



PALMETTO HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

July 26th, 2026

***SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is
fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the
horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who
fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast
love. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.
He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
He hurls down his crystals of ice like
crumbs; who can stand before his cold?
He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters
flow. He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.
Praise the Lord!

*Congregation Standing

***SONG OF EXALTATION**

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning,
and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression,
righteousness he will maintain.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul-#57

Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.

***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

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 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)

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 x2)

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Exodus 20:1-12

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Heavenly Father, you are the Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth. You made us in your image. You sustain us by your power. You redeemed us by grace, and you adopted us into your family. As we remember your command to honor our fathers and mothers, we are confronted with our sinful attitudes and actions. Please forgive us for our sins as sons and daughters. We have mocked, ignored, disregarded, disobeyed, despised, and disrespected our parents in more ways than we can count. We have problems with authority, and so often those issues are directed at our parents.

We also ask that you would forgive us, Lord, for our sins as parents. We have provoked our children to wrath. Sometimes we have been sinfully passive and unavailable. At other times we have been sinfully overbearing and controlling. Transform us, O God, into the parents and children you designed us to be, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

***SONG OF ASSURANCE**

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God (Chorus)

***SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM**

Andrew James Blasko

***SONG OF APPROACH**

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 (Chorus)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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

SERMON

Joshua 24

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. 4 And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out. 6 "'Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand,

and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you.⁹ Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹ And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. ¹² And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’ Choose Whom You Will Serve

14 “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15** And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” **16** Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, **17** for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. **18** And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” **19** But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. **20** If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” **21** And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the Lord.” **22** Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” **23** He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel.” **24** And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” **25** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. **26** And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. **27** And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” **28** So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

29 After these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being 110 years old. **30** And they buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. **31** Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the Lord did for Israel. **32** As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph. **33** And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of Phinehas his son, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

The Final Act - Covenant Faithfulness and Renewal

1. Remember God’s Covenant Faithfulness
2. Respond to God’s Covenant Faithfulness
3. Some Realities of God’s Covenant Faithfulness

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

How Firm a Foundation-#94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the
Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent
Word! What more can he say than to you he
has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have
fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not
dismayed; for I am your God, and will still
give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand, upheld by my
righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to
go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

