



THE LORD'S DAY
September 17, 2023
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"* Page 64
 † *Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"* Page 499
 (Verses 1,2,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"Heaven Came Down"* Page 510
 (All Verses)

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 34"* *Psalter 34^c*
 Sung To The Tune of: *"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"*
 (Verses 6,7)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"*

WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 † DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN *"More About Jesus"* Page 560
 (Verses 1,2,4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Buried Treasurer, Better Than You Can Imaging"
 Matthew 6:19-21

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* Page 683
 (All Verses)

† BENEDECTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.
 We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,
 learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!*



In this constantly changing world, our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith.

OUR MISSION
 TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE
 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ YEAR A
 Genesis 50:15-21 • Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
 Romans 14:1-12 • Gospel Focus: Matthew

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical principles of immutable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE
 LAST SUNDAY: 98

Are you interested in Church Membership?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.



GIVING REPORT	
Week Ending September 10, 2023	
\$2,720	
Sunday General Giving	1,443
Online General Giving	692
Total General Gifts	2,135
Less 3% to Building	-64
Less 10% to Missions	-214
Net General	1,858
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	164
Flowers	75
Gals	165
Cookbooks	45
T-Shirts	100
Missions	314
Total Designated Giving	863
Net General	1,858
Designated Giving	863
Total Receipts	\$2,720

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.



FIVE TYPES of CROWNS in HEAVEN

The Bible mentions five different crowns a believer can receive in heaven. These include an imperishable crown, the crown of righteousness, the crown of life, the crown of rejoicing, and the crown of glory. The Greek word translated as "crown" is *stephanos* (the source for the name Stephen) and means "a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally." First used during the ancient Greek Olympic games, it referred to a wreath or garland of leaves placed on a victor's head as a reward for winning an athletic contest. Because of this association, some commentators suggest these rewards may be something other than literal crowns, though there is no reason to doubt God could bestow actual crowns in heaven if he so chose.

THE IMPERISHABLE CROWN is described in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." In contrast with earthly crowns of leaves that do not last, the imperishable crown will last for all eternity.

Paul describes THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS in his last letter written to Timothy. Second Timothy 4:8 explains, "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." Here, Paul indicated that this crown was not only for him but was also available to any believer who longs for the appearance of Christ. His focus on the return of Christ indicates the importance of longing for Christ's return.

THE CROWN OF LIFE appears in Revelation 2:10, where we read, "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." This crown has sometimes been called a martyr's crown, reserved for those who die because of their faith in Christ. While this crown would certainly include martyrdom, it may apply more broadly to those who persevere through difficulties and persecution of many kinds. James 1:12 adds, "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

THE CROWN OF REJOICING is mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 2:19 by Paul: "For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?" Based on the context, it is unclear whether this crown is related to a heavenly crown or simply an attitude of joy that will be experienced at Christ's return. In either case, it is clear that other believers we have invested in will be a source of great joy in eternity.

Finally, THE CROWN OF GLORY is described by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 5:4, saying, "And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory." In this context, Peter was writing to elders or local church leaders. Those who serve well as leaders in the church, according to God's standards and qualifications, will receive an eternal crown of glory.



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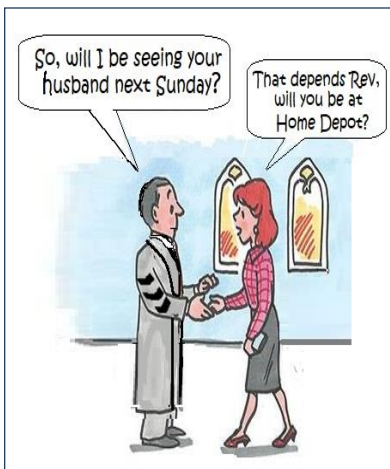
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----OCTOBER 2023-----

