



The Spire

**Plantation Presbyterian Church
Plantation, FL March 2026**



Pastor's Message...

TRANSITION

As we approach Easter, I feel it's a good time to remind ourselves of who we are. We (the Church) are the Body of Christ. What does this mean? The calling of the church is: to be "a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone," "a community of hope," "a community of love," and "a community of witness." In simple terms, the church is called to worship God, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, nurture disciples, and serve the world with compassion and

justice. This calling does not belong only to pastors or elders or deacons—it belongs to the whole congregation. Together, we listen for God's voice and seek to live faithfully in our time and place.

This calling is especially meaningful during seasons of transition. As a congregation, we are currently in the time between installed pastors. Such moments can feel uncertain, but they also provide a valuable opportunity for reflection and renewal. In times like these, it is wise to hold on to all that is good—those ministries, traditions, and relationships that faithfully express who we are as a church. At the same time, transition invites us to prayerfully consider where growth, change, or new direction may be needed so that we may serve Christ even more faithfully in the future.

Our recent Annual Congregational Meeting was a wonderful reminder that God continues to guide our shared life. With gratitude, we celebrated the ministry of the past year and elected new leaders who will help guide the church forward. Their willingness to serve reflects the strength and faithfulness of this congregation. Together, we are poised for the next steps in our journey, trusting that Christ will lead us as we seek God's will with prayer, humility, and discernment. Soon, we will gather for a Congregational Encounter, a time designed to help us listen deeply—to God, to one another, and to the story of this

church. Through that process, we will continue to clarify who we are and how God is calling us into the future.

This season of discernment comes as we approach Holy Week, one of the most sacred times in the Christian year. Each observance—from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the contemplative time of Maundy Thursday to the solemn remembrance of Good Friday and the joy of Easter—tells the story of profound transition. The disciples moved from hope to confusion, from grief to resurrection joy. Transition was painful and uncertain, yet God was at work in every moment.

The same is true for us. Transition is rarely easy, but when we walk through it prayerfully and faithfully, God can bring forth new life in ways we could never imagine. As we journey through Holy Week together, may we trust that the God who raised Christ from the dead is still leading the church forward with hope.

Peace and Blessings,
Mike



Children's Minute



WORSHIP FOR EASTER

Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service
In the Fellowship Hall
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 2, 2026 - 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service
Plantation Methodist Church
1001 NW 70th Ave., Plantation

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Service – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt – 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship on the Patio – 12:15 p.m.
Easter Bonnet Parade – 12:30 p.m.



There will be a Maundy Thursday meal prepared by the Fellowship Committee on Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donations for the meal will greatly be appreciated. Maundy Thursday service will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to come for the meal, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary.



Lilies for Easter Sunday

Beautiful Easter lilies will decorate the church on Sunday, April 5. The last day to order them is Monday, March 30. Dedicate your lily in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Please fill out the form located at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office. The cost is \$20 per lily.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Start planning your Easter Bonnet for our annual parade and contest on April 5. Everyone (all ages) can wear an EASTER BONNET of some sort-- whether it's store-bought, home-made, or put-together. There will be many different categories and awards will be presented (best in show, most unusual, most traditional, most fun, best children and more). There will be prizes. Please join us for the fun, during fellowship time, after our Easter Worship Service.



Plantation Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70 Avenue, will be having an ecumenical community service on Good Friday, April 3 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. There will be pastors from different churches around Broward County reflecting the "seven last words" Jesus spoke on the cross before he died. Rev. Michael Mahan will be participating in the service doing the Fifth Word at 1:45 p.m. During this meaningful service, you may come and go as you are able, or you may stay for the entire three hours. Bun and Cheese, a traditional Jamaican meal signifying the end of Lenten fasting, will be served at their hospitality tent.



Easter Fellowship

Food contributions are needed from everyone on Easter Sunday for fellowship. If you could bring finger foods such as sandwiches, deviled eggs, vegetables, fruit, appetizers, and desserts, it would be gratefully appreciated by the Fellowship Committee. Please sign up at the back of the church if you can bring something. For any questions contact Becky Rountree at 954-240-6941 or rountreelo@aol.com.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:15 a.m. at the church. All children age 12 and under are welcome to participate. Please bring a basket to collect your Easter eggs. There will be a possible special visitor to greet the children.



Weekly Sanctuary Flowers

The flower chart is now posted at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for a Sunday to remember or honor someone. The cost of flowers is \$50. Please send money for flowers to the church or place in the offering plate.



