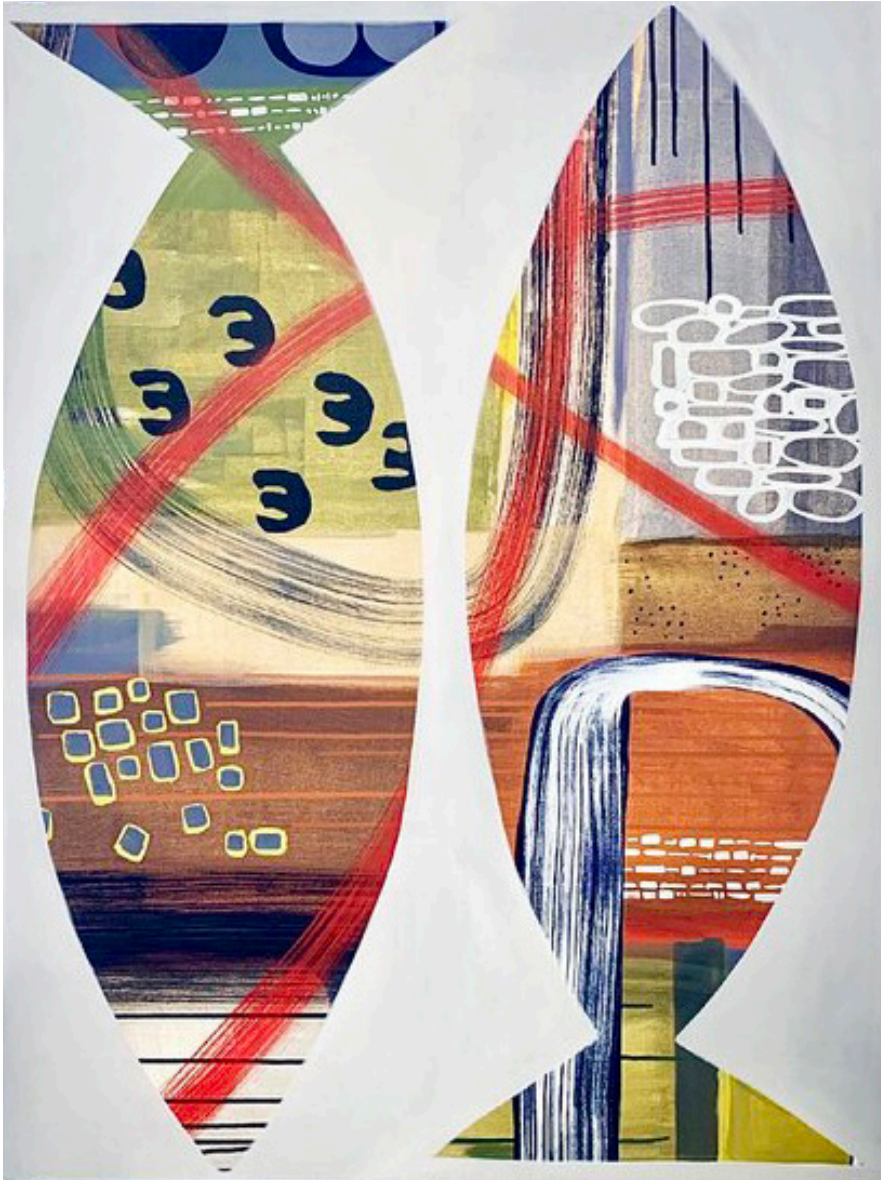




WEKIVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve

September 8, 2024



"Salt of the Earth"
Sarah Farrar, Greenville, SC
acrylic on canvas, 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 8, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude — “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” by Theodore Hoelty-Nickel Anton Faynberg, organ

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Oscar Clavel

Moment for Mission Christian Education, Tara Dalles

**Passing the Peace*

**Gathering Song* — “*Gathered in the Love of Christ*” by Marty Haugen [see page 3] Choir & Congregation

**Call to Worship* — adapted from Isaiah 6:8-9 Rev. Oscar Clavel

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*”

People: And I said, “*Here I am! Send me.*”

Leader: And He said, “*Go.*”

All: **Lord of Hosts, You have sent us, we have said we will go. Please give us the courage to stand for You, to break the chains of injustice, and proclaim Your Good News.**

**Opening Hymn 2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”* ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession Scott Wesley

Lord Jesus, Your life shows us how You want us to live. So often we know exactly what it would take for us to become more like You, and yet we sit back, rather than taking a step toward Your holiness. Lots of times You make the pathway of faithfulness obvious to us, but we stumble away from the road to sanctification. We need Your strength, living Lord Jesus, so that we can live into our call as well-loved disciples who become more and more like You. We repent of our complacency, and ask You to forgive us for these and all of our trespasses. We continue now to confess in silence...

Silent Confession

Welcome!

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Guests, we invite you to take a white folder from the **Visitor Information Center** table at the front entrance of the church as you leave today.

If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of our ushers.

Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship or attend Children's Worship in Room 107 following the Time for Children message. Coloring sheets and activities are available for the children to pick up in the back of the Sanctuary. The Nursery is available in room 122.

Gathered in God's Name

Refrain
with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
in the name of love, in the name of
slowing
love, in the name of love.

Starting Sun., Sept. 15th

Sunday School

Christian Education Programs Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 9:45am

Need more info? Contact: lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org

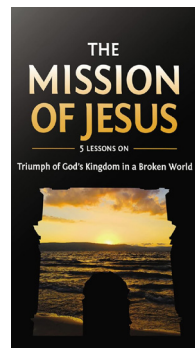
CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery is available from **9:00 – 11:00am** every Sunday morning for children birth to 4 years old.

