

# A SERVICE for The LORD'S DAY

PEACE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OCTOBER 1, 2023

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

HALF PAST TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



## We Prepare for the Word of God

WESTMINSTER STRIKE

VOLUNTARY

*Tour of World Music*

INTROIT

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

AUGUSTINE

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! – George Herbert*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Australian Prayer

O God, you are my God, early will I seek you.  
**My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you.**

As the eagle belongs to the air, and the dolphin belongs to the sea,  
**so we belong to you, O God, my God!**

†HYMN OF PRAISE 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

†CALL TO CONFESSION

South African Prayer

**Lord, you placed me in the world to be its salt. But I was afraid of committing myself, afraid of being stained by the world. I did not want to hear what ‘they’ might say, and my salt dissolved as if in water. Forgive me, Jesus.**

**Lord, you placed me in the world to be its light. But I was afraid of its shadows, afraid of the poverty. I did not want to know other people, and my light slowly faded away.**

**Lord, you placed me in the world to live in community. Thus you taught me to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and for justice, your truth incarnate in my life. So be it, Jesus. Amen.**

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from the Church of India

*The Savior of the world, the Refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace.*

*He accepts you as his sons and daughters, and sets you free from the bondage of your past.*

*For Christ died and rose to new life so that we might all share in his wholeness and abundant life.*

†PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

†RESPONSE TO PARDON 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Native American (Dakota)

*Wotainin waste nahon po*

*Hear the good news of salvation, Jesus, died to show God’s love.*

*Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.*

*Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!*

*How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

LIFE TOGETHER

Missions Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## The Word to God’s People

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pew Bible, O.T., pgs. 784-785

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

†HYMN OF FAITH 311

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

TOKYO

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible, N.T., pgs. 23-24

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk  
*(Discipleship in Matthew, XIV)*

Rev. Bob Scott

# We Respond with Gratitude

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Peace and Global Witness- Special offering

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

*Text: Glory to God, Hymn 526*

## †OFFERTORY RESPONSE 659

*Know That God Is God*

Dem Rep of Congo

*Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.  
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, halleluia. Halle, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

## †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE BREAD AND CUP

*Worshippers are invited forward, up the center aisle, to receive the bread and cup;  
once you have been served, please return to your pew by way of the outside aisle.  
If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.*

# We Go Forth to Share the Good News

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 765

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

†INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

African American Spiritual

†VOLUNTARY

*Tour of World Music*

†The people will please stand in body and spirit as they are able.

## **The Ministers of Peace Memorial:**

all our members and friends.

### **Assisting in the leadership of worship are:**

Rev. Bob Scott, Pastor, Tammy Bennett, Liturgist;  
John Shaw, guest percussionist, Members of the Chancel Choir;  
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist;  
Michael Blue, Martha Espey, Diane Ingram and Silvia Rubio Rodriguez, Ushers;  
Alice Haynes and Maryjo Pope, Chancel Guild.

The Chancel flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Scarlett and Larry Meyer  
in celebration of their marriage 59 years ago at Peace Memorial.

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# Ministries Today

**All are welcome** at Peace Memorial. To learn more about our church, please speak with Pastor Bob or visit our website.

**World Communion Sunday-** Today Christians around the world, representing many denominations, celebrate that we are “One in Christ” by coming to the Table together. Our service today reflects that we are part of a worldwide family of Faith! We will also take up the Peace and Global Mission special offering.

**Rally Day-** Join us in Roebling Hall after worship to discover how and where you can get involved in the Mission ministries of the church!

**Directory Photos-** a new pictorial directory is in the making! Don Golliher has his camera and backdrop set up on the stage in Roebling Hall and is available following worship for the next few Sundays to take your picture. Please see Don to have a new photo included in our updated church directory.

**Grow Committee-** will meet following worship.

## Ongoing Ministries

**Chancel Flowers-** Several Sundays are still available in November and December to order flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Sign up on the calendar in Roebling Hall and adorn the sanctuary with beautiful flowers!

**PW Circle and Sisters Circle-** Join us for this interesting bible study, *Sacred Encounters*, an exploration of Luke and Acts. PW Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Room and Sisters Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. All women of Peace are welcome.

**Early Bird-** Bible Study takes place in the Adult Education Room on the second floor every Wednesday, at 9 a.m. Join Pastor Bob as he leads a study of Isaiah. All are welcome!

**Youth Group-** Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for all Mid-High and Senior-High youth. Join us for games, time with friends, and Bible study. Please contact Luke Harshman for more information.

**Good Grief Group-** Will meets via Zoom and in the Adult Education room Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Mary Williams, Coordinator. Please use the zoom link for meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82430469084?pwd=eDlEaytzYkIWaTJTVXVIZDFINXJXZz09> Meeting ID: 824 3046 9084 Passcode: 151716

**Peace Café-** Thursdays and the first Sunday of each month a meal is served at First United Methodist Church to the hungry in downtown Clearwater. For more information contact Dan Johnson.

**Chancel Choir Practice-** Join Timothy Belk for this beautiful ministry of music Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft.

**Sunday School-** Begins at 9 a.m. Pastor Bob will lead an exploration of the *Apostles' Creed* and what it means for us today. All are welcome!



