



*Embodying Jesus'  
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Hospitality*

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*\*Please stand as you are able*

September 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship.  
Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

### GATHERING

#### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.*

PRELUDE

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

Lani Smith

INTROIT

"Hear Me When I Call"

Richard Shepherd

*Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness.*

*Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble.*

*Have mercy upon me, and hearken to my prayer.*

*Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Amen.*

#### GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Oh my Soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN NO. 806

"I'll Praise My Maker"  
(words and music on next page)

OLD 113<sup>TH</sup>

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, although we honor You with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from You. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love You graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.

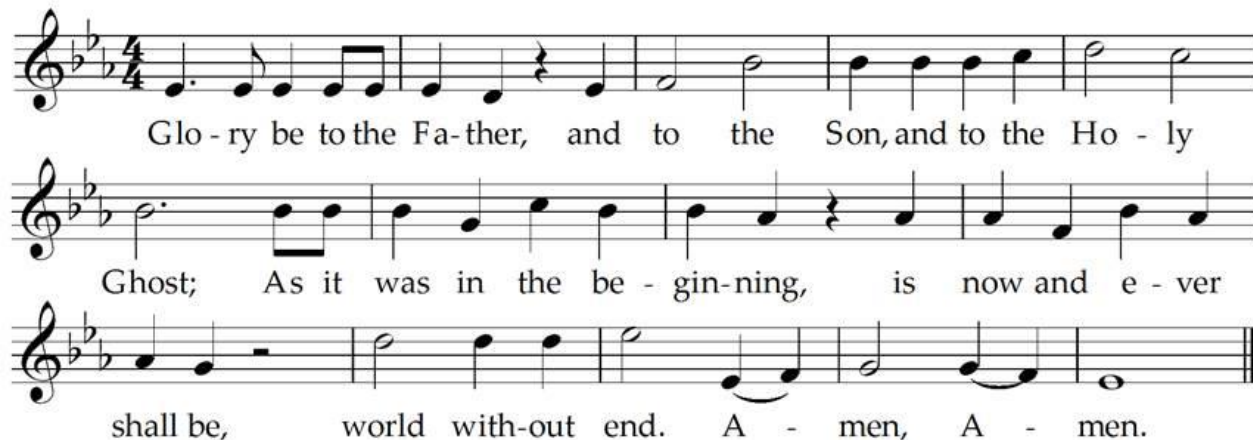
*A brief silence for individual confession is kept*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Praise the Lord, Alleluia.**

\*GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

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## I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice  
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,  
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports  
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.  
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;  
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.  
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought  
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed  
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.  
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

**\*THE PEACE** (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*The children of the church gather at the baptismal font*

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 146

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

James 2:1-10, 14-17

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Worthy of Praise"

Matt Hartley

*Silent meditation on sermon*

\*HYMN NO. 18

“Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator”

NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU

*(words and music on next two pages)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

***Please use this time to reflect on how we might  
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God***

*Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary,  
mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God Be In My Head”

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.*

*God be in mine eyes and in my looking.*

*God be in my mouth and in my speaking.*

*God be heart and in my thinking.*

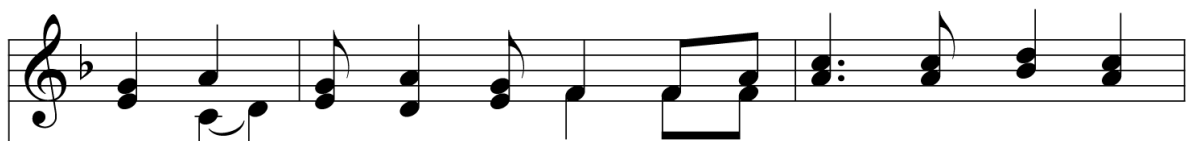
*God be at my end and in my departing.*

# 18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

(Psalm 148)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and  
2 Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and  
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -  
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,  
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and  
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the  
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (O)  
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)  
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)



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 Both young and old, come and join in the song!  
 Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*(some substitute "God" for "Him")*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise You Spirit of God, for You redeemed the world through Your love, and never forsake us in our time of need. We thank You for the many mysteries in the world and for Your hand in creating them. We thank You that You have loved us from the beginning of time and remember us when we are in trouble.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN NO. 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"  
*(words and music on next two pages)*

ASSURANCE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

Anonymous

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

\*POSTLUDE

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God”

Robert J. Powell

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*Children’s Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags  
in the pews at the conclusion of the service*

**MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

**VISION STATEMENT**

Embodying Jesus’ all-encompassing hospitality

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Matt Hartley, Community Coordinator at Young Adult Transformation Collective:**  
Sermon, Charge and Benediction

**Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach:** Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, The Peace, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, First Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist**

**Children's Moment:** Robin Pyles

**Lector:** Maggie Barbieri

## MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

September 8, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### Children's Sunday School: "Jesus and John the Baptist"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K – 4<sup>th</sup>: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch and Kimberly Budd (two classes combined today)

### Youth Sunday School:

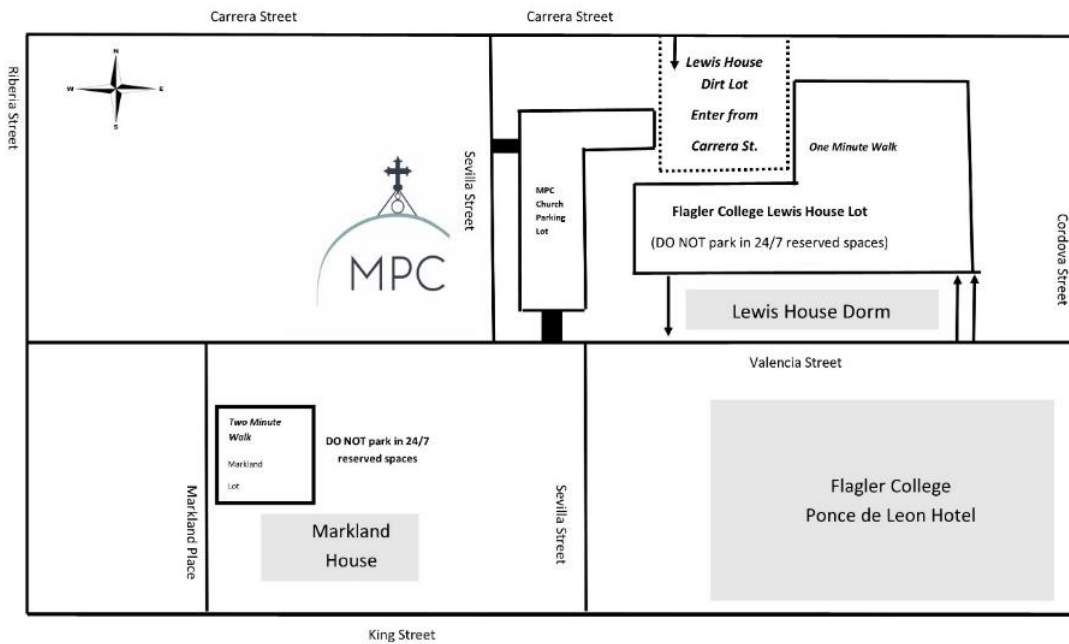
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Room 207, "John the Baptist"
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Youth Loft, "Messiah is God in Flesh (Fathom)"
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Youth Loft, "Messiah is God in Flesh (Fathom)"

### Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "Faith and Parenting" with Kyla Salmond, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: Class is cancelled until September 15<sup>th</sup>
- New Perspectives: All are invited to watch the video "Where Olive Trees Weep" in 2 parts on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at [marccraddock@mac.com](mailto:marccraddock@mac.com). Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUBVh4ZFpWTGsyRlVW5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

### MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots and Markland House lot. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances; the Markland House lot is accessed via Markland Place. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 9-8-24

**Condolences:** It is with a heavy heart and in the hope of God’s promises that we share that Daisy Keller joined the saints eternal on August 19, 2024. Thank you for your prayers for Daisy’s family and friends. A memorial/committal service will take place in the garden on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Jesus said, “Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” – John 14:27

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Betty Brumley by their children and grandchildren.

**Happy Birthday** to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, September 8 - 14: Joey Adams, Verna Bacon, Oliver Binkowski, Robbie Boggs, Rick A. Brown, Claudia Cavallini, Pat Creque, Ed Fox, Jenn Gonsalves, Scott Kreps, Sara Leathen, Barbara MacGregor, Karen MacKay, Rick McAllister, Carrie McCarthy, Rachael McNeal, Shannon Meyer, Jean Neilson, CeCe Orvis, Tim Sawyer, Charlotte Shaw, Jim Sletteland, Melissa Spraggins, Jay Weed, Sona Yadav-Upchurch

**FEAST Begins this Wednesday:** Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children’s Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It’s a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

**This Wednesday, September 11:**

- **Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Chick-fil-A sandwiches, salad and a sweet treat will be available for adults and children. Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child.
- **Grab ‘N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab ‘N Go meal, please pay at the front door of Fellowship Hall.

- **Program at 6:00 p.m.:** "A Life Well Lived" Part 1, Essentialism and Ordered Loves. In this session we will explore the things we desire or love, and how they give shape to our lives. We will examine what aspects of life seem essential to the good life and why, while also interrogating how we live in continuity or discontinuity with these ideals. Session led by Dr. Justin Capes, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Rev. Dr. Justin Forbes, Director of the Center for Religion and Culture, both of Flagler College, Sanctuary

**Café:** On Sundays, September 8, 15 and 22, Café will be fellowship and breakfast only... no lunch will be available.

**Children's Choir Rehearsals Begins this Wednesday:** Cherub Choir (4YO to 1<sup>st</sup> grade) meets in Room #224; Jubilee Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in Room #215. Weekly rehearsals take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Vaughn with any questions at [molly.clukey@gmail.com](mailto:molly.clukey@gmail.com).

**GriefShare:** GriefShare will be held on Thursdays, September 12<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 - 12:30 in Lewis Fellowship Hall. "Coming to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering." YOU ARE NOT ALONE. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, [amycamp@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:amycamp@memorialpcusa.org).

**Playology:** Join us on September 15<sup>th</sup> in Lewis Hall from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. for Playology. Special guests Vickie Dieth and Andrea Paschal will be leading us in an intergenerational creative Bible study during the Sunday School hour, then at lunch we'll participate in fun community building activities together. Come try something new and connect with folks from your church family. (This is part of the Clergy renewal grant we receive from the Lilly Foundation which also funded Pastor Hunter's Sabbatical.) There will be no youth, apex or children's Sunday school classes on September 15<sup>th</sup>, families are invited to participate in Playology together. **Parents must accompany their children and teenagers for this special opportunity.**

**APEX Family Beach Gathering:** Families, bring your kids and teenagers and gather on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Butler Beach from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Look for the teal blue beach tent. Beth Masters of Salty Sistahs will be there to give surf lessons! Park at Frank Butler County parking lot OR drive on using the Mary Street ramp. We'll be just south of the boardwalk from the parking lot. Bring your beach gear, snacks, and drinks. Publix subs will be provided.

**Kirkin of the Tartans - Scottish Heritage Sunday:** Presbyterians originated in Scotland and we will commemorate this by having a Scottish Heritage Sunday service on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. There will be a presentation of tartans, roll call of the clans and even a bagpiper! If you would like to carry a tartan please contact Louise Osborn at [Leo.of.oz72@gmail.com](mailto:Leo.of.oz72@gmail.com).

**New Member Orientation:** The next New Member Orientation will be held in-person meeting two times. Attending both sessions is necessary. We will meet on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Marie Mercready at [membership@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:membership@memorialpcusa.org). She will send you some paperwork that will help to expedite the process. **NOTE: You MUST contact Marie Mercready before Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> if you desire to be included in this Orientation.**

**Meeting space is at a premium and the number of people who desire membership will determine where we will meet.**

**Ukirk College-Aged Ministry – 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday throughout the semester, our College Group (Ukirk) meets as a small group at 4:00 p.m. followed by a free dinner at 5:15 p.m. Find us in the Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor (through the big white door off of the courtyard). We'd love to have you join us! Mary Scine can answer your questions and give you more details @ 410-271-4363 -or- text "@mpccolle" to #81010 to receive reminders and information.

**ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone.** Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

**Al-Anon at MPC:** Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

**Need Prayer?** Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email [amycamp@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:amycamp@memorialpcusa.org) for private prayer or [krissings@yahoo.com](mailto:krissings@yahoo.com) for MPC's public prayer chain.

**We are a Matthew 25 Congregation:** For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee [jreffel@valdosta.edu](mailto:jreffel@valdosta.edu) or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: [tom@eyerly.org](mailto:tom@eyerly.org). Visit this website for more information: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>.

**Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:**

*Bayview:* Bill and Verna Bacon; *Encompass:* Betsy Haynes;  
*Riverside Cottages:* Carolyn Smith and Bette Upchurch  
*Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

**Recovering at Home:**

Vickie Gard, Bob Mullen

**Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:**

Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit



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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sun. 9-8-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am  12:00 pm 12:30 – 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Service Sunday School (Dr. Proctor’s Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Peacemaking Committee – Room 205 Sanctuary Open for Tours Youth Group – LFH & Youth Loft Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 9-9-24	11:00 am 3:30 – 8:00 pm  4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mary Circle – LFH Parlor Sacred Music Academy - Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room, Sanctuary, LFH Outreach Committee – Zoom & LFH Parlor Trustees Meeting – Zoom Homeless Coalition Dining with Dignity – 62 Chapin Street Membership Ministry – Upper Landing Deacon Meeting – LFH Parlor Admin/Finance – Zoom Youth Committee - Zoom
Tues. 9-10-24	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Chapel Christ, Conversation & Connection - Zoom
Wed. 9-11-24	4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ukirk – LFH Parlor FEAST Dinner and Program Children’s Choir Rehearsals (Rooms 224 and 215) Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 9-12-24	8:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 6:30 pm  7:30 pm	Sew & Sow – Upper Landing GriefShare – LFH Parlor Deborah Circle – Room 218 Stephen Minister Meeting – LFH Parlor Laurel Circle – Meets in homes, email Kris Kelly for address (krissings@yahoo.com) St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal - LFH
Fri. 9-13-24	10:00 am 11:00 – 3:30 3:15 pm	SMAART Men’s Group – Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours Home Again St. Johns Dining with Dignity – 285 S Holmes Blvd
Sat. 9-14-24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



# "A LIFE WELL LIVED"

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, & 25

SANCTUARY

Join us for this 3-week series with  
Dr. Justin Forbes, Professor of Religion, &  
Dr. Justin Capes, Professor of Philosophy,  
at Flagler College

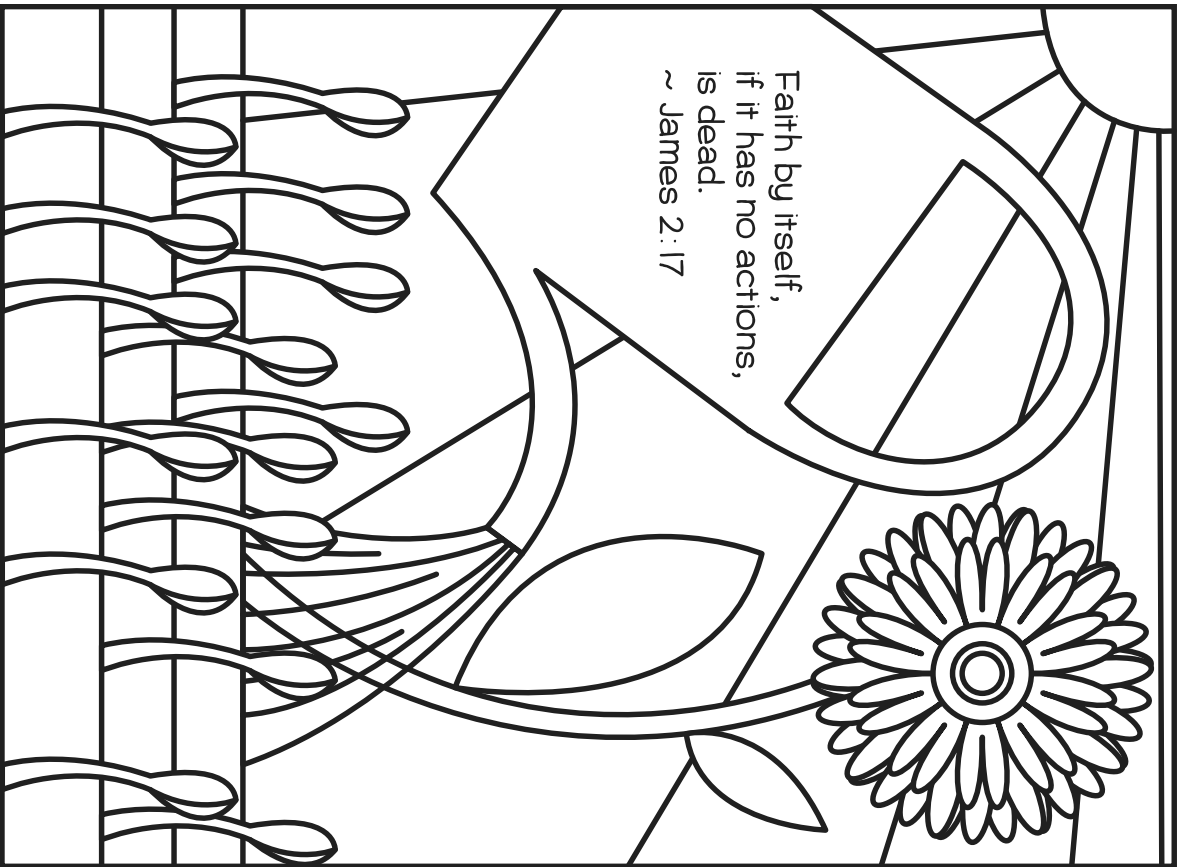
What is the good life?  
What can add meaning to my life?  
What would my best friend say  
about me when I died?

