



The Sandpiper



TROPICAL SANDS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

Friday Update March 27, 2020

TSCC Vision: We are a welcoming, inclusive, intergenerational community, building relationships, growing disciples, and loving like Jesus: loving God, loving others, with mission purpose. Our Mission as Disciples of Christ is to actively profess faith, proclaim hope and practice love within and outside of the building we gather.

We look forward to worship with you on Sunday and throughout the week-
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am Virtual Worship Service- Facebook Live



Hello Church! Wow, what a year this week has been, right? Please join us virtually this Sunday at 9:30am for worship together. We are always connected in Spirit! We have a special guest joining us. Dr. Kathy Maxwell chairs the Biblical and Theological Studies Department at Palm Beach Atlantic University and is a Certified Biblical Storyteller. She will be sharing a story from the Hebrew Scripture, 2 Kings 6, and highlighting themes for what we are experiencing in this critical time.

Stories help us to connect and empathize with one another. As we navigate our new normal together virtually for now, we hope and pray all will continue to experience the comfort and love of God in renewed and meaningful ways. Remember to prepare for home Communion. Please share this information and invite your friends. Focus on our faith, not fear. Let us continue to take intentional actions that demonstrate love of our neighbors and community, while trusting in God who brings good from chaos. Thanks be to God for the new thing God is doing. During this critical time in our country and our world, God calls us to be our very best selves- to be carriers of love, hope, and light. Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, all emergency workers and helpers, the ill, the vulnerable, and the grieving. Lent continues to be a reflective season. Thanks to Carolanne Brown for a devotional for reflection found below. Please take this time to make space to draw closer to God.

We continue to be aware of this threat and are taking actions to prevent the spread of it and all illnesses. We are especially mindful of the most vulnerable among us and are taking professional health and leadership advice seriously. We will continue to communicate with you as decisions are made. This is the time to check in on the needs of others and help each other- while distancing in love.

Keep the faith friends! We have a partnership with God. We take the necessary steps within our healthy control and we TRUST GOD in the process. This is how we intentionally act to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Please go to the Tropical Sands Facebook page for Sunday service at 9:30am. Comment and send feedback so we know you are there!
PLEASE email an individual headshot or family headshot pic to info@tropicalsands.org or send to 561.371.8401- pastor Chris will print and place on Sanctuary chairs so we see your beautiful faces. Send pics of family and friends that visit as well 😊

We, the people of the church, can celebrate Easter wherever we are. Resurrection is a continual, daily practice. What a joy it will be when we do meet again. Christ is risen indeed!

We will share a 'virtual Communion' together during every Sunday service. **Before you sit down to participate and join the service, make sure each person has bread or something that represents bread (crackers, etc.) and juice (or other drink).** Theologically, we understand that the Lord's Table extends through time and space, and we are one with people worshipping around the world, in person or virtually!



We need your help, church. We know that resources are stressed. We ask that you please continue your regular stewardship and financial giving during this critical period. Thank you so much for your generosity and consideration. Please mail your gifts in regularly to the church weekly, call Jerry Rush for the best way to meet briefly at church office for cash giving at 561.309.2095 and consider safe, online giving. See link below:

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As always, thanks to everyone for your presence, prayers, and service. God's got us while we make safe, smart, and calm choices! Thanks be to God. And all God's people said, "Amen!"

In Christ's love & peace, Pastor Chris



We are here to support you. You are loved!

*Grief Support group with Pastor Chris 4:30pm

Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/972419149>

*Call-in anxiety support group. Anyone is welcome to join on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Call number 347-514-7210, and then enter PIN 5848492. Any questions, call Rachel, mental health counselor 561-729-9133.

*Recovery Resources: https://www.thetokenshop.com/Online_AA_Meetings

<https://www.onlinegroupaa.org/>

*Virtual therapy with a Licensed Therapist: <https://www.talkspace.com/>

Virtual Log Cabin Jam with Tommy Tucker Saturday 6:30pm:

Music is a wonderful “medicine” during stress and anxiety, isn’t it? Many thanks to Tommy Tucker for a one-person virtual Log Cabin Saturday night connection through Facebook live! 6:30pm to 7:30pm-ish. Stay-tuned and look for the link on Tommy’s page and the Tropical Sands Facebook page.

KIDS ZOOM with Chloe MONDAYS at 6pm!

TSCC Kids, youth, families!!! Chloe Rits invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting to connect

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/.7062521166>

Meeting ID: 706 252 1166

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ben & Luke Miller 3/23; Karen McCoy 3/29; Mickey McCown 4/4;
Chris Bandy-Helderman 4/7; Cathleen Peel 4/18; Mark Helderman 4/24;
Anna Hartnig 4/25



Klara Kopocs- celebration of life TBD 

(DOC) Florida Regional Church Update-

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This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems, Wendell Berry. “1995, V.” page 162.

(To my granddaughters who visited the Holocaust Museum on the day of the burial of Yitzhak Rabin)

Now you know the worst
we humans have to know
about ourselves, and I am sorry,

for I know that you will be afraid.
To those of our bodies given
Without pity to be burned, I know

there is no answer
but loving one another,
even our enemies, and this is hard.

But remember:
when a man of war becomes a man of peace,
he gives a light, divine

though it is also human.
When a man of peace is killed
by a man of war, he gives a light.

You do not have to walk in darkness.
If you will have the courage for love,
you may walk in the light. It will be

the light of those who have suffered
for peace. It will be
your light.

The third stanza reminds us of Luke 6:27, “But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

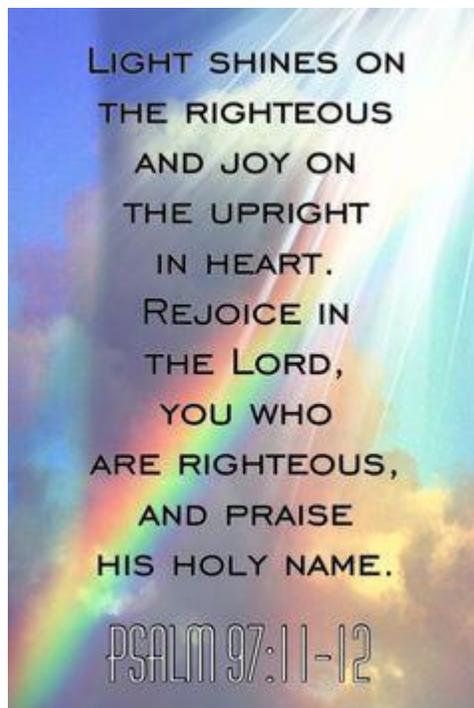
The multiple references to “light” remind us of several biblical references including Psalm 97, especially verses 4 and 11:

“His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.”

“Light dawns for the righteous,
And joy for the upright in heart.”

In Paul’s letter to the Philippians we read familiar words in which he compares their righteous work to “stars shining in the universe” (Philippians 2:12-18).

“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.



Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe, as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So, you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”

Lord, be with your sheep and watch over us in these frightening days. Give us strength and faith that you are in charge and will see us through to the end of days. Help us to love not only our family and friends, but any enemies in our lives. Help us to pray for them and forgive any trespasses—real or perceived—so that we may become shining lights in our world, beacons for others to bring their heavy burdens and find rest in you. Amen.

Carolanne Brown