# Upcoming Ministries

**Concerts at Peace Memorial 2023-2024-** The concert season begins Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m. Michael Klotz, viola, and Grigorios Zamparas, piano, present a classical program including a transcription of Mendelssohn's cello concerto.

**Peace Fellowship-** A Sunset Cookout will be hosted by Peace Fellowship on Saturday, October 14. All are invited to board the Jolley Trolley at 4:45 p.m. in the church parking lot, travel to Madeira Beach to gather at Jewell Coleman's condo, then return to the church at 8:30 p.m. See the signup sheet in Roebling hall to reserve your spot and join the fun!

**Fall Congregational Meeting-** is scheduled for Sunday, October 8 immediately following worship. The purpose is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee regarding the 2026 class of Elders and Deacons. The Nominees for Session are Pam Chapin, Sharon Poulos and Ford Reagan, the nominees for Deacons are Alex Berg, Becky Moores and Maryjo Pope.

## Church Leadership

### Session

#### 2023

Don Golliher  
Sharon Poulos  
Anne Shaw

#### 2024

Dan Johnson  
Chris Lewis  
Mark Pitchford

#### 2025

Andy Burwell  
Martha Espey  
Keith Meyer

### Deacons

#### 2023

Roger Bivin  
Silvia Rodriguez  
Bob Valentine

#### 2024

Jean Bennett  
Sara Sanders  
Sue Woodring

#### 2025

Michael Blue  
Lynn Peggs Nunez  
Peggy Strickling

Please keep our church leadership in your prayers.

### Peace Memorial Presbyterian

Sept. 2023	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual Last Year
Total Contributions	185,994	199,691	195,256

# **Peace Missions**

## **Local Missions**

### **Angel Tree**

Started in 1979, the Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for thousands of children and senior adults. Once a child or senior adult has been registered and accepted as an Angel their Christmas wish list is shared with donors who purchase gifts of new clothing and toys. Peace Memorial Deacons are proud donors of the Angel Tree.

### **Going Home Program**

The Going Home/Homeward Bound Program was started 5 years ago by Joy of the Gospel Ministries while serving at Peace Café here at Peace Memorial. This program provides transportation for homeless persons that have family or friends that are willing to take them in. This program has helped 107 persons to date.

### **Hope Villages of America/Food Bank**

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES** provide nutritious food to our Pinellas County neighbors who need help stretching their grocery budget.

- 70,000 neighbors served annually; more than the seating capacity of Raymond James Stadium!
- 32,000 of these neighbors are senior citizens and children.
- Over 6 million lbs. of food are distributed from our warehouse annually.
- We support nearly 100 other local food banks and pantries.

### **Pack a Snack**

Peace Memorial has been involved with the “Pack a Snack” mission since 2011. Our Pack a Snack Program provides a sack of snacks for children at Ponce De Leon Elementary who exhibit “food insecurity”. We include eleven food items per sack, mostly carbs, but children need energy. Due to accelerated inflation the price of our products has increased; the current cost is about \$4.81 per sack. We are now packing 52 sacks per week! Volunteers are essential for shopping, packing and delivery. Contributions are always welcome.

### **Peace Café**

Peace Cafe is now in its 15th year having served over 100,000 meals over that time to the homeless, near homeless, and those who need to stretch their budgets. Volunteers are needed on the first and second Thursdays and the first Sunday. We now serve at First Methodist Church which is south of Peace on Turner Street. If you are interested, please contact Dan Johnson.

## **Global Missions**

### **Cuba**

As a result of a trip to Cuba in 2012 by a group of Peace Memorial members, our church decided to establish a relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Sancti Spiritus. The Board of Deacons created a fund to provide financial support for the elderly who are unable to provide for themselves. The church in Sancti Spiritus buys the food with those funds and prepares lunch five days a week. Those who are able come to the church to eat and those who are homebound have their meal delivered by volunteers from the church, which includes members of the youth group. On mission trips to Sancti Spiritus in 2015 and 2017 a number of our members had the opportunity to meet with their congregation and work along side them doing some much-needed painting, repairing of very old hymnals, servicing the water filtration system and assisting in worship services at the main church, as well as several small local branches in surrounding towns. The Presbyterian Church of Sancti Spiritus has a very active congregation and you feel the love of God and the Holy Spirit when you visit them.

### **Honduras**

Honduras is the second poorest country in this hemisphere, after Haiti. The children there are required wear a uniform to school and provide their own school supplies, therefore the majority of children cannot attend school due to a lack of financial resources. The International Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay has been sending scholarship funds to the Presbytery in Honduras to help the children purchase what they needed in order to get an education. In addition, the committee organizes mission trips to Honduras for the purpose of providing medical care and construction assistance to the churches who have members in need. Several churches have been built during the twenty plus years since the committee's work began. It is our pride and joy that some of these children who received our help have attained degrees and now have access to better jobs. Some of them have grown to become leaders of the church. Several of our members have been blessed to participate in these mission trips and peace Memorial contributes through the Deacons by sending funds to finance this mission.

### **Additional Countries**

Peace has financially and otherwise supported the following countries in the past ten years: Belize, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, South Sudan, Ukraine and the United States. Others have also been supported through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing!