



***Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality***

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

**Please stand as you are able*

September 27, 2026

11:00 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH 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

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

"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 in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.*

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)*

Why do you come to this place?

To worship Jesus with my siblings in Christ and to hear God's word proclaimed.

Do you come ready to receive God's word with humility and openness?

We come with open hearts and minds, seeking to learn from the One whose authority is founded on God's love.

Friends, lend your ears, and open your hearts! Because this is God's house, built with love and sustained by hope. You are welcome here.

Let us worship the Lord!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

A brief silence for individual confession is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

Phil. 3:9

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*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.

*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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	O.T. pg. 500
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		

GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 21:23-32	N.T. pg. 20
The Gospel of the Lord.		
Praise to You, O Christ.		

SERMON	"Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is"	Rev. McNeal
<i>Silent meditation on sermon</i>		

*HYMN NO. 693	"Though I May Speak"	GIFT OF LOVE
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) *Philippians 2:5-11*
Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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/cash in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, text STAMPC to 73256, or use the QR code printed here to connect to the Church's secure online giving platform to make your gift.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Beautiful Savior"

Robert Lee

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.*

*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.

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank You for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise You for Your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because He lives, we live to praise You, our God forever.

We give ourselves to You; and with the church through all ages we thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Sevenfold Amen" Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE "Postlude (Grand Choeur) in F" Alexandre Guilmant

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*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave 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

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, The Peace, Gospel 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: Melissa Willets

Lector: Kris Kelly

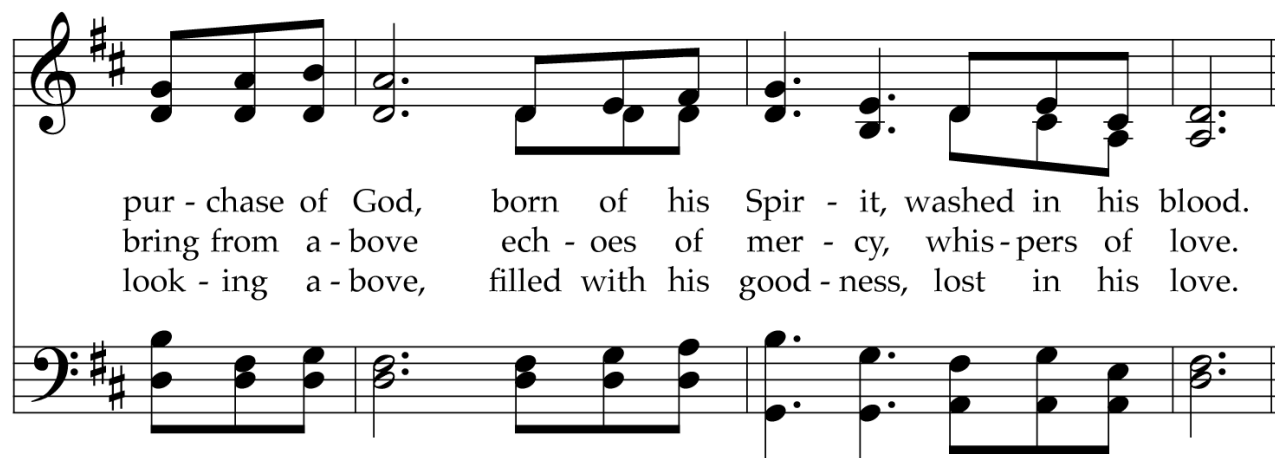
839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



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

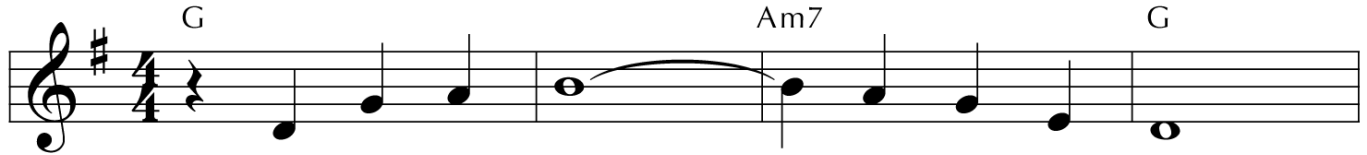
all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