GAL's Meeting.....Monday, October 2nd at 12:30
Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m.
~~~ Guy's Prayer Group.....Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
Board Meeting.....Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Reformation Sunday / 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Celebration....October 29<sup>th</sup>

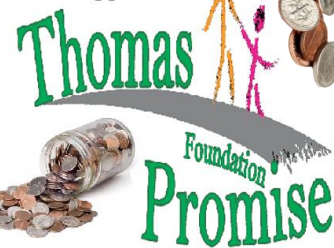
-----REGULAR SCHEDULE-----

Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday School.....Weekly at 9:00 a.m.  
Lord's Day Worship.....Weekly at 10:00 a.m.



## Loose Change for Local Kids.

Deposit your spare change in our Joash Chest, located on the table beside the Sound Booth to support the:



Every Friday afternoon The Thomas Promise Foundation provides local kids with bags full of food, which include six meals and snacks for Pasco County students over the weekend when they might otherwise go without.

Twenty-seven Pasco schools and more than 1,400 children benefit from this program every week of the school year. The foundation continues its mission over the summer by providing food for local summer feeding programs.

The foundation has not missed one weekend of deliveries since its inception.

Although its primary mission is to provide food for kids over the weekend, The Thomas Promise Foundation also assists with field trips, school clothes, and sports expenses at the school's request. Donations and volunteers are always welcome.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

If you or someone you love has a Non-Emergency Fall and just need help getting back up, you can now dial (727) 834-3211 and ask for a "Lift Assist" instead of calling 911. When the paramedics arrive, you ask them to lift the person up and place them wherever you want (recliner, wheelchair, bed, etc.)

You may be asked if you want or need transport to the local hospital, but you can decline further medical care if you wish.

NON-EMERGENCY  
"Lift Assist"



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### THE ELDERS TEACHING & WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain

Rev. John O. Strauss  
Worship Leader / Minister of Music

### THE DEACONS

Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

### OUR MUSICIANS

Ann Dantuma  
Pianist/Organist  
Donna Zenisek-Huber  
Flutist

### SOUND BOOTH

Ric Romyn, Joe Negron,  
Jonathan Kler

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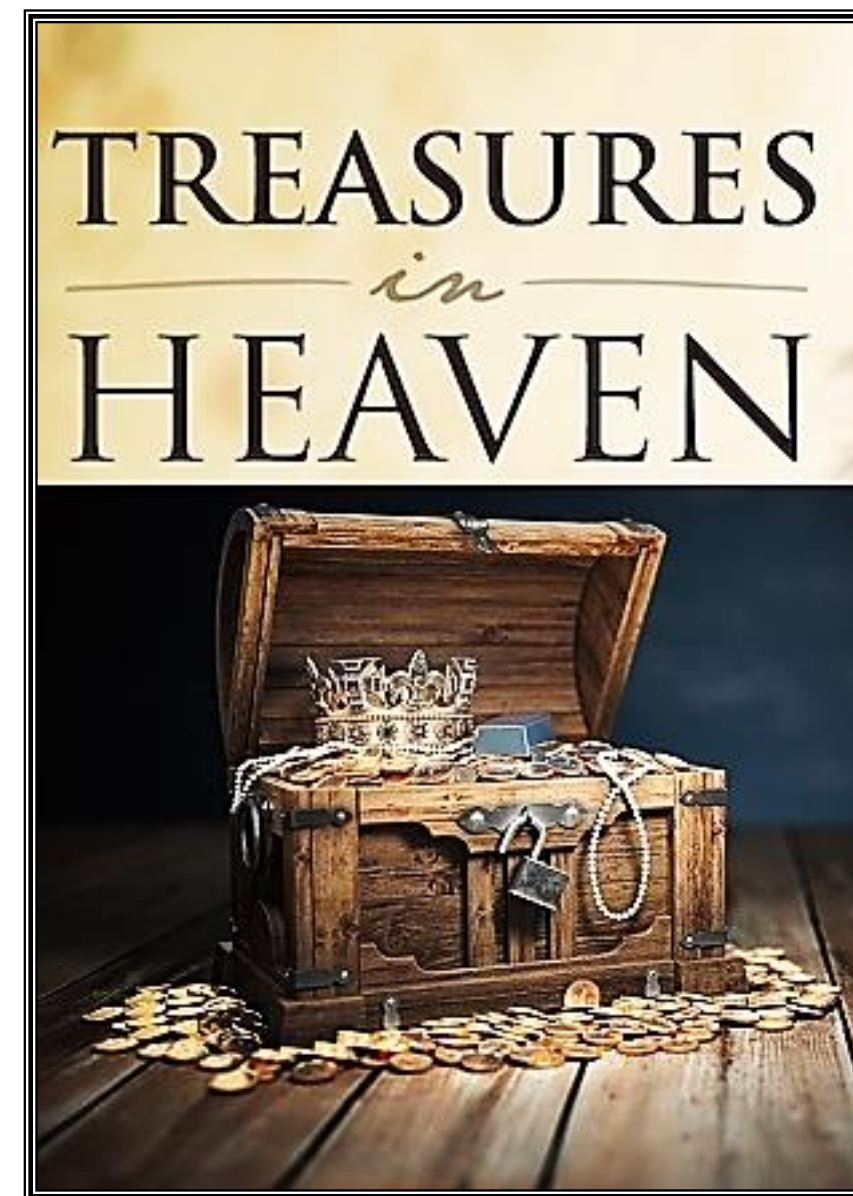
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# FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS  
...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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