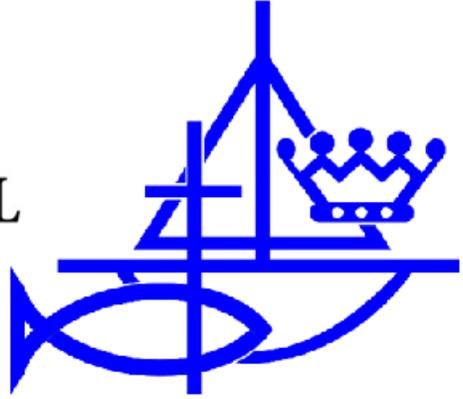


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**A church community with a heart for the world**

## Church of Our Savior

### Palm Bay, Florida

Church of Our Savior is located in Palm Bay, Florida, and is a unique parish with special gifts to offer our community.

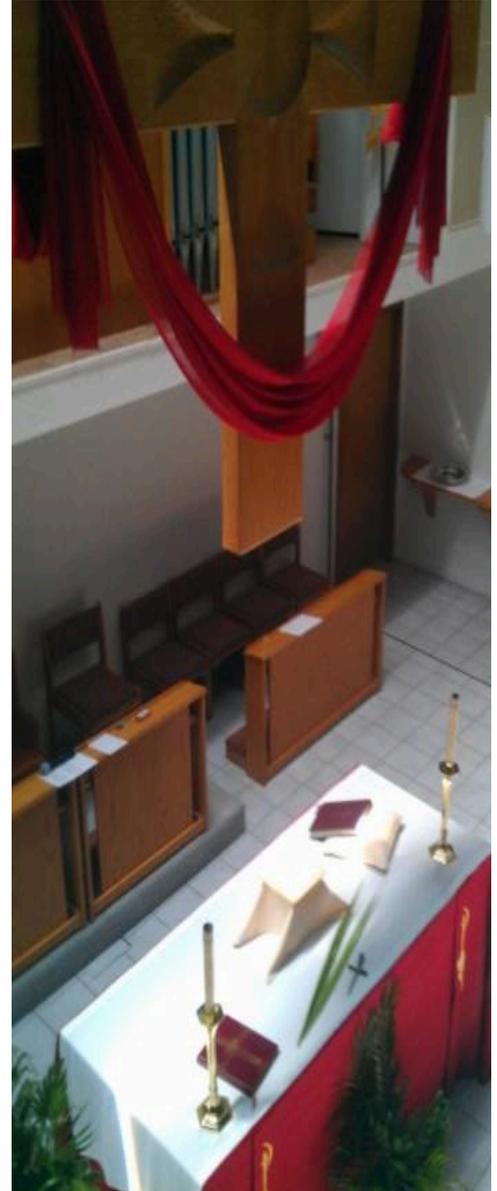
Our mission statement is *"We are a vibrant multi-ethnic church community with a heart for the world."*

Our vision is *"Church of Our Savior exists in order to make a difference, worshiping Jesus Christ as the Living God, finding hope and direction in the Word of God, and creating new opportunities for service and community, in Palm Bay and to the ends of the earth."*

Our church was founded in 1961. We are proud of our long tradition of racial and ethnic diversity, which is a tremendous blessing through the love of our Lord Jesus. We currently have 270 members.

We are situated on a lovely multi-acre property with a large Sanctuary, Columbarium, Memorial Garden, Parish Hall and Discipleship Building. Covered lighted walkways connect the buildings. Our church is in a quiet neighborhood and shares a property line with Veteran's Park - one of Palm Bay's lovely parks.

The people of Our Savior have an intense desire to hear the Word of God. We also desire and enjoy frequent opportunities to worship the goodness and majesty of God. We eagerly look forward to a rector who will continue to nurture our spiritual strengths and to guide us in the improvement of our ministries to the community and the church.



## Our Rector

In our new pastor, we are seeking one who displays an understanding of our unique diversity while inspiring current and future members toward a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our recent parish survey indicates our desire to have a rector who will preach with clarity and relevance to the scriptures, who has a comprehensive understanding of biblical and historical revelations, and how they apply to today's situations.



