



Service of the Word

Boynton Beach Congregational Church
Church of the Palms

~ A COOPERATIVE MINISTRY - OPEN AND AFFIRMING ~

Our Mission

Church of the Palms Congregational United Church of Christ is committed to be a community where faith happens and love abounds, expressed in witness to the love of God in actions for peace and social justice, care for the earth and all creation.

Our Covenant

As members of Church of the Palms, we covenant to be a diverse, open and affirming community of faith, extending a warm welcome to all. We come together to worship God, grow in faith and knowledge - equipping us to serve God and each other in our community and beyond. We will, to the best of our abilities, attend worship, observe the sacraments, and participate in church activities including work and financial support. As a church of Jesus Christ, we will support each other in friendship, community, and prayer.

Open and Affirming

We, the Church of the Palms, declare ourselves to be Open and Affirming. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all people, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socio-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, and responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation.

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 | 10 o'clock in the morning

+ = STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

BOLD = UNISON SPOKEN RESPONSE

BOLD ITALICS = UNISON SUNG RESPONSE

The Chimes

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Divinium Mysterium

WILBUR HELD (1914-2015)

+Advent Candle Liturgy

Responsive Reading

Longing for light...

we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth...

we turn to you.

Make us your own...

your holy people.

Light for the world to see!

Acknowledging the First Candle of Advent

Choral Response - Vocalists

O Antiphons

JOANNE NELSON

Week I

Week I

O Ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem

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Come bring us light and love and peace. Come Ho-ly Child, Em-man-u-el!

Congregational Response

O Antiphons

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Closing Prayer

Good and gracious God, in this Advent season, bless us with your loving presence as we strive to imitate the Christ by all we say and do. This we ask in his powerful name. Amen.

+The Hymn - No. 88

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

+Congregational Response

Thy Word

THY WORD

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path!
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path!***

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Our Little Systems Have Their Day

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Musical Interlude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

ARR. JOHN WEAVER

Morning Prayer and Our Savior's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/God 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 trespasses;
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Organ Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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+Our Common Commission

**Let us now go into the world in peace,
Being of good courage;
Holding fast to that which is good;
Rendering to no one evil for evil;
Strengthening the faint hearted;
Supporting the weak; helping the afflicted;
Honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord;
And rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

+The Hymn - No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

+Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

I Could Not Ask for More

EDWIN MCCAIN

Welcome to Our House of Worship

Welcome to our sacred and safe space. If you're a visitor, please consider filling out a *Connect Card* that can be found on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. We would love to send you a note of welcome and to email you our weekly newsletter!

Join Us for Coffee Fellowship

After the worship service, please join us in the Friendship Center for Coffee Fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and new friends!

Altar Roses

*In honor of Sally Dye's 93rd birthday
by Candace and Emil Etzler in support of Missions.*

*With gratitude for our family and friends
by Bud and Deirdre Scott in support of Missions.*

Serving You Today

The Rev. Todd A. Petty, Pastor
James Rovezzi, Pianist | Robert Vogel, Guest Organist
Freddie Binner and Ann Kreucher, Vocalists
Barbara Sinclair, Worship Prep | Deirdre Scott, Greeter



Weekly Prayer Circle

Every Wednesday
10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Email Rev. Petty for a
Zoom Invitation

petty.todd@gmail.com

2023 Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 30
1:30 P.M.
Conference Room
Sanctuary Building

Sanctuary Decorating for Christmas

Friday, December 2
10:00 a.m.

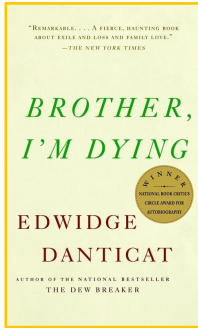
*Come help us decorate for
Advent and Christmas. Many
hands make light work!*

Group Therapy: Adult Fellowship Outing

Thursday, December 1
"Old Florida Day"



First we will visit the Palm
Beach County History
Museum (free). Then off to
lunch at the iconic *Taboo* on
Worth Avenue. Meet at the
church at 10:30 a.m. to
carpool. Lunch is "Dutch



Next Book Club

When: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Where: Friendship Center

Facilitator: Jean McFadden

Books available for \$5.00 on the table at back of



Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 12

12:00 P.M.

Westchester Country Club

[Jog Road and Piper's Glen]

\$25.00 per person

Call: Margot Beck

561.737.0012

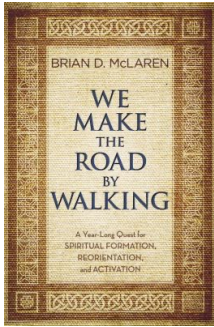
Delicious Buffet and Music

Restoring for the Future Capital Campaign



Help us restore our stained glass windows by making a generous gift beyond your regular giving to the church's mission and ministry.

Goal = \$275,000.00



Weekly Spiritual Formation Class

Wednesdays @ 3:00 p.m.
Friendship Center

One chapter (3-4 pages) will be covered each week in this discussion-based opportunity!

Eat Better Live Better

Please remember to bring food pantry items each week in support of EBLB.



[Donations being picked up]

Items Needed: rice, pasta, dried beans, tuna, smooth peanut butter, and canned goods of all kinds.

Congregational Response Last Week

Worship Attendance

In-Person: 46 | Virtual: 18
Total = 64

Pledges and Offerings

\$936.00

Facility Usage

\$9,795.00

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Income Needed Monthly

\$28,836.00

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Thanksgiving Day Potluck Pics



Altar Rose Dedications

Remember to honor or remember a loved one or friend with an Altar Rose Dedication. Gifts of all sizes welcomed.

In Our Prayers

Polly Champ | Barbara Daum | Joyce Flick | Kathy Mory
Jean McFadden | Lorna Zirbel

The children at Loving God Orphanage in Gonaives, Haiti
Our college student in Venant, Haiti | The people of Ukraine

Bulletin Sponsors

Polly Champ | Larry Gammons | Anne Harris | Margaret Hartnett
Hides and Stitches | Ed Krynicki | Dr. Charles and Kathy Mory
Barbara Nickerson-Estrada | Robert and Margherite Okerman
Jay and Nicole Petty | Rev. Todd Petty | Elaine Reinhardt
Noel Smith and The Rev. Linda Harper Smith
Dr. Anthony Terrace | The Rev. Lisa Zook

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