



## PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"The friendly church with a place for you"*

505 S. Tyndall Parkway  
Panama City, Florida 32404

### **Mission Statement**

We are a nurturing church family, believing and witnessing to the Gospel of God's love by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and ministering to the needs of the community and world.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Ordinary Time

[www.parkwaypcf.org](http://www.parkwaypcf.org)

## OUR DAY OF WORSHIP

**The Theme For The Day:** God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

**WE WELCOME ALL** in worship this morning. We especially welcome those who are our guests today and hope that you will feel God's Spirit of grace and love among us here at Parkway. If you are looking for a Church Home, we invite you to consider our congregation.

*Please silence cell phones ( + ) Denotes to please stand,  
if you are able*

### AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

L / God's creation delights and astonishes.

C / **Let the people pause and wonder!**

L / God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing!

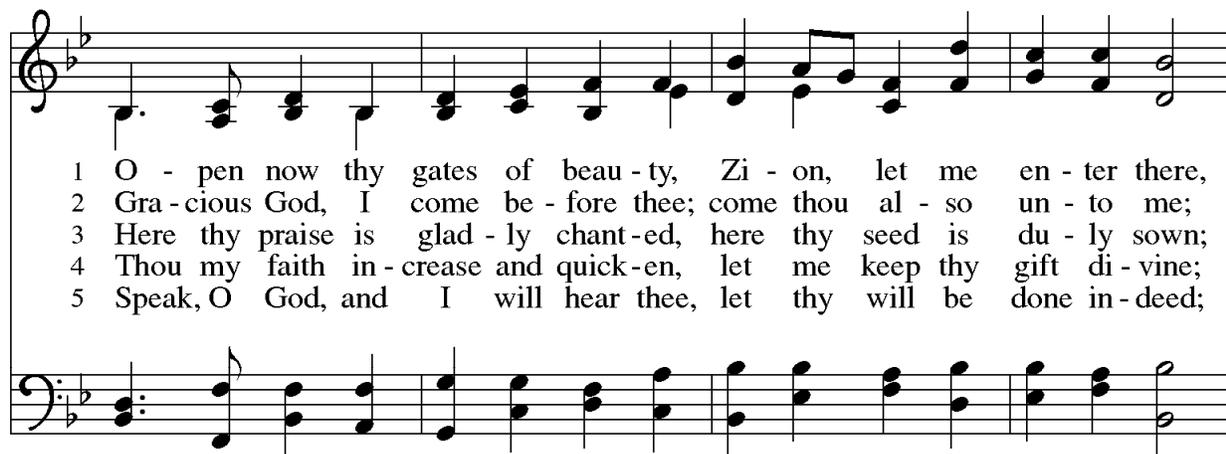
C / **Alleluia!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

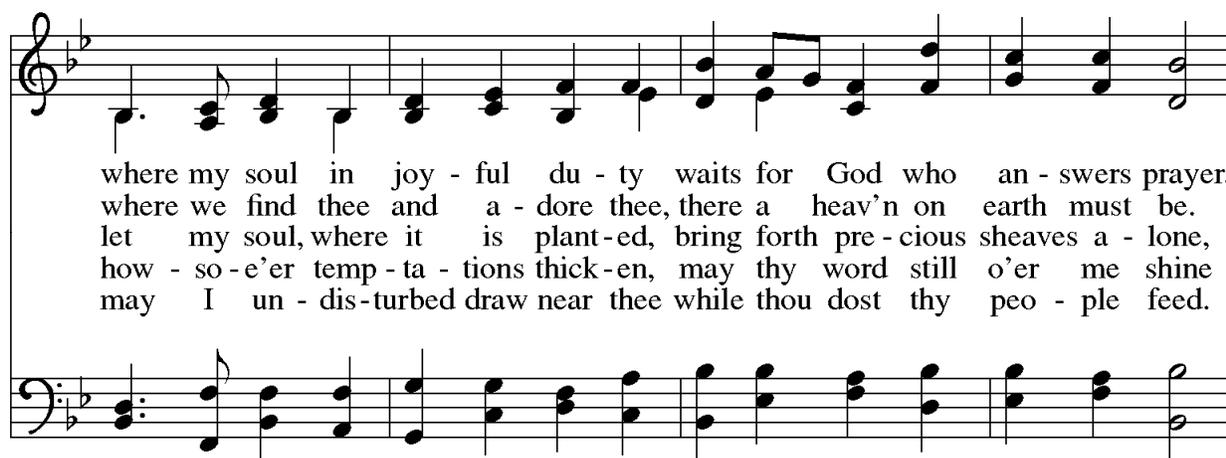
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+HYMN**