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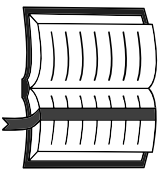


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Faith by itself,  
if it has no actions,  
is dead.  
~ James 2:17

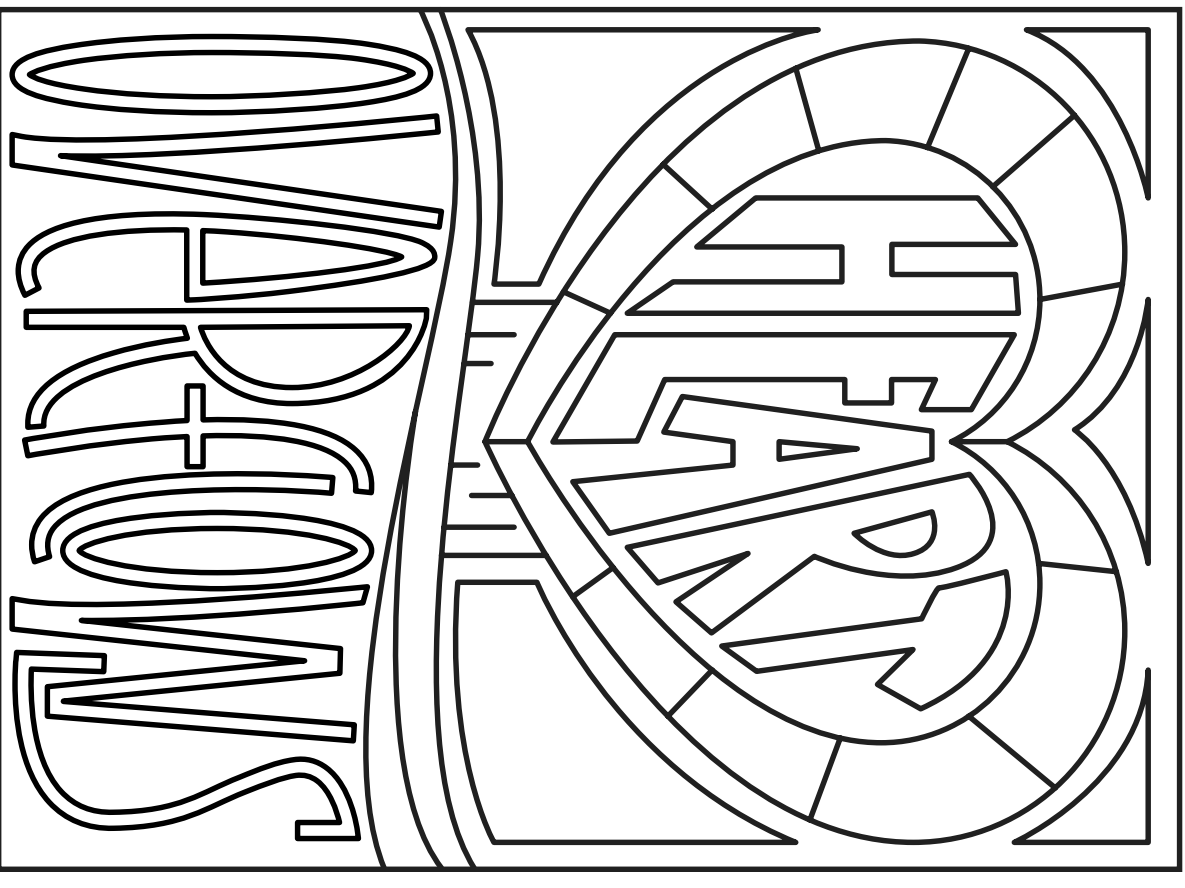


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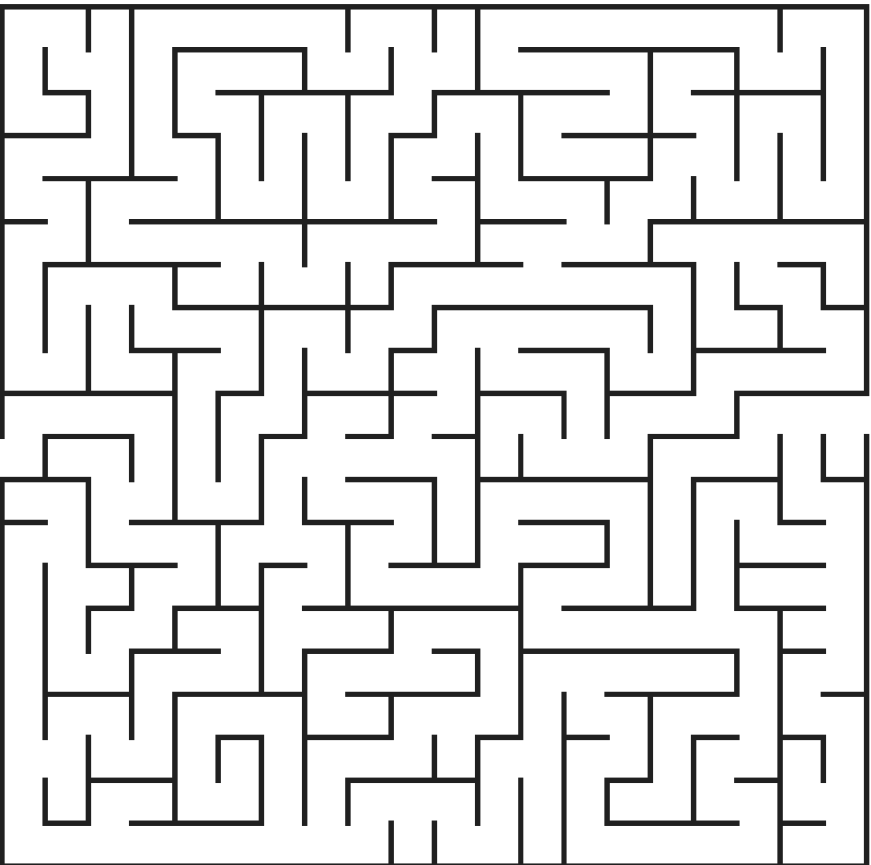
# CHILDREIN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37.



# SOLVE the MAZE

Proverbs 22:9 says, "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Helping people in need is one of God's most important priorities. Make your way through the maze to bring a meal to this person who is hungry.



# FINISH the DRAWING

In Mark 7, Jesus heals a man who cannot hear and who cannot talk. Jesus lays his hands on him, and then the man can suddenly hear and he begins talking! Imagine that you are with the crowd and watching this happen. Finish the drawing to create a picture of what this looked like.