We ask that our rector display the ability to care for and guide persons of all ages through everyday issues - especially significant moments in their lives such as grief, sickness, trauma, births and marriage.

Our church started over 55 years ago, and we would like to see it continue to grow by attracting young families to join in our worship. Church of Our Savior is often described as being cutting edge, and we hope that to continue. We require that our rector be energized to continue in our outreach with our local schools, Palm Bay Elementary and Lifeline Academy. Lifeline Academy is currently utilizing our facilities. He/she needs to embrace our involvement in our local community (Family Promise, National Day of Prayer, 911 Memorial Service) and abroad (Liberia, Asia, Sao Paulo and Honduras).

We seek someone who is excited to be on this journey with us, as we become stronger in our faith, and as our reliance in Christ grows. The ability to lead and be flexible is imperative for such a multi-generational, multi-cultural congregation.

## Worship Services

Church of Our Savior offers three services each Sunday and one on Wednesday morning. Each service is designed to accommodate and satisfy our diverse congregation. In addition, there are special services throughout the year.



### **Sunday Service 8:00**

**AM.** The early service is a Holy Eucharist Rite II that is offered every Sunday for those who prefer the earlier time. The service includes hymns and an invitation for prayers and anointing.

\*\*\*There is an Adult Forum between the 8:00AM and 10:30AM services.

**Sunday Service 10:30 AM.** The 10:30 AM service is a Rite II Choral Eucharist with our choir. The service offers a variety of music including Praise and Worship. The Congregation is invited for prayers and anointing.

\*\*\*A Time of Fellowship with refreshment follows both the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services.

**Sunday Service 5:00 PM.** This evening worship service is led by the youth and young adults. Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. The band leads in praising God with Contemporary Christian music. Although geared for a younger audience, there is a mixed congregation in attendance.

\*\*\*A simple potluck dinner follows our weekly 5:00 PM service.

**Wednesday Service 10:00 AM.** Our Wednesday Healing Service also offers Holy Eucharist. It is often attended by students from Lifeline Academy during the school year.

\*\*\* There is a bible study following the Wednesday service.

The special services can be found on our church website: <http://oursaviorpalmbay.org/>

# Ministries

## Worship:

Greeters  
Power Point  
Welcoming  
Newcomers  
Ushers  
Flower Guild  
Altar Guild  
Acolytes  
LEM/LEV/Lectors



## Service:

Episcopal Church  
Women  
International Order of  
St. Luke  
Brotherhood of St.  
Andrew  
Daughters of the King  
Jr. Daughters of the  
King

## Healing:

International Order of St. Luke

## Pastoral Care Team:

Led by the Deacon

## Music:

Bell Choir  
Choir  
Worship Band  
Steel Drum

## Small Groups:

Bible Study throughout the  
week  
Prayer Group  
Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Healing Prayer

**Youth:**

Youth Group  
Vacation Bible School

**Outreach:**

Life Care  
Palm Bay Elementary  
Family Promise  
Lifeline Academy

**International Missions:**

Asia            Liberia  
Brazil          Honduras

**Misc:**

Welcome Center  
Good News Newsletter

**Finances**

Church of Our Savior operates annually on a budget of \$250,000.00, with sufficient reserves.

In addition, our “Special Projects” each year are completed with donations from the parish for optional capital expenditures. Generous donations from the congregation support our Asian missions and our Liberian missions (Bolahun). We support local outreach groups and global relief efforts when a disaster occurs. We are a parish with a compassionate and giving heart.

## **Staff and Vestry**

### **Staff**

Rector

Deacon

Rev. Thomas Williams

Parish Secretary

Sarah Owens

Bookkeeper

Lisa Streck

Director of Music

Cleusa van Dorth

Lead Musician (5pm)

David Leonard

### **Vestry**

Sr. Warden

Carol Leacock

Jr. Warden

LeRoy Haynes

Treasurer

Tom Dame

Secretary

Bob Leonard

### **Members:**

Ken Salkeld

Euclid Selman

Greg Streck

Gladstone Green

Hyacinth Clunie

David Leonard

## **Palm Bay**

Palm Bay is a great place to live! According to Forbes Magazine Palm Bay was rated America's 15<sup>th</sup> fastest growing city in 2014 and 2017, and it was also awarded "Most Innovative City" in 2010. Per Palm Bay's website the population inside the city limits is over 110,000. It is now the largest city in Brevard County, and second largest city in Central Florida, while only being 30% "built out". However, it has a small town feeling with an ethnically diverse population. The largest employer in Brevard County, Harris Corporation, has its new complex about a mile away from Church of Our Savior (COOS). The renowned Florida Institute of Technology (F.I.T.) is about six miles away. In addition, Eastern Florida State College has a large campus in Palm Bay.

Palm Bay was settled in the late 1800's and incorporated in 1960 in the area where Church of Our Savior is located. With gradual annexation and development, Palm Bay has now expanded to 100 square miles. The western border extends beyond I-95 and the headwaters of the St. John's River, and the southern border is the boundary of where Brevard County meets Indian River County.

The immediate neighborhood around Church of Our Savior was mostly built by the General Development Corporation in the late sixties and early seventies. The neighborhood is a modest, stable, middle income area of houses from that period. Veteran's Park – with a football field, tennis courts, playground and a pond – is adjacent to the property. The Indian River is about a quarter mile from Church of Our Savior. The beach and ocean are about four miles away "as the crow flies", but by car is about ten miles away over the Melbourne Causeway.

For more information visit <http://PalmBayFlorida.org>.

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: OUR HISTORY

The history of the Church of Our Savior began in 1913 when Mazie Calder Goode, a parishioner at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Melbourne, envisioned an Episcopal Church to serve the Tillman area, south of Melbourne, later renamed Palm Bay. After several attempts, a congregation was finally formed, and Church of Our Savior was admitted as an organized mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida. The new mission was sponsored by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Melbourne, and under the leadership of the Reverend Fr. Alexander Boyer.



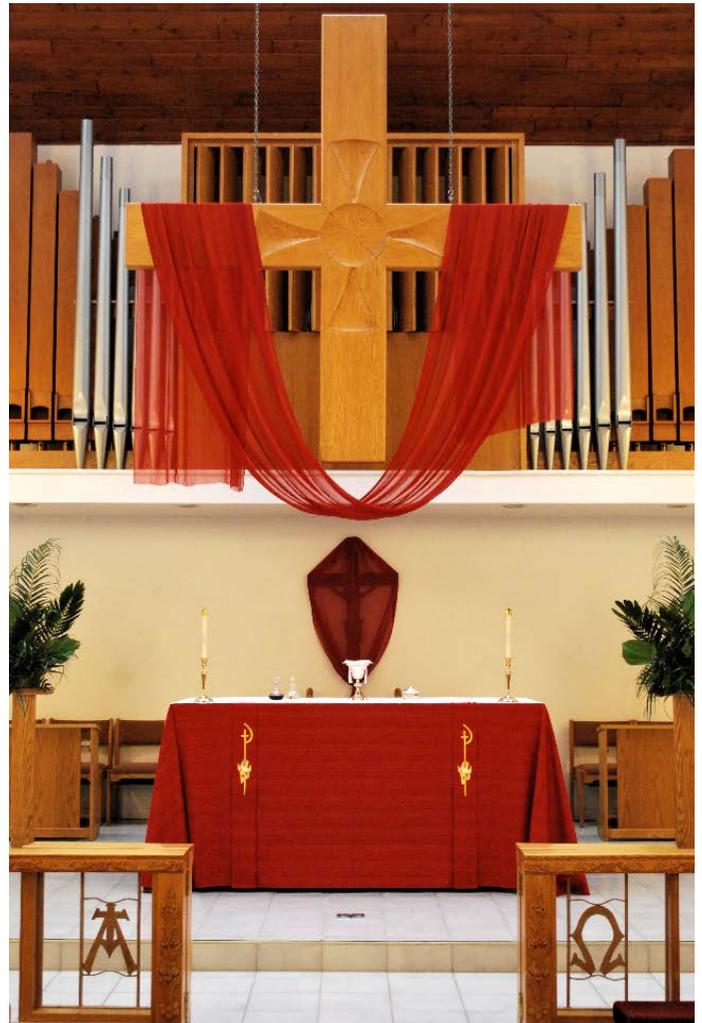
The Reverend James Radebaugh was appointed the first vicar to the fledgling congregation on July 1, 1962. After taking office, Fr. Radebaugh, a courageous priest, took bold steps that would historically change his congregation forever, and would fulfill our calling of respecting the dignity of every human being. Fr. Radebaugh was moved by