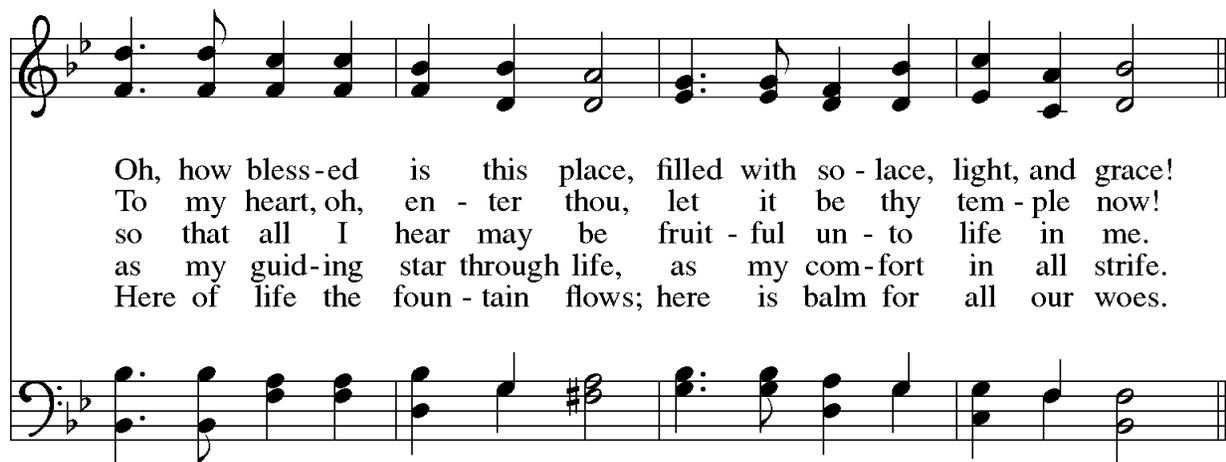
**“ Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty ”**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR THE PARDON

### + CALL TO CONFESSION

L / In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C / Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENES

P/ Almighty God, In His Mercy.....

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
(sing twice)*

### SHARING THE PEACE

L/ The peace of the Lord be with you.

People / And also with you.

*(Share the peace with those around you)*

### CHILDREN’S SERMON & CHURCH

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, that we might walk according to your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. *Here ends our reading.*

## PSALMODY

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

L / Let us begin together:

**All: Your paths overflow with plenty.**

L / <sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

C / <sup>2</sup>**O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.**

L / <sup>3</sup>When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

C / <sup>4</sup>**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.**

L / **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

C / <sup>5</sup>**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

L / <sup>6</sup>By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

C / <sup>7</sup>**You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**

L / <sup>8</sup>Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

C / <sup>9</sup>**You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**

L / <sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

C / <sup>11</sup>**You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

L / <sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy

C / <sup>13</sup>**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

**All: Your paths overflow with plenty.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *Here ends our reading.*

## ANTHEM

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**+ HYMN:**

**“ Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ”**

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature.

**SERMON**

**THE NATIVITY WINDOW**

**+ CREED**

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## AS WE RESPOND TO GOD

*(The congregation may be seated)  
(Please complete Prayer Cards and hand to an usher)*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**L /** Let us offer the fruit of our labor to God and make good on our vows to the Most High.  
**C / Blessed be God forever.**

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**L /** You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

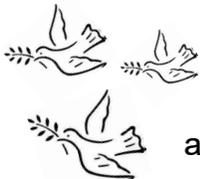
**CURRENT:** Helen Lawson, Ida Mae Fleming, Jackie Hogan, Jean Olson, Faye Jackson, Barb Davis, Rhema Drayton, Mary Lou Edwards

**CONTINUING:** Tony Abbott, Margo Adams, Ed Brown, Pastor Reid, Nick Cosford, Doris Dixon, Carol Forehand, Anne Freeland, Mary Gordon, Anna Jones, Lee Masters, Chris Meek, Marty Reed, Joan Scherer, Marilyn Schubert, Myrt Shoemaker, Marge Smith.

