

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The members of the Pastoral Search committee are working hard! Please pray for them -- Mary Kay McMahon, Sylvia Becker, Jane Leggett (chair), and Bill Wilson (chair of Council).
- A draft update of the directory is available. Please check your info and respond to Pastor Ruth so she can complete this project, which will be helpful to the next pastor. (ruth@rutheverhart.com, 703.577.8698)
- Are you willing to help with Zoom technology on Sunday morning? It's not complicated, but it is helpful to the church. Talk to Pastor Ruth to arrange 15 minutes of instruction.
- There's a new tab on the church's website: "If You're New Here." Hopefully this makes us more welcoming. Would love to hear your feedback.
- Please join PCC in our Mission project to support sweet animals in two local animal shelters: DC's Humane Rescue Alliance and VA's Pets Bring Joy. Please contact elise.emil@gmail.com for more info.

The Palisades Community Church

August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Francine Krasowska

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and his righteousness endures forever.

The LORD has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

God provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

The LORD has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

The LORD sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear God, You tell us not to worry, but we do. Call it climate anxiety; call it compassion fatigue; call it apprehension about virus variants; call it agitation about the changes that are needed. Our stomach knots up, our sleep is fretful. Forgive our worry and anxiety. Teach us to center our hearts in You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

Rev. Beth McKinney

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

SERMON

“Consider the Cockatiel”

Rev. Ruth Everhart

TIME OF PRAYER — sharing prayer requests — pastoral prayer

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.

TIME OF GIVING — consecrating our tithes and offerings for the week

O God of mercy, we offer these, our gifts, to your church,
that we may witness more faithfully, rejoice more fully,
and serve with greater strength and presence
in this place and time that you have given us.
We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

HYMN

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Francine Krasowska

WELCOME! The Palisades Community Church is a progressive, welcoming, intentionally diverse congregation. We are nearly one hundred years old: multi-denominational, dedicated to religious inclusiveness, and committed to giving back to our community and world. We believe that all people are unconditionally welcome and that the teachings of Jesus call us to love and serve all of our neighbors, in the Washington, DC community and beyond.

WHO WE ARE RIGHT NOW: PCC recently envisioned and formed a community outreach project called the Palisades Hub. Management by the Hub makes the church’s facilities available to the broader community and ensures robust stewardship of our campus. By cultivating a gathering space for people to connect, learn and serve, the church is living out the truth that “Our Middle Name Is Community.”

In February Julie Simonton became the Executive Director of the Palisades Hub. Also in February, the Rev. Ruth Everhart began to serve PCC as the Transitional Pastor. We hope to have a new settled Pastor on board this fall. As the Palisades Hub begins to form its own life and identity, the congregation is reclaiming and redefining what it means to be a community of faith. Won’t you join us on this journey?