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

Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



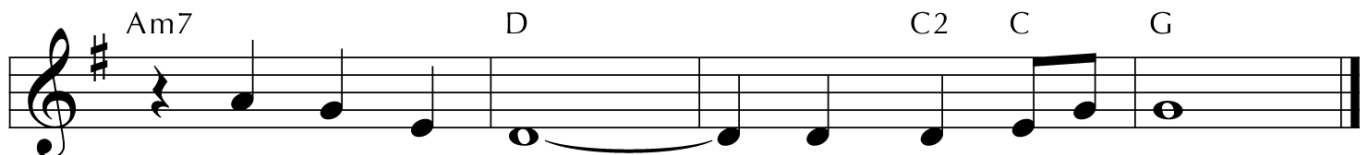
1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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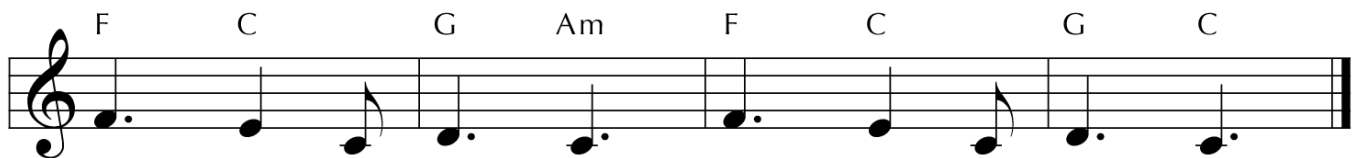
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

September 27, 2026

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Wedding at Cana"

- Preschool: Room 204, with Lindsey Dailey and Lee Kutschke
- K – 2nd: Room 211, with Beth and Tracy Upchurch
- 3rd - 4th: Room 224, with Judy Robb and Britt Penta

Youth Sunday School:

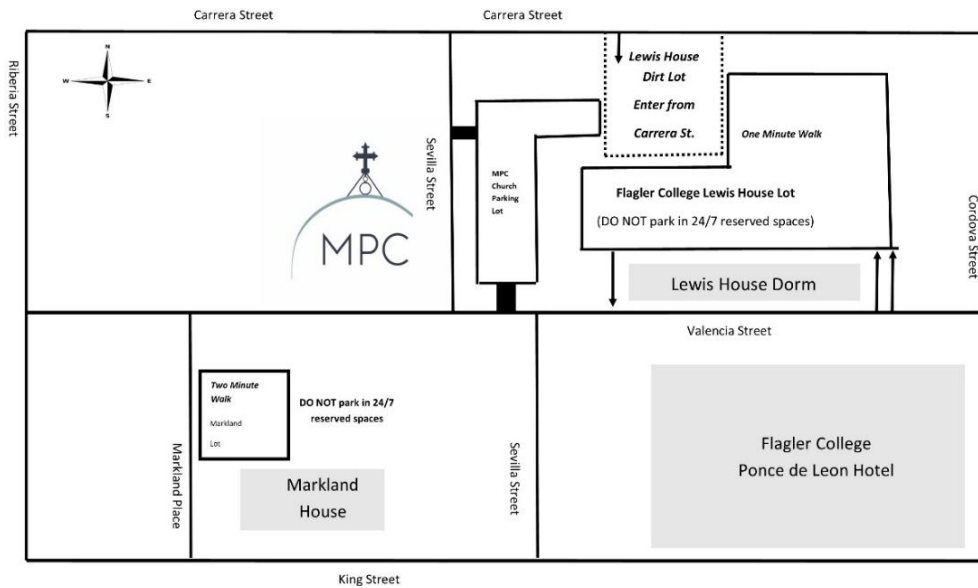
- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Sanctuary Tour: Spotting Jesus" with Robin Pyles and Addie Carson
- 7th - 12th: Youth Loft, "Exodus: I don't understand why (or how) God plays favorites with Moses and the Israelites"

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** A study of the 4th gospel, take a spiritual walk with Jesus. Welcome to the journey, Flagler-Kenan History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "Being a Good Friend to Someone in Their Grief" with Mary Scine, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: "Holy Spirit". Come join us, enjoy, and learn who the Holy Spirit is and how vital He is to living the Christian life, Lewis Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Baby Shower", Lewis Hall Upper Landing
- Christian Meditation: **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Church Office Parlor and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at marccraddock@mac.com. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRWV5UT09>

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm and Markland House parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings, until 12:15 pm. 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 9-20-26

As we take our vision statement seriously, practicing Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality, let's remember to be welcoming to parents with children, being grateful for young ones in our church.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by the Upchurch family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Davies, Hamilton Upchurch and Sue Upchurch.

