



*"Jesus Preaching in His Hometown"*

Paul Oman, Deer Park, WI

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 15, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

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*Prelude* — “*The Gift of Love*” arr. by Hal Hopson

Grace Notes

*Welcome & Announcements*

Rev. Oscar Clavel

\**Passing the Peace*

\**Gathering Song* — “*Gathered in God’s Name*” by Michael Burkhardt [see page 3] Choir & Congregation

\**Call to Worship* — adapted from Psalm 119:1-5

Rev. Oscar Clavel

**Leader:** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

**People:** Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart.

**Leader:** Blessed are those who do no wrong, but walk in His ways!

**People:** Oh that our ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!

**All:** Come, let us worship God!

\**Opening Hymn 693 “Though I May Speak”*

GIFT OF LOVE

*Prayer of Confession*

Tara Dalles

**God of the Covenant, You are full of amazing power, goodness, love and mercy! In that mercy, guide us to rely and trust You in all circumstances, instead of ourselves. Keep our eyes open to the wonders of Your provision, not our own accomplishments. Instill in us a willingness to obey, and rescue us from placing anything in our lives as more important than You. When difficult circumstances arise, help us lean in to You rather than pull away. Transform us and renew us through Your power, reminding us of what is written in Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Thank you, Lord, for being present in every aspect of this life, these and all things we now humbly pray 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.

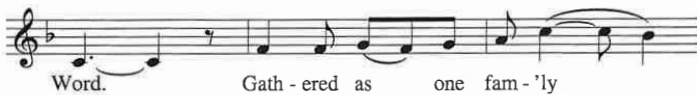
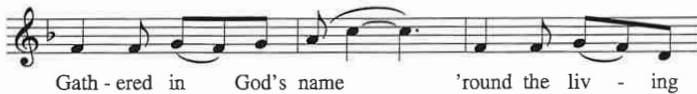
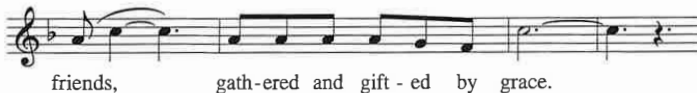
If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of our ushers.

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!*



# Sunday School

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

Need more info? Contact: [lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org)

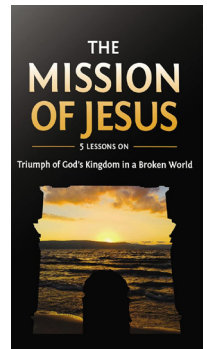
## CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

**Children's Sunday School** PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders are in **Room 110**. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

[tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)

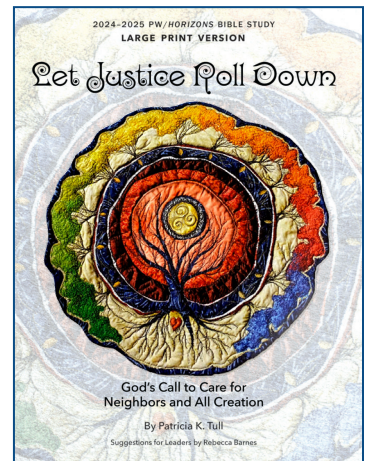


### MONTHLY

#### **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.

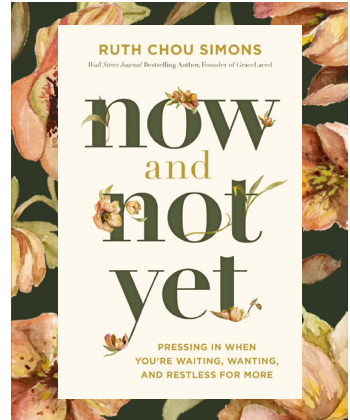
According to Scripture, the earth and its members belong to God. We are called to care for creation not only because God loves it, but also because a healthy creation supports human well-being. This PW Horizons Bible study is an invitation to explore and to act, with all our hearts, in responding to 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.

Here is how to get started on *Instant Church Directory*:

On your computer:

1. Log in to: <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>
2. Tell the site Wekiva Presbyterian Church of Longwood FL is your church
3. Use your personal email as your ID
4. Use this Password: **#WPC1977**
5. then access the site



On your cell phone:

Download the *Instant Church Directory* app from the App Store.  
And follow 2-5 above.



The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Lois and Jim Brown in loving memory of their parents.



*Assurance of Pardon* — adapted from Malachi 4:2, Isaiah 9:6 Tara Dalles

**Leader:** People of God, rejoice! The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in His wings. To us a Child has been born; to us God's Son has been given! His eternal reign has broken through to our time and place with the brilliant light of His mercy and forgiveness. **People:** From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. Amen.

\**Gloria Patri* 582 "*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*" GLORY TO GOD(VASILE)

\**Affirmation of Faith* — The French Confession of 1559 Tara Dalles

**We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person. We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.**

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings*

*Special Music ~ "I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus" by Barlow Bradford* Chancel Choir

*A Time for Children*

Lisa Prewitt

*Prayers of People and The Lord's Prayer*

*Scripture Lesson* — Matthew 5:17-26 and Matthew 5:27-32

*Message* — "**Jesus Fulfills the Law: Anger, Adultery, & Divorce**" Rev. Oscar Clavel  
*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."*

\**Closing Hymn* 720 "*Jesus Calls Us*" GALILEE

\**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.*



**Eleanor Eriov** is hosting the after worship reception time TODAY in honor of her **95th birthday** which took place on July 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Please join us for sandwiches and cake after worship.

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Pastor Oscar Clavel will be holding New Membership **Inquirer's Classes** on **October 13th** and **October 20th**, after the worship service in the **Reformation Room** in the Education Building **11:15am -12:00pm**.

If you want to know more about the Presbyterian Church or would like to pursue Church Membership, this is the class for you!



Email the church office at [info@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:info@wekivapresbyterian.org) or call **407-869-1608** and let us know you wish to attend. If you need childcare, let us know in the RSVP so we can provide adequate childcare.



**The Society of St. Andrew** is one of the organizations that your **5¢ Per Meal** helps support.

Do you remember from the Bible stories about gleaning a field? Something was left in the field so that those in need could come and pick what was remaining for their own use. **The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)** gleans fields after the harvest and donates that food to organizations that feed the hungry. This month they are celebrating the one **BILLIONTH** pound of food that they have harvested. That means that one billion pounds of food was not allowed to waste away in the field and that one billion pounds of food was used to feed hungry people. **WOW!**

**SoSA** needs volunteers to help gather all that food. Now that the weather is cooling is a good time to spend a few hours in the field harvesting food. This is a good out of doors activity for individuals, families, or groups such as Sunday School classes and you don't have to pull out your wallet or write a check to help feed someone.

Your **5¢ Per Meal** donation helps but, they also need volunteers. Go to [EndHunger.org](http://EndHunger.org) for more information.

Ken Lasseter, PATH Chair