



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

June 2, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

Partita on "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Tim Fields

(Ascension hymn 263)

(b. 1957)

I. "Processional"

IV. "Meditation"

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away from dullness and complacency. Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers? How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.

Our waywardness separates us from God. Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

We gather to renew our relationship with God. We seek enlightenment and the revival of our souls.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 838** “Standing on the Promises” PROMISES

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten

God of all worlds, we confess our arrogance in turning away from the knowledge you offer and the relationship with us that you desire. We make light of your commandments and scoff at discipline and boundaries as if they as if they did not apply to us. Our tongues reveal our ignorance before the vastness of your truth. The words we speak in error spread poison that cannot by contained. Our waywardness is destroying us. Our complacency before evil, within us and all around, threatens life itself. O God, we cry out for forgiveness.

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We eat the fruits of our way and are sated with our own devices. Words of confession are not enough to break the patterns of complacency and self-justification that separate us from God. Thankfully, our Creator knows our honest intent. If we truly turn from our insolent, undisciplined ways, a new way is opening up for us, and God welcomes us as partners in the gospel. In keeping God’s ordinances, there is unexpected reward.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS HYMN 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (v. 1)

ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with those sitting around you.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Gay Wasik

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1 (see insert)

Second & Third Lessons: John 1:1-5, James 3:1-12

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 111, page 279)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Gift of Words"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING OF HONDURAN MISSION TEAM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time...unending hymn:

Hymn 562

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS (Schubert)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS – PRAYER & INVITATION

OFFERTORY

“Keep Your Lamps!”

André Thomas

Chancel Choir

(b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

***DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 295**

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Partita on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (hymn 263)

Tim Fields

V. *“Toccata”*

FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

A digital copy of each Sunday's **11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements** can be found on our website: www.fpcstpete.com. On the home page, click on "Sundays" then scroll down to "Sunday's Bulletin." Also online: our **Calendar of Events** is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed from our website's "Events" tab at the top of the page.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Margo Hart. Happy heavenly birthday, love, Mother. By Margo Hart.



If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church

pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in prayer: Ruth Bafaro, Millie Bradley, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Mark Estes, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane

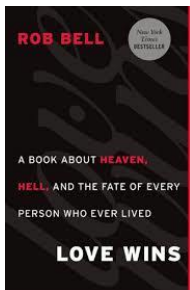
Heath, Claire Hoel, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Sam Kent, Richard Kirsch, Michael Liguori, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Reed, Lil Reid, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Jill Whelpley and Rev. Alice Winters.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2nd LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.* If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then why not invite them to worship? FPC business cards are available at the Welcome Desk with the Sunday worship times printed on the back. Feel free to take one and invite someone you know to worship next Sunday!

Hearing assists are available for use during worship in the sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please contact an usher, who will help you.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ROB BELL'S *LOVE WINS*

Rob Bell boldly wrestles with questions that Christians have asked—and feared—throughout the ages. *Love Wins* is a

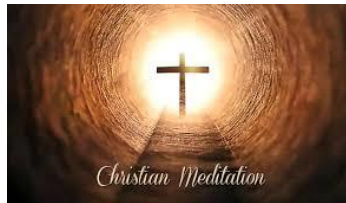
book about Heaven, Hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived. Come and consider questions about the Good News, the really, really Good News of the salvation that Christ offers.

Wednesday mornings from 10–11 a.m. in Room N123 from June 12–July 31. Contact Rev. **Ruth Elswood** for more details. Please bring a copy of the book with you (Amazon has the paperback for around \$12).

MEN'S SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

The Friday morning men's Bible study is on hiatus for the summer. The Bible study will resume Friday, September 6. Have a great summer and we'll see you in September!

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group. We

meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact group leader **Carlen Maddux** (727-504-8201, or cmaddux@maddux.com). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

FAITH DAY WITH THE RAYS

Join fellow FPC friends for a day of fun at the ballpark! **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Los Angeles Angels on Saturday, June 15th**. Game time is at 1:10 p.m., and doors open at 11:40 a.m. Lower-level tickets are only \$30 per person (\$60 value!). Each ticket includes a Rays hat of your choice. Post-game event features Rays players speaking about how faith impacts their daily lives and how it has

gotten them to where they are today. Don't miss the Gate Giveaway: short-sleeved Rays hoodie for all fans (while supplies last). Interested? Contact Amy G. (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org) no later than tomorrow, June 3!

**BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS, JUNE 11–JULY 23
WHEN GODLY PEOPLE DO
UNGODLY THINGS**

Join us either Tuesday mornings from 9:15–11:30 a.m. or Tuesday evenings 6:30–8:45 p.m. in the youth center. Childcare is available by reservation. Please e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call and leave a message at 727-828-3971. If you have any questions about the study, contact April Hussung at 727-822-5332 or stapler29@aol.com.

MASTER CHORALE CONCERT

The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay will be holding a special 40th anniversary "Awake and Sing!" concert here at FPC on Friday, June 7th, at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25, but there is a \$5 discount for FPC members and friends. Just use the code "FPC" when purchasing tickets, which are available online (www.masterchorale.com) or by calling 1-800-838-3006.

BUNCO IS OFF AND "ROLLING"



Join us on Friday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. This is a great opportunity to get to

know others at your church and, while doing so, learn and enjoy bunco! The last time we gathered, we all had a blast. Mark your calendar and come out on June 14. If you have any questions, call Ken or Dot Young (727-290-6019).

**GOODBYE TO MANY OF YOU FOR THE
SUMMER**



Remember, you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You don't have to think about it while you enjoy your travels. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 727-828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-218
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123
FPC Bus-Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	S-103
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoast	10:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Presbyterian Towers	10:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	10:30 AM	
Classic Worship with choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY JUNE 3

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PCAT	6:00 PM	S-100
Session Members Social Hour	6:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206
Session Meeting	7:00 PM	N-123

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
G2 Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	Pastors Stdy
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

FRIDAY JUNE 7

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
Master Chorale Concert	8:00 PM	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123
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Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts ♦ Jonathan Rine, Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Amy Grossenbacher, Admin. Asst. ♦ Stacey Ramirez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian

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