

PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Worship

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Price, Interim Associate Pastor
Signe and Todd Webb, Associates for Children and Youth Ministries
Dale Williams, Choir Director and Organist/Pianist (10:00)
Winston Culler, Music Leader for the 8:30 Service
Anthony Wright, Worship Streaming Director
Stacey Jackson, Church Administrator
Kristy Gilbert, Church Bookkeeper
Traci Hitchcox, Media Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Bell and Rafiq Kaid, Cleaning Services

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Announcements

Clothes 2 Kids

Many thanks to all who participated—485 items were donated for Drop (Off) Your Drawers to help children in Pinellas schools! Now there is a need for gently used tops for young girls and pants for elementary age boys. Also needed are new socks for girls. Donation barrel in Fellowship Hall.

Men's Ministry Brainstorming Meeting • Today after 10 am service

All those interested in helping Men's Ministry brainstorm ideas for future projects are invited to join us.

We'll provide donuts and coffee (because that's what men cook up on a Sunday). We'll focus on projects to benefit our church and local community. We look forward to your support. For more info, please reach out to: Bob Goecker, David Christein, Ed Kuznick, or a member of Men's Ministry.

Calling All Musicians

We are gearing up for another year of music making at our 10 am service through Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers (handbells). Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 25th, with ringers rehearsing from 5:30 until 6:45 pm and choir rehearsing from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. For more info: dalewilliams@tampabay.rr.com.

Care Givers Ministry Meeting • Thursday, September 26 starting at 4:15 pm

Refreshments will be served as we kick off the 2024-2025 season of the CARE GIVERS MINISTRY.

Pastor Eric Elnes and Pastor Michael Price will be in attendance.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? We serve our church with compassion by creating holiday gift baskets, checking on members during hurricane season, sending cards, and reaching out via phone or visit.

DROP IN & JOIN US THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th in Fellowship Hall.

We will be there between 4:15 and 5:45, so you may come and go as your schedule allows.

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Debbie Mills at 860-716-7796 or debmike57@sbcglobal.net.

Paper Shredding Fundraiser • Saturday, September 28 from 9 am - 1 pm

Secure Shred will provide bins for paper collection. Secure Shred is owned and operated by the Louise Graham Regeneration Center, a local not-for-profit organization. The Center provides adults with developmental disabilities daily living skills training and employment. Bring paper to be shredded and make a monetary donation to help fund our adult mission trip to PA.

Book Club • Tuesday, October 1 at 12:30 pm

All welcome, as we discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Social Justice Ministry Meeting • Thursday, October 3 at 6 pm

PAGBCC is active in Social Justice movements—Racial Justice, Open and Affirming, Environmental Justice, etc. The Racial Justice Ministry is exploring an idea to bring all of the social justice movements together under one Social Justice Ministry. If you are interested in learning more, brainstorming, or participating, please join us at the church on Thursday, October 3rd at 6 pm.

Let's see how we can join together to strengthen our caring contributions to the community!

New Member Joining • Sunday, October 20

If you are interested, or have questions about joining the church, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Donna DeSpain at ddespain35@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wesley Clymer, Kathy Cunningham, Ralph Johnson, Joyce Kater, Kay Marino-Munion, Michael McDermott, Judi Oliver, and our servicemen and women



Sundays through October 20th

In this worship series, we are exploring the timeless wisdom found in the opening chapters of the Book of Revelation. While many perceive Revelation as a prophecy of future events, these letters, addressed to real, historical churches, reveal insights that resonate just as powerfully today as they did in the 1st Century. As we navigate our search for new pastors, this series invites us to reflect on the challenges and guidance offered to these early Christian communities and to discern together what kind of church we are called to be in this pivotal moment in our history and that of the world.

Looking for more than a sermon on the Seven Letters to Seven Churches series?

Dr. Elnes is offering 2 different ways to explore the seven churches of Revelation more deeply and apply the insights to everyday life:

(1) Sunday Morning Sermon Talk-Back. Join us immediately following the 10 am service throughout the series. Sessions will last approximately 30 minutes.

(2) Sunday 7 pm Live “Converging Paths” Online Meet Up. If you missed worship, you're in luck!

Go to www.convergingpaths.org and you'll be taken directly to a Zoom gathering where Dr. Elnes will offer a more informal version of his Sunday morning message, followed by group discussion. These meetups will also be recorded and made available on Dr. Elnes' “Converging Paths Podcast” feed, which can be found through any podcast engine.

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CHURCH T-SHIRTS

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today, seeking not the glories of the past, but the living truth that calls us forward.

People: **We come with open hearts, ready to embrace the path that leads to life, hope, and renewal.**

Leader: In a world filled with distractions and challenges, we are called to hold fast to our faith, to live with courage and conviction.

People: **We choose to follow the way of love, justice, and mercy, rejecting the false promises that surround us.**

Leader: Let us open ourselves to the Spirit's guidance, trusting in the Word that brings true freedom and peace.

ALL: **We come, ready to be transformed by the Spirit, to follow the path of Christ with hearts full of love and hope.**

OPENING SONG

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

GIFT OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2: 12-17

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: “I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and engage in sexual immorality. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent, then. If not, I will come to you soon and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

REFLECTION PT. 1 Seven Letters to Seven Churches Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes
Part 3: Pergamum

MUSICAL MEDITATION

REFLECTION PT. 2

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to everyone. All are welcome.
The sacrament is offered with COVID friendly packets.

The Invitation and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

You can give a donation via Venmo to (727) 200 – 2785 or by scanning the QR code below.



BLESSING

CLOSING SONG