

## 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."

## WON'T YOU JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY?

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?

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## The Palisades Community Church

September 19, 2021

10:00 AM

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PRELUDE

Connie Rhodes

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalms 33 (selected verses)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**The Lord looks down from heaven; God sees all humankind.**

From where God sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—the One who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

**Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will**

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE GOOD NEWS (unison)  
(based on Matthew 16:16, Mark 16:9, John 20:28, 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Revelation 22:13)

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Beth McKinney

Romans 8:18-27  
Romans 15:1-13

SERMON

"The Pursuit of Hopefulness"

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 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.

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

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Connie Rhodes

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

YOU'RE INVITED to stay after worship for light refreshments in the narthex. Our thanks to Sylvia Becker for her hospitality.

You might also be interested in taking a peek at the truck camper that Pastor Ruth and her husband will be taking on a cross-country road trip.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL meets after worship next Sunday, September 26.

PLEASE PRAY: for the members of our Pastor Search Committee -- Mary Kay McMahon, Sylvia Becker, Jane Leggett (chair), and Bill Wilson (chair of Council).

HELP NEEDED: Are you willing to help with Zoom technology on Sunday morning? In the words of Dorothy in the Land of Oz, YOU could be "the man behind the curtain"!

MISSION PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER: Please join PCC to support special education elementary school students in a Boston public school classroom for our September Missions project for the month of September and early October. You may visit this Amazon wishlist and purchase any item off the list, selecting "Julia Cooper" in "Other Addresses" when selecting a shipping address. One selected and purchased, these items will be shipped directly to the teacher who will share the supplies with her students. Check the weekly email for the link to the wishlist.

UPDATES TO THE PCC WEBSITE: Including the addition of a tab for Pastor Beth McKinney's altarpieces. If you have any photos to add, email Pastor Ruth. Also, if you have suggestions for the website, speak now!