**HOMEBOUND:** Darol Keefer, Georgie Krobetzky, Gordon Merkel, Julie Reith, Model Richardson, Bertie Shuster, Alan Stone, Barbara VonNyvenheim, Millie Miller, Helen Gustafson

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



### BLESSING

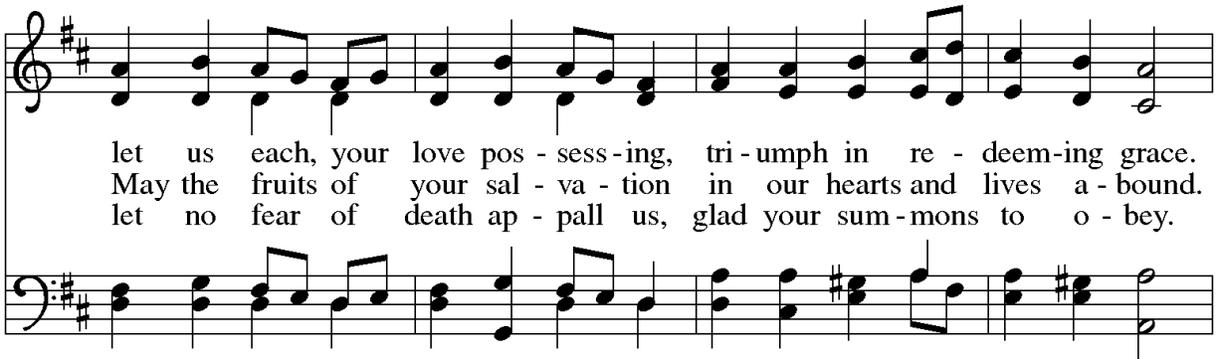
Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**+HYMN**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing ”**



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

**Household Prayer: Morning**

God of goodness and growth, let your love be made real in me this day. often the hardened places of my heart and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety. Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Loving God, I am grateful that you are steadfast in forgiving my failures and transgressions, that I may sojourn in the temple of your rest and awaken again to serve your world. Amen.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Isaiah 44:6-8](#) -

*There is no other God than the LORD*

[Psalm 86:11-17](#) -

*Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)*

[Romans 8:12-25](#) -

*The revealing of the children of God*

[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#) -

*The parable of the weeds*

**You may reach Pastor Ric in the following ways:**

1. E-mail: [garic1951@yahoo.com](mailto:garic1951@yahoo.com)
2. FaceBook (either his or the church's)
3. Twitter PPC505, or drop by and visit with him.

### Our Staff

#### Pastoral Ministry—

*The Rev. Dr. Richard M. Connor, Sr*

**Administrative Assistant—**Ksenia (KC)  
Hay

**Director of Music—**Cathy Connor

**Organist—**Lanelle Alford

**Director of Youth—**Angie Worcester &  
Stu Guilford

### PASTOR RIC CONTINUES SERMON SERIES!

Pastor Ric today continues the six-Sunday sermon series on the six stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. The sermon will include the messages held within each window and what this message means for our lives.

July 9<sup>th</sup> – The Commandments Window (Organ Side) – In memory of Perry Grammer by the Holton Harders Construction Company

July 16<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity Window (Organ Side) – In memory of Anna S. Huffaker by the family and friends.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Son Window (Choir Side) – Given as a gift to the church by Susye Belle Meyers.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – The Transfiguration Window (Choir Side) – In memory of Eva L. Moon by Harold Moon

August 6<sup>th</sup> – The Seal Of The Presbyterian Church (USA) Window (In The Loft) In memory of Ralph Goodbread by friends

August 13<sup>th</sup> - The Cross Of The Suffering Window (Chancel Area) – In memory of Oscar and Arvie Barnes by the family and friends.



**SCHOOL IS  
OUT** – Watch  
for kids –  
drive extra  
cautiously!



## This Week's Ministry Calendar at Parkway

### Today— Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Sunday School For All Ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 11:15 AM Fellowship

### Monday:

7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### Wednesday:

11:30 AM Wednesday Workers  
 7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### Thursday:

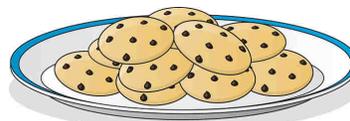
6:00 PM Hooks and Needles

### Saturday:

7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### Next Sunday—Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Sunday School For All Ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 11:15 AM Fellowship



Fellowship Time is important to the life of the congregation. We always want to provide wonderful treats during this time. If your last name begins with **J-M** would you please bring goodies for next Sunday's fellowship.



### Office Hours:

Mon: 7:30-3:30  
 Wed: 7:30-12:00  
 Fri: 7:30-3:00

### Contact us



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### Our Saints Serving This Sunday

Elder of the Day: Angie Worcester  
 Lay Assistant: Kathy Riley  
 Usher of the month: **Al Borovich**  
 Children's Church Teachers:  
**Bob and Mandy Kuchta**

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### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

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**Daily Devotionals are available on the Welcome Table.**

**HEARING DEVICES** are available for those who need hearing assistance in our worship service. Please see Jean at the control desk in the back of the sanctuary to procure one for use during the worship service.

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary please call the office @ (850) 785-7081, so KC can update correct information.*