The church treasurer is still accepting per capita payments of \$40 per member. This is a set amount which is sent to the Presbytery to cover the expenses of the Presbytery and General Assembly. Payment can be put in the Sunday offering or mailed to the church. Thank you for your support.

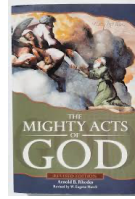
 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing celebrates over 75 years of helping others. Money raised helps support programs such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. Each program works in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need in the United States and the World. Plantation Presbyterian Church is participating in One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent. Envelopes or coin boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you are writing a check please make it out to Plantation Presbyterian Church. All donations will be sent to our Presbytery to send to One Great Hour of Sharing.



Plantation Presbyterian Church will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity project with eighteen area churches on May 9, 2026. Our congregation will be raising \$1,000 to help with the project. Volunteers are needed to help. Watch for more details!



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will start soon—April 19th—on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., led by Elder David Pinney. We will be walking through the Bible using the book *The Mighty Acts of God*, by Arnold B. Rhodes. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary if interested in attending so books can be ordered.



Scottish Festival

The Scottish Festival is taking on a “new look” this year. It will be a Scottish Celtic Music Festival on Saturday, March 28th, 12 noon to 8 p.m., Begeron Rodeo Grounds, 4201 SW 65th Way, Davie. If you would like to attend, advance ticket sales are \$25 per person and \$30 at the gate. The cost for children ages 6-14 is \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance at their website [Scottish American Society of South Florida - Home](http://www.scottishamerican.org)



Lots of soup donated on Super Bowl Sunday. The soup was given to Plantation Methodist Church for their weekly food distribution.



Highlights of Session Meetings

December 11, 2025

- Approved the minutes of October 29, 2025.
- Approved November 2025 financials.
- Received Deacons' Report.
- Approved the 2026 church budget.
- Approved per capita at \$40 per member.
- Submitted grant to Presbytery for a new sound system.
- Presented a possible mission project for the church to work with other local churches with habitat for Humanity.
- The next Session Meeting will be held January 22, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

January 22, 2026

- Approved minutes of December 11, 2025.
- Approved December 2025 financials with some minor changes.
- Approved Elders Becky Rountree, David Pinney and Deacon Claire Will as Commissioners to the Presbytery Meeting on February 14, 2026.
- Set the Congregational Annual Meeting for March 1, 2026.
- Adult Bible Study will begin before worship in next couple of months.
- Stewardship/Finance Committee reported that Faith Promise giving for 2026 is down from the previous year by about \$8,000.
- Approved participation in One Great Hour of Sharing as a congregation.
- Approved to accept the Presbytery Grant for the sound system.
- Lenten Bible Study for four weeks will begin February 23, 2026 led by Rev. Michael Mahan.
- Approved fundraising for Habitat for Humanity Mission project.
- Next Session meeting is February 26, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

February 26, 2026

- Approved January 22, 2026 minutes with one correction.
- Approved January 2026 financial reports.

- Received report of the February 14, 2026 Presbytery Meeting.
- Approved Elder Becky Rountree as Clerk of Session for 2026.
- Approved Barbara Tarr as Treasurer for 2026.
- Approved a 3% increase in salary for our organist.
- Getting quotes to refurbish the kitchen.
- Church roof was repaired and trees cut back from the roof.
- Approved Sunday School curriculum as deemed appropriate by our teaches as they consider their students' capabilities and with consultation with the Pastor.
- Approved moving money from TD CD to Flagstar CD with finance committee discretion.
- Approved having Communion on the first Sunday of the month, Maundy Thursday and when deemed appropriate by the pastor.
- Habitat for Humanity to participate on May 9, 2026.
- Next meeting March 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting New Officers Elected

At the Congregational Meeting held on March 1 new church officers were elected. We would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the new officers for making the commitment and willingness to take on this leadership role. Marie Berndgen, Arlene McMillan, Donna Westcott, and Virginia French are new Deacons. The new Elders are Sonia Anderson, Frantz Etienne, Alan Fletcher and Cam Khan. Elected to the Nominating Committee were Iris Froehlich and Val Minto. Elected as Trustee was Sonia Anerson. Also, thank you to retiring Elders Becky Rountree and Paul Westcott for their service and leadership.



Rev. Michael Mahan



The Proofreaders...