Food Bank Collection: Next week, the first Sunday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Lewis Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. Be part of the solution! Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, September 27 – October 3: Kimberly Brown, Anne English, Anne Eyerly, John Grannis, Rhonda Klein, Vinny Larizza, Will Masters, Jane Mathis, Ray McDonald, Dan Mowrey, Lindsey Murphy, Doug Parmenter, Lynn Roberts, Joe Ryan, Kelly Sallas, Mark Scanlan, Bea Schrobo, Judy Thomas, Greg Towner, Linda Trevlyn, Charles Willoughby, Stef Wollny

Family Faith Night — Sunday, September 27, 5:00–7:00 pm: Families are invited to enjoy dinner from Chipotle (no cost) at 5:00 pm in Lewis Hall. This will be followed by crafts and games for children, youth group for teens, and a parent discussion, "Faith and Parenting: Why Does This Matter?"

Chapter One: Next meeting of this new ministry is set for September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Sarbez!, 115 Anastasia Blvd. Contact JillCraddock@live.com for more information.

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Programs) 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. Scan the QR code for the full fall schedule and dinner menu, updated weekly.



This Wednesday, September 30, 2026:

- Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Lewis Hall. **"Shrimp Stir Fry with Brown Jasmine Rice, Salad, Bread, Sweet Treat"**. Cost is \$8.00/Adult and \$5.00/Child/\$25 family maximum. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- Grab 'N Go Meals: If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Lewis Hall.
- Program at 6:00 p.m.:
 - "A Theology of Play, Part I", Pastor Amy Lehr Camp — Chapel

Wednesday Night FEAST Childcare: During FEAST, the playground will be open to children ages four through fifth grade from 5:30 – 5:55 p.m., with supervision provided by our nursery staff. For everyone's safety, children should not enter the playground before 5:30 p.m. The nursery will be open during the program hour, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., for children age five and younger.

Living Water, a Contemplative Retreat: October 2–5, 2026, The Franciscan Center, Tampa. This retreat grew out of the Christian meditation class here at MPC, and many of our members have shared in it over the years. This fall we gather for three nights of centering prayer, silence, walking meditation, and contemplation in nature on the Hillsborough River in Tampa, FL. A sliding scale and scholarships keep it accessible to all, and some members may help coordinate carpooling from St. Augustine. To learn more or register, visit presenceincommunity.com or contact Marc Craddock at 407-718-8774 or marccraddock@mac.com.

Congregational Nominating Committee: The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your suggestions for church members who may be considered for nomination as Elders, Deacons and Trustees for the Class of 2030. Please prayerfully reflect on members who are active in the life of the church and possess the leadership qualities for officer positions. You may submit your recommendations using the nomination forms that are available at the sanctuary exits. You may also email your suggestions to sheilabrown@cpa.com. We are grateful for your thoughtful consideration.

Stephen Ministry Training: Stephen Ministry training at Memorial Presbyterian Church begins Wednesday, October 7th from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., and continues meeting weekly through the Spring. Training is 50 hours equipping you for excellent Christian Care. Questions or registration: amycamp@memorialpcusa.org

Intergenerational Sunday School on World Communion Sunday. Join us Sunday, October 4, from 9:30–10:30 am in Lewis Hall for a special intergenerational Sunday School gathering! Through conversation and creative activities, people of all ages will connect with one another and reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Supper together. Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent and not dropped off in Lewis Hall. Contact Anne Reid Broos with any questions.

College Students: Join us for Bagels, Coffee, and Theology. Our UKirk College Ministry has a new biweekly student group. We meet every other Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at 93 King Street (Flagler College's Youth Ministry building). Fall dates: September 23 | October 7, 21 | November 4, 18 | December 2. This is an informal gathering where we fellowship together and talk about theology in everyday life—with bagels and coffee included! No RSVP needed. If you know a student, pass this information along! Questions: mpcartledge@memorialpcusa.org

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 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Paul Sapp at membership@memorialpcusa.org. He will send you some paperwork that will start the process. NOTE: You MUST contact Paul Sapp and submit your paperwork before Tuesday, October 13th, if you desire to be included in this Orientation.

