful cross
Jesus who but You could bear
Wrath so great and justice fair
Every pang and bitter throe
Finishing Your life of woe

Chorus

*Hallelujah hallelujah
Lamb of God for sinners slain
Hallelujah hallelujah
Jesus Christ we praise Your name*

Who but Christ had dared to drain
Steeped in gall the cup of pain
And with tender body bear
Thorns and nails and piercing spear
Slain for us the water flowed
Mingled from Your side with blood
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished
sacrifice (Chorus)

Holy Jesus grant us grace
In that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed
Pardoned sin and promised good
Grant us grace to sing Your praise
'Round Your throne through endless days
Ever with the sons of light
Blessing honor glory might (Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Announcement	The nursery team would like to remind you all to check church crew for available shifts each month. We know summer is a busy time and many families are out of town so we foresee a lot of unfilled spots. If you don't normally serve in the nursery this would be a great opportunity to help and get involved and for those we regularly serve we are very appreciative for your time you continue to give to our kids and families. Please talk with Allie Koon or Lauren Hawkins for any questions.
Wednesday Evening Activities	The youth group will be meeting at 6pm on Wednesdays.
Church Officer Nominations	The church officer nomination window will be open during the month of May. Each year during the month of May, we open the officer nomination window for members of the congregation to nominate men to serve as elders or deacons in the congregation.
Save the Date(s)	Today: Graduation Recognition Sunday May 13 th : Senior Fellowship May 16 th : Men's Ministry Range & Grill Event at 2 pm June 8 th : VBS Begins! Student registration is Full. May 31, June 28, and July 26: Summer Sunday Night Fellowships
OCC Collection May	We are collecting balls, (deflated with pump), Toy animal figures during the month of May for Operation Christmas Child. Place your donations in the OCC box in the foyer.

WEEKLY SERVICE ROTATION

	May 3 rd	May 10 th	May 17 th
Infant Nursery	Michael & Abbie M.	Chloe P. & Precious S.	Michael & Abbi M.
Toddler Nursery	Chloe P. & Betsy B.	Ben & Meg E.	TBD
SS Nursery	Allene D. Sara Parks M.	No Sunday School	Heidi R. & TBD
Deacon on Duty	Andrew T.	Scott R.	David B.
Sound Room	Dwayne T.	Tom B.	Tommy C.
Refreshments	Roy & Tina C.	Kelley H.	Janice B. & Sara Parks M.

THIS WEEK AT PHPC

Mon May 4	Tues May 5	Wed May 6	Thurs May 7	Fri May 8	Sat May 9	Sun May 10
		<i>Youth Group @ 6pm</i>				

GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$9,928	\$11,159	\$488,007	\$478,105	167

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