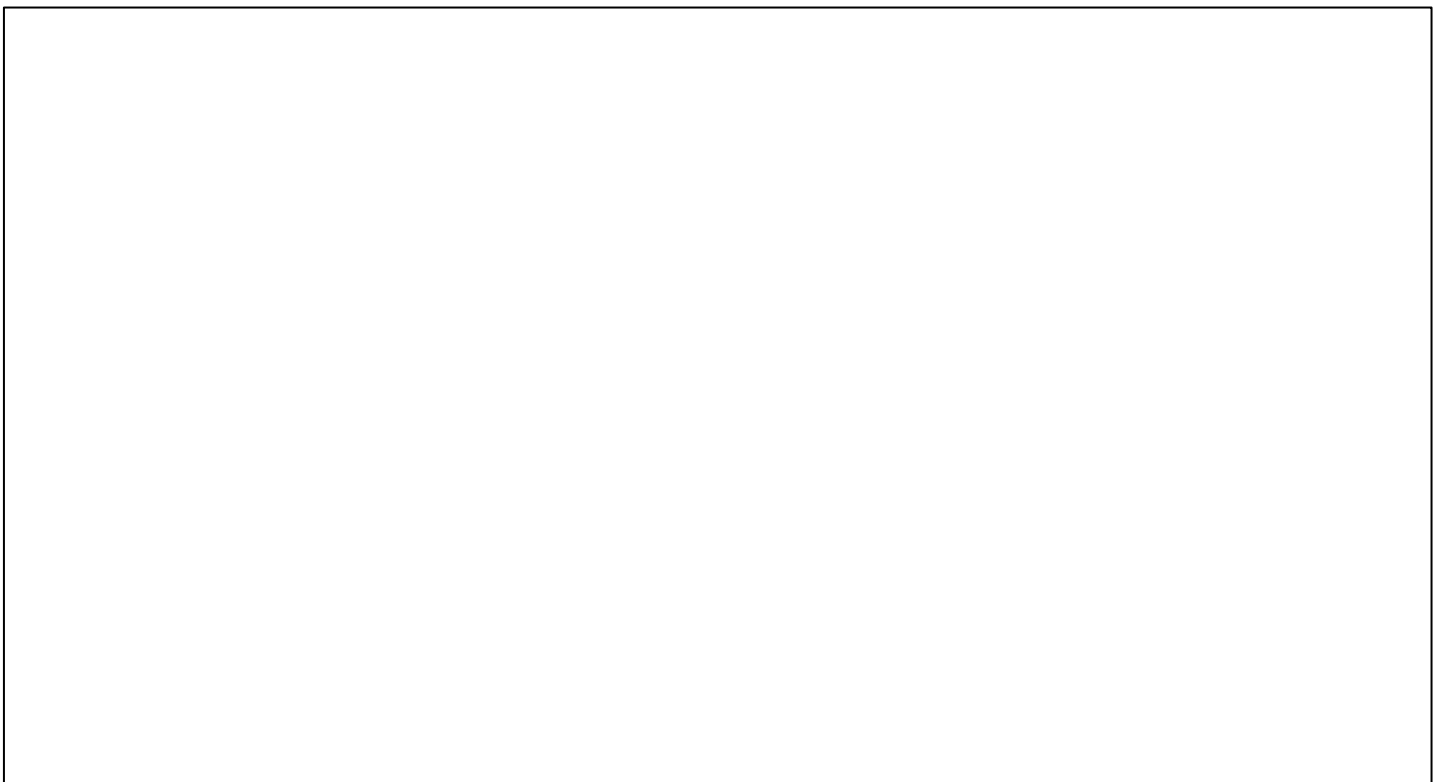
"When through fiery trials your pathway
shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be
your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I
only design your dross to consume and your
gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall
prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable
love; and when hoary hairs shall their
temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in
my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for
repose, I will not, I will not desert to his
foes; that soul, though all hell should
endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

***BENEDICTION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SundayNight Fellowship July 26 th	The church will provide the main dish. People with last names beginning with A-P, please bring a side. People with last names beginning with Q-Z, please bring a desert. We need volunteers to pick up food, set up, clean up, and tear down. See Weds email for sign up.
Men's Bible Study	A men's bible study will be held at the church on Tuesdays. We will be studying the book of Ephesians. If you are interested, please contact Bill MacDonald or David Boulware.
Men's Breakfast	August 1 st @8:30 at the Church. See weekly email for sign up.
Women's Ministry Kick-off	Women's Ministry Kick-Off will be on Saturday, August 29 th , from 5:00–8:00 PM at Palmetto Hills Presbyterian Church. Women of all ages are invited for food, fellowship, fun games, and learning about ways to serve in our church family!
Save the Date(s)	Tonight: Summer Sunday Night Fellowship August 12 th : Senior Fellowship August 29 th : Ladies Ministry Kick-off
OCC Collection July	We are collecting school supplies during the month of July for Operation Christmas Child. Place your donations in the OCC box in the foyer. P.S. OCC is no longer accepting Soaps, liquids or food items, Including shampoo, bath wash, toothpaste, candy etc.

WEEKLY SERVICE ROTATION

	July 26th	August 2nd	August 9th
Infant Nursery	Michael & Abbie M.	TBD	Mike & Lisa D.
Toddler Nursery	Megan C.	Sara Parks & TBD	Ben & Meg Engstrom
SS Nursery	Sara Parks M. & Marty M.	TBD	Sadie D. & TBD
Deacon on Duty	Tommy C.	Scott. R.	Scott. R.
Sound Room	Dwayne T.	TBD	TBD
Refreshments	Craig & Mary T.	Lorie A. & Shannon R.	Keith & Donna P.

THIS WEEK AT PHPC

Mon July 27	Tues July 28	Wed July 29	Thurs July 30	Fri July 31	Sat Aug 1	Sun Aug 2
	<i>Men's Bible Study 10am</i>	<i>Youth Group @ 6pm</i>			<i>Men's Breakfast</i>	

GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$17,403	\$12,047	\$40,116	\$36,144	150

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