Stewardship: Each fall, our church sets aside time to reflect prayerfully on stewardship and the many ways God has blessed our lives. This year, we are guided by the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Stewardship is about more than meeting a budget. It is an expression of gratitude and an opportunity to consider what we value, where we place our trust, and how we can use what God has given us to participate in Christ's work through Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Stewardship Committee has mailed packets containing a brochure, pledge card, and additional information about this year's campaign. We invite you to read these materials, prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2027, and bring your completed pledge card to church on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, October 18. If you are unable to bring your pledge card that Sunday, you may mail it to the church or make your pledge online. Thanks, ahead of time, for your commitments to our common ministry.

PDS Fall Festival: Help Make Our Fall Festival a Success! Our annual Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 18th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., and we'd love your support! We are seeking donations from local businesses and individuals—items such as gift baskets, services, gift certificates, artwork and photos or special products are always a big hit. These donations directly support our school and church community. Last year, with our combined fundraising, we raised over \$18,000, which will provide scholarships to deserving families in our school for the 2026-27 school year! Donated items can be dropped off at our school office, or we'll be happy to coordinate a pick-up for your convenience. We're also looking for volunteers to help with activities and games at the festival. If you'd like to join in the fun, please email Beth Richards at brichards@memorialpcusa.org. Thank you for helping us make this year's festival our best yet!

Meals on Wheels Ministry Needs You: For years, MPC members have delivered Meals On Wheels every Wednesday morning to shut-ins in West Augustine. One of our long-time volunteers has had to quit due to health issues, so we need someone to deliver the meals every fourth Wednesday. Please e-mail sarahhunt@bellsouth.net for more information or to help meet this need.

Stephen Ministry: A Stephen Minister is a companion that will love you unconditionally no matter what you share with them, care for you no matter what you have done, and are available to share God's love for you. They are supervised, confidential, and available for you. For more information on receiving care please email: stephenministry@memorialpcusa.org.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205 of Lewis Hall. 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.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence: *Bayview:* Bill and Verna Bacon; *The Haven at Regency Point, Rainbow City, AL:* Eileen Coleman; *Health Center, Westminster:* Bill Baker, Dorothy Dornblaser; *Riverside Cottages:* Sonny Daniel, Carolyn Smith; *Silver Creek Memory Care:* Sarah Moore; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

Recovering at Home: Roger Dunnavan, Bea Godwin, Betsy Haynes, Connie Terbrueggen, Chris Wollny

Seminarians and Candidates for Ministry: Emma Livingston, Brennan Gagnon

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home: Commander Adam William Broos, serving at Naval Station Mayport, FL; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums; Matthew Giles, serving at Joint Base Andrews, MD; Marsha Ward, serving in St. Augustine, FL



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CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sun. 9-27-26	8:30 9:30 11:00 12:30 – 3:30 5:00 – 7:00 5:30	Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School (Friendship Class and Christian Meditation start at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-streamed) Sanctuary Open for Tours Family Faith Night – LH, Rooms 218, 224, 205 & Playground Seekers Group Study - Zoom
Mon. 9-28-26	2:00 – 9:00 6:00 – 6:45 6:45 – 8:15	Sacred Music Academy – LH, Nursery, Choir Room, Sanctuary Session Supper – LH Upper Landing Session Meeting – LH Parlor
Tues. 9-29-26	8:30 – 11:00 9:30 – 3:30 10:00 4:00 – 5:30 5:30 – 9:00	Safe Families Staff Meeting – Room 218 Sanctuary Open for Tours Tuesday Al-Anon – Room 205 Personnel Meeting – Office Parlor St. Augustine Community Chorus Rehearsal - LH
Wed. 9-30-26	9:30 – 3:30 10:00 11:15 – 12:00 5:15 5:45 – 6:00 6:00 6:00 7:00	Sanctuary Open for Tours Easy Outdoor Yoga – Courtyard by East Doors Chair Yoga – Room 205 FEAST Dinner – Lewis Hall Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Chapel FEAST Program – Chapel Children’s Choir – Rooms 224 & 215 Adult Choir – Choir Room
Thur. 10-1-26	9:30 – 12:00 9:30 – 3:30 11:00 – 12:30 6:00	Sew & Sow – LH Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours Outreach Leadership - Office Parlor St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble – LH
Fri. 10-2-26	9:30 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 10-3-26	8:30 9:30	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205

