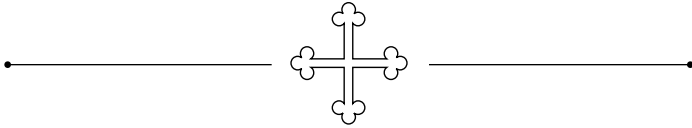


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(PCA)

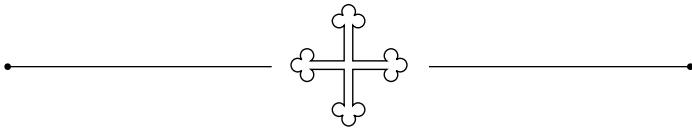
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 ESV



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
Who mourn and long for comfort;  
Who struggle and desire hope;  
Who sin and need a savior;  
Who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;  
Who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whoever will come...

This church opens wide her doors and offers  
Welcome in the name of the risen  
Lord Jesus Christ



## Upcoming Events

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| • September   |  |
| 13  | Morning worship / Teachers' Meeting                          |
| 17  | POW (Prayers of Women) 6:30p at Bea Keith's                  |
| 20  | Morning worship / Communion<br>Sunday School / Christian Ed. |
| 24  | POW (Prayers of Women) 6:30p at Bea Keith's                  |
| 27  | Morning worship / Sunday School / Christian Ed.              |
| See our calendar online at <a href="http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar">www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar</a> |  |

## Serving in the Church

|             |                        |    |                 |    |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|----|-----------------|----|------------------------|
| • September |                        |    |                 |    |                        |
|             | <b>Usher</b>           |    | <b>Greeters</b> |    | <b>Cry Room</b>        |
| 13          | Derek W.               | 13 | Valerie D.      | 13 | Jenny J.<br>Brianna B. |
| 20          | Aaron C.<br>Ricardo M. | 20 | Yvonne R.       | 20 | Haley B.<br>Lizzy W.   |
|             | <b>Snack</b>           |    | <b>Sound</b>    |    |                        |
| 13          | Brink<br>White         | 13 | Ricardo M.      |    |                        |
| 20          |                        | 20 | Calvin W.       |    |                        |

# Family Worship Guide

## Daily Bible Readings (chronological)

Sunday, Sep 13: Joel  
Monday, Sep 14: Dan 1-3  
Tuesday, Sep 15: Dan 4-6  
Wednesday, Sep 16: Dan 7-9  
Thursday, Sep 17: Dan 10-12  
Friday, Sep 18: Ezra 1-3  
Saturday, Sep 19: Ezra 4-6; Ps 137

## Daily Bible Readings (2 Year)

Sep 13: Eze 16; Ps 58-59  
Sep 14: Eze 17; Ps 60-61  
Sep 15: Eze 18; Ps 62-63  
Sep 16: Eze 19; Ps 64-65  
Sep 17: Eze 20; Ps 66-67  
Sep 18: Eze 21; Ps 68  
Sep 19: Eze 22; Ps 69

## Prayer

Sunday, Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim the gospel.  
Monday, Pray for our sister church, New Life Presbyterian Church, in La Mesa.  
Tuesday, Pray for the parents & children in our congregation.  
Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.  
Thursday, Pray that God would strengthen and protect persecuted Christians.  
Friday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.  
Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacon of PPC, and for Sunday's worship service.

## Preparing to Receive the Lord's Supper

**WLC Question 171:** How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

**Answer:** They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

**WLC Question 172:** May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

**Answer:** One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

## Preparation for Worship

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### Devotional Prayer

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O Lord God, There is not blessing we implore but thou are able to give, hast promised to give, hadst given already to countless multitudes, all unworthy and guilty like ourselves; Make us willing to receive the supply of our need from thy bounty. To this end convince us of sin, soften our hard hearts, to bewail our folly, ingratitude, pride, unbelief, rebellion, corruption. Through the law may we die to the law, then look with wonder, submission, delight, to the provision thou hast made for the glory of thy Name in the salvation of sinners. Give us a hope that makes us not ashamed, a love that excites to holy obedience, a joy in thee that is our strength, a faith in thy Son who loved us and died for us. May we persevere in duty when not fully conscious of thee, wait upon thee and keep thy way, be humble and earnest supplicants at thy feet, live continually as on the brink of eternity. Let us be at thy disposal for the duties and events of life, submit our preferences to thy wisdom and will, resign our enjoyments if thou shouldst require it as our absolute Proprietor and best Friend. In our unworthiness and provocations make us grateful for the means of grace and the ordinances of religion and teach us to profit by them more than we have done. Help us to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, to enter upon the sabbath mindful of its solemnities, duties and privileges, setting all things worldly aside while we worship thee. May we know the blessedness of men whose strength is in thee, and in whose hearts are the highways to heaven.