Children's Sunday School PreK - 2nd Graders are in **Room 110**. Grades 3rd - 8th are upstairs in **Crow's Nest** room. Both are following the curriculum **Follow Me** from PC (USA).

ADULTS

FOUNDATIONS Class: this group will be studying *The Mission of Jesus* by Ray Vander Laan Sept 15th - Oct. 13th. Deepen your understanding of Jesus' passionate longing to redeem a broken world. Take a tour through the land of the Bible, following in the paths of Jesus' earthly ministry as he triumphantly and lovingly made God's presence known on Earth. This group is led by **Tara Dalles**. Join us upstairs in the **Wekiva Heritage Room** on Sunday mornings.



JOY Class: is exploring a unique and different approach in the study of Bible Scripture called *The Serendipity Bible*.

This group meets in the **Reformation Room** led by **Don Beavers**.

SEEKERS Class: starts Sept. 15th with *Don't Give the Enemy A Seat at Your Table* by **Louie Giglio**. Our minds spinning seemingly out of control with thoughts that are not only unproductive, but potentially destructive and harmful. But God has other plans for you, better plans, where you can experience intimacy, rest, and joy beyond your circumstances. Pastor Louie Giglio uses Psalm 23 as a framework to offer biblical insight on how to...

- Cancel the lies that will wreck your life and take the empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ
- Stop the spiral of shame, temptation, and insecurity
- Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances
- Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking and recapture your freedom to your thoughts and emotions



This group meets in **Pioneers of Faith Room** at 9:00 am. and is led by **Jack and Jenny Perry**.

= Other Study Opportunities =

WEEKLY

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR OSCAR

Meets weekly **from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in Reception Hall.

This study allows a deeper dive into the upcoming Sunday's scripture verses.

The class is conversational in nature and you can pop in at any time.

D Group will wrap up our study of the gospels with the book of **John** starting on **September 17th**. D Group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 pm**.

If you are interested in joining, email me at:

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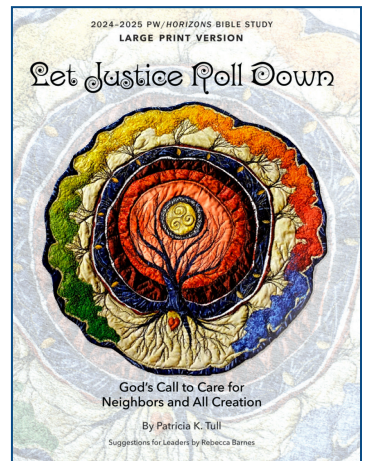


MONTHLY

2023-2024 PW Bible Study Circles → Sept. 2024 - May 2025

This year's Horizon's Bible study book ***Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*** by Patricia K. Tull; with Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes.

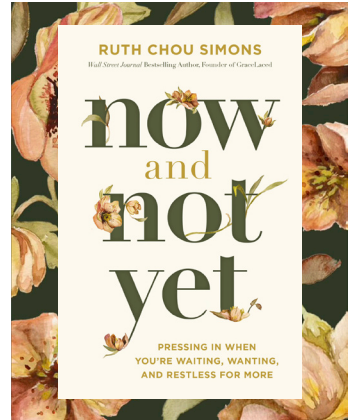
According to Scripture, the earth and its members belong to God. We are called to care for creation not only because God loves it, but also because a healthy creation supports human well-being. This PW Horizons Bible study is an invitation to explore and to act, with all our hearts, in responding to an issue that impacts all life on God's earth. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment.



Circles meet once a month **every third Tuesday**. There are 5 Circles. Check the Church Calendar on our website for exact meeting times and places.

The **LOFT Study Group** will offer a morning group study time and an evening group study option this year. Starting in September, both groups will be studying ***Now and Not Yet: Pressing In When You're Waiting, Wanting, and Restless for More*** by Ruth Chou Simons.

When life disappoints, choose to press on---not check out! Simons shares how to embrace the biblical truth that "someday" is made of a thousand "right nows," discover five ways to flip the script on a hard season, use guided liturgies to stop feeling trapped, and live faithfully in the tension between now and not yet



The Morning LOFT will meet **9:30-11:30am** on:
Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24; Nov. 14; and Dec. 5 in Reception Hall

The Evening LOFT will meet **6:30-8:30pm** on:
Sept. 19; Oct. 3 & 17; Nov. 7 & 21; and Dec. 12 in Reception Hall

Another study will be selected for use January through May 2025.



A greeting from Remedios
Happy Sunday!

Our friends in Remedios think about us as we think about them. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Our next trip is planned for
Feb 18 – 25, 2025

Assurance of Pardon

Scott Wesley

Leader: We affirm the good news that this saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He personally bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to God. In Christ we are forgiven. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Gloria Patri* 582 “*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*”

GLORY TO GOD(VASILE)

**Affirmation of Faith* — Heidelberg Catechism, 4.031

Scott Wesley

Jesus Christ is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Special Music ~ "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

Blessing the CCC and Sunday School Teachers

Rev. Oscar Clavel

A Time for Children

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Prayers of People and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson — Matthew 5:13-16

Message — “**Salt and Light**”

Rev. Oscar Clavel

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

**Closing Hymn* 767 “*Together We Serve*”

SAN ANSELMO

**Benediction*

**Postlude*



Anton Faynberg

A Stephen Minister will be available in the North Transept Room following worship to pray with anyone who would appreciate personal prayer.

Today...

Presbyterian Women Kick off Reception

Join us in Reception Hall after worship for nibbles and info on the new 2024-2025 PW study and mission season.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Eleanor Eriov is hosting the after worship reception time on September 15th in honor of her **95th birthday** which took place on July 4th of this year. Please join us for refreshment and cake on Sunday, Sept. 15th.



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