PDS Promise Fund

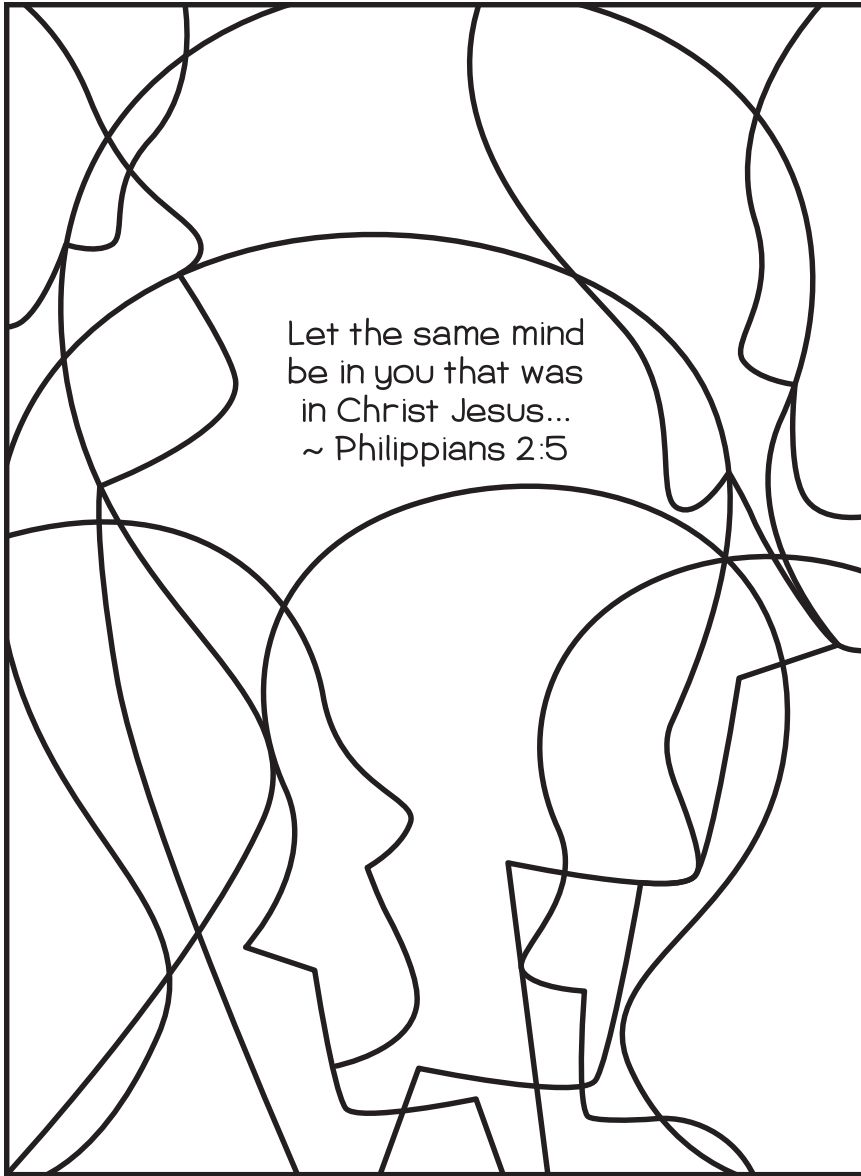
Presbyterian Day School (PDS) has been a ministry of Memorial Presbyterian Church since 1955, providing children with a safe, nurturing Christian environment in which to learn and grow.

Thanks to the generosity of last year's donations to the Promise Fund, along with other fundraising efforts, five families are receiving scholarships this year, totaling over \$19,000. These funds will ease the burden of childcare for families and give students the opportunity to thrive in a safe and nurturing Christian environment.

Our scholarship program made a meaningful difference for several PDS families. We were able to help families with multiple children during an uncertain economy, provide an opportunity for a family to enroll their second child who otherwise would not have been able to attend, and help a single mother experiencing financial challenges keep their child enrolled in a loving, faith-based school where they are happy and thriving.

The Promise Fund has impacted these families in profound ways. Our children are precious, and providing care and education for them is one of a family's greatest needs. This fund is truly a blessing, supporting both families and students when it matters most.