the story of two black Americans, Mrs. Ossie Hill Jackson, and Mr. Perry Hughes, devout Episcopalians living in Melbourne - Episcopalians who were forced to travel very long distances to make their corporate communion in all-black Episcopal parishes because of a segregated society. This kind priest extended an invitation to the two individuals to become members of his congregation. Thus began Church of Our Savior's unique role of setting an example. Church of Our Savior still remains the model for a truly integrated congregation in our Diocese. With an integrated church, its once segregated pre-school, in existence then, opened its doors to serve children of all ethnicity on August 29, 1966.

On February 8, 1983, the church building was destroyed by fire, and the presiding priest, the Reverend James C. Dannals, initiated the rebuilding of the new church. On September 23, 1984, the Rt. Reverend Herbert Edmondson, former Bishop of Jamaica, officiated at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new church building. The first Eucharist was celebrated in the new sanctuary on June 8, 1986. Under Fr. Dannals, the Church was raised from mission status to parish status. Two female deacons came on board.: the Reverend Nancy Bradley who was sponsored by our parish, and became one of the very first female deacons in our Diocese, and later, the Reverend Mary Ellen

Appleton. In February, 1989, the Reverend James C. Dannals resigned, and the parish entered its first “search” for a Rector.

The Reverend William H. Hazelett was called as Rector on February 25, 1990. Under Fr. Bill Hazelett, the Parish continued to grow with the emphasis on Outreach Ministry. During Fr. Hazelett’s ministry, our Outreach ministry took on both a new and global approach. Under Fr. Bill’s leadership, the parishioners of Church of Our Savior organized the very first Caribbean Festival in Brevard County, and proceeds were used as outreach to aid victims of natural disasters in the United States, the Caribbean Basin, and Central America. In 1993, Fr. Hazelett invited the Reverend Benedict Vani -- a refugee from war-torn Liberia -- to join the staff as Parish Chaplain. Fr. Vani’s tenure would lay the foundation for furthering our global ministry through his voluntary ministry at Church of Our Savior. Church of Our Savior remains in global partnership with St. Mary’s, Bolahun, Liberia even as the parish, under the new leadership of Fr. Momo, continues to rebuild in post-civil war Liberia,



On July 15, 1998, The Reverend John Wesley became the new Rector of Church of our Savior, and a vision of the Diocese of Central Florida of planting another congregation in S.W. Palm Bay, came to fruition in the birth of Blessed Redeemer -- a mission that was welcomed into the Diocese on January 29, 2005, and under the sponsorship of Church of Our Savior. Fr. Manning became its first Vicar. Fr. Wesley, and his Assistant, Pastor Debra Vann also introduced Family Promise ---an organization helping homeless families --- as another aspect of outreach for the congregation.

After Fr. Wesley’s resignation in January, 2006, the Reverend Loren Fox was called in May, 2007. Fr. Loren’s work in evangelism abroad brought an added dimension to the

global Outreach Ministry of Church of Our Savior in his work with an unreached people in Asia.

Fr. Fox developed a partnership between Church of our Savior and Palm Bay Elementary School, and in addition, the parish would host family nights for the



students, parents, and faculty on its premises. Also, our Discipleship Building is currently being used by a small private school, Lifeline Academy. A new and informal worship service at 5:00 P.M. was also added to the list of other Sunday services, with the hope of attracting the youth and young families. On May 7, 2017, Fr. Loren Fox resigned his position at Church of Our Savior.

The parishioners of Church of Our Savior look to the future with hope and great expectation, as they continue to bring the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to a broken world. We pray diligently for God's guidance as we search for a rector and a faithful pastor. Fr. Alexander Boyer.