The next book group will meet on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss “*The Paris Daughter*” by Kristin Harmel. This historical World War II fiction novel focuses on two American mothers in Paris who become close just before the Nazi occupation. When Elise is forced to flee, she entrusts her daughter to close friend Juliette. The bombing of Juliette’s bookstore leaves their fates unknown. And spans a decade long story.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the discussion, food, and fellowship even if you have not completed the book. Book group will be on Zoom and the link will be in the Friday email blast or in person at the church. For further information contact Beth Doubleday at b5chicago@aol.com.



Join Us during Fellowship to Celebrate the Church Birthday and your Birthday on Sunday, May 17, 2026

There will be twelve birthday cakes, one for each month. You will join people to eat cake who share the same birthday month. Cakes are needed so if you can bring a cake please sign up!



Plus Bingo! April 19, 2026

Don’t miss out on attending the Chili Cook-Off and Bingo on Sunday, April 19, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please note this is a new time and day for this event. This will be a fun afternoon for all ages. Besides the Chili Cook-Off and Bingo, get out your Western “duds” as we will have a Western Fashion Show with prizes.

Plan to compete in the great Chili Cook-Off. Let the Fellowship Committee know if you are bringing a chili for the competition. Please have your chili at the church by 10:45 a.m. a.m.

The cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for ages 6-12 and children under 6 are free. This fee helps to cover the cost of the extra food items and bingo with prizes. Each person will receive one bingo card with your ticket purchase. Additional bingo cards will be available to purchase.

Tickets are on sale beginning March 29 before or after church. Everyone will get a chance to vote on their favorite chili with prizes being awarded. Don’t miss out on the fun!



Your Graduate!

Christian Education and Fellowship will be recognizing our graduating Seniors from college, community college, technical school, and high school and any other transition such as elementary to middle school and middle school to high school on Sunday, May 31, 2026. There will be a potluck luncheon to honor everyone immediately following the service. Please let the church know who is graduating or contact Rev. Michael Mahan at plantationpastor@gmail.com with all the necessary information about your graduate.



- To the Tenorio, Gopie, Berndgen, Anderson, Unruh/Hartman, and Khan families for lighting the advent wreath during the services.
- To Claire Will for arranging for a group rate at our Christmas event at Flamingo Gardens.
- To Cam Khan for blowing the leaves off the patio each Sunday morning.
- To Santa and Mrs. Claus (Jimmy Snyder and Sarah Dixon) for distributing gifts to the children at the Lillian and Bob Potter Children's Christmas party.
- To Mackenzie Herndon and friends, Maci Raynor and Anna Fletcher for volunteering to help at the Children's Christmas party.
- To all the Deacons for a wonderful job hosting the Children's Christmas party.
- To everyone who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.
- To Naida Moore, Gerheem Lamm, John Berndgen and Buddy Rountree for filming and recording of the service.
- To everyone who contributed gifts and monetary donations for the Christmas Giving Tree.
- To everyone for donating money for the Christmas Advent Tree to help with the church's electrical expenses.
- To Jim Unruh for counting the money each Sunday and depositing it at the bank and to Cam Khan who has volunteered to assist.
- To Claire Will for coordinating the Burns Luncheon and making many Scottish dishes. And to Marilyn Springmeyer, Arlene McMillan, Adriane Silva, Tina Paulus, Rita Mathews and Becky Rountree for doing a great job!
- To Paul Westcott and Becky Rountree for their leadership as they rotate off Session.
- To Sonia Anderson, Marilyn Springmeyer, Beth Doubleday, David Pinney, Sherry Brosz, Barbara Tarr, Claire Will, Stacy Tenorio and Arlene McMillan for reading the Old Testament during the service.

- To Marilyn Springmeyer, Rita Mathews, Sarah Dixon, Marie Berndgen and Val Minto who helped with cleaning out the storage area.
- To the Deacons helping with Communion.



March

- 15 Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons
- 15 Book Group, 6 p.m.
- 15 Deacon Meeting, 12: 15 p.m.
- 16 Lenten Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- 19 PPW Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Fellowship Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 Scottish Celtic Music Festival
- 29 Palm Sunday
- 30 Orders for Easter Lilies Due

April

- 2 Maudy Thursday Dinner and Service
- 3 Good Friday Service, 12 Noon
- 5 Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.
- 5 Easter Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Easter Bonnet Parade and Fellowship on the Patio, 12:15 p.m.
- 19 Chili Cook-Off and Bingo, 12:15 p.m.
- 20 Finance Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May

- 17 All Church Birthday Celebration, 12:15 p.m.
- 21 PPW Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Graduate Recognition and Potluck