



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

June 9, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Day of Pentecost

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### 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

"Fantasie Prelude on *Veni Creator Spiritus*"  
(Pentecost hymn 278)

Dennis Eliot  
(b. 1941)

Jack Rain, organ

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together because God has called