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The life of a Christian is wondrously ruled in this world by the consideration and meditation of the life of another world.

~Richard Sibbes  
(1577-1653)

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### Notes on Worship

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**BLESSING :** As God gathers His people before Him in worship, He places His blessing upon them through the minister. We use the introductory blessing from Revelation 1:4-5. Notice that this blessing not only contains the usual blessing elements of 'grace and peace' found elsewhere in the New Testament, but that it is also trinitarian in its form--the blessing is from God the Father--Him who is, and who was and is to come--God the Holy Spirit--The seven spirits who are before the throne--and God the Son--Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

# The Public Worship of God

September 13, 2015; 9:30am

## Prayer for Illumination

### \* Greeting

*Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;*

**People: Amen!**

*Leader: Now to the King;*

**People: eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;**

*Leader: Be glory and honor forever.*

**People: Amen!**

### \* Blessing

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 118 (Trinity Hymnal p. 828)*

### \* Song of Adoration

*Hymn 3 -- Give To Our God Immortal Praise*

### \* Reading of the Law

*Exodus 20:16*

*Ninth Commandment*

**All: 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'**

### Exposition of the Law

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #77 & 78. Trinity Hymnal p.875*

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Leader: Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You.*

**People: We confess that we have borne false witness, that we have been untrue and unfaithful toward our neighbor, that we have shaded, twisted and denied the truth.**

*Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all in which we have displeased You.*

**All: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Congregational Response

*Hymn 254 -- Alas! And did My Savior Bleed*

## Ordination & Installation of Deacons

*Patrick Brink & Brain Gustafson*

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### \* Gloria Patri (*Trinity Hymnal 735*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \* Lord's Prayer

### \* Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 2— The value of wisdom in guiding one in the ways of God and righteousness and guarding one from evil.

## Psalm of the Month

*Psalm 116 -- (bulletin)*

We encourage children to stay in the worship service; however we provide a cry room for children ages five and under if needed.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 27 — *Wait for the Lord* — *Pastor Clayton Willis*

### \* Song of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 606 -- Teach Me Thy way, O Lord*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational Amens (*Trinity Hymnal 740*)



\* Please stand if you are able

# Psalm 116



1. <sup>1</sup> How fer-vent - ly I love the LORD— My cries for help He hears!  
2. <sup>4</sup> Up - on the LORD's name then I called, In my ex - trem - i - ty:  
3. <sup>7</sup> O now, my soul, re - turn a - gain To your own qui - et rest,



<sup>2</sup> So, all my life I'll call on Him Who turned to me His ear.  
"O LORD, I beg You, spare my life; And let my soul go free."  
Be - cause the LORD a - bun-dant - ly Has caused you to be blessed.



<sup>3</sup> The ropes of death en - tan - gled me And wrapped them-selves a-round;  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD our God is kind and just; Com - pas - sion - ate is He.  
<sup>8</sup> You freed from death; You dried my tears, My stum - bling feet re - stored.



The ter - rors of the grave took hold— I grief and trou-ble found.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD pre-serves the meek in heart; From depths He res-cued me.  
<sup>9</sup> And there - fore in the land of life I'll walk be - fore the LORD.





## Sermon Notes

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## Session (Elders)

|                        |                  |                               |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
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## Deacons

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Brad Buskirk | bradfordbuskirk@gmail.com |
|--------------|---------------------------|

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|                 |              |                          |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
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|                |                  |                         |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
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| Patrick Brink  | 14-18 Year Olds* |                         |

\* child is this age by Sept. 1

| PPC Giving: June |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Giving           | \$9,977.75  |
| Expenses         | \$13,972.07 |
| Budget goal      | \$14,000    |



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