If you would like to donate to the Promise Fund, there is an offering being taken today. Thank you!



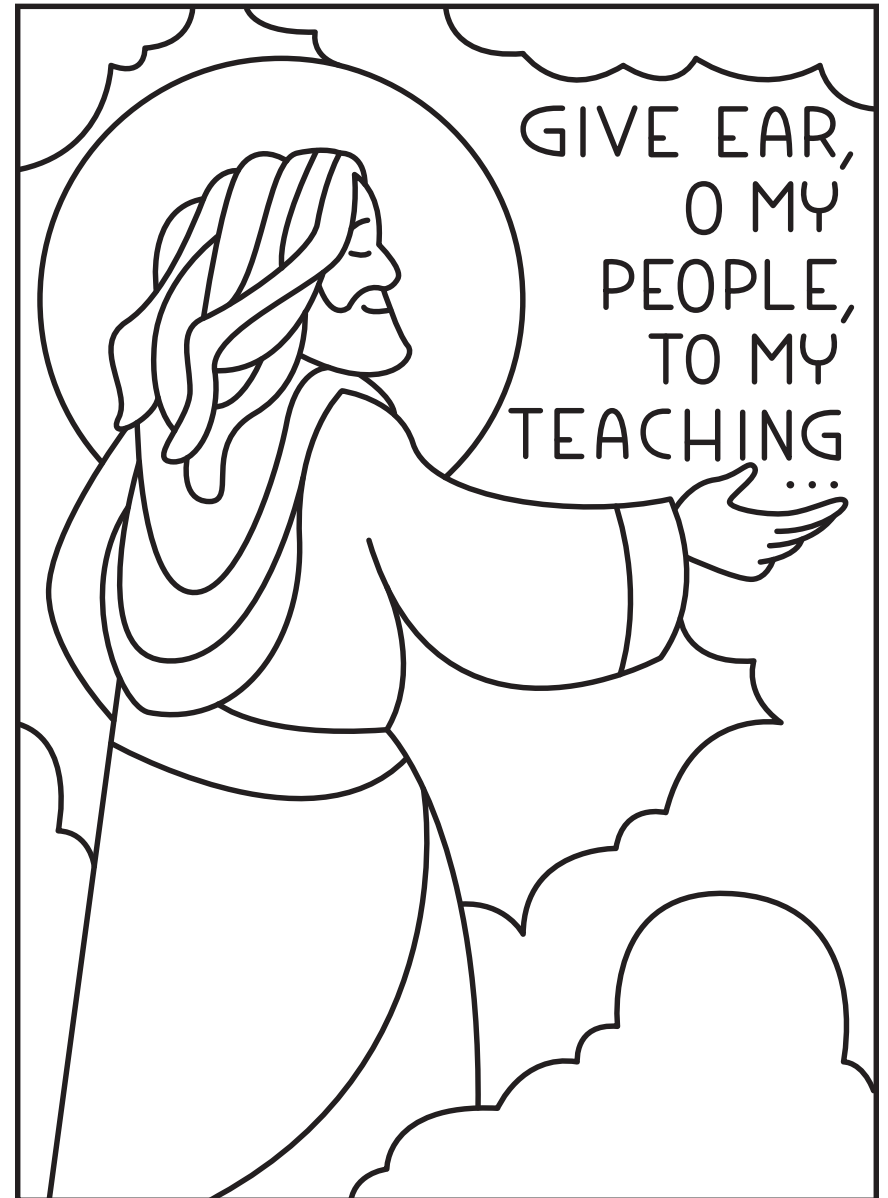
Let the same mind
be in you that was
in Christ Jesus...
~ Philippians 2:5



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13.



GIVE EAR,
O MY
PEOPLE,
TO MY
TEACHING...

UNSCRAMBLE IT

How does the apostle Paul describe the humility and heart of Jesus in Philippians 2? **Unscramble** the words to find out. This is how we are to live!

EH TDD TON AGREDR
LTATYQUE THWT DOG
SA HITMOSEGN OT
EB SAPEGDR' BTU
MEPTEDT LISHMF...
ADN ACMBEE
DNBTTEEOT OT HET
NDE.

SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Exodus 17, Moses is leading the people through the wilderness, and they are very thirsty. God tells Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and water will come out. Help Moses and the people find their way to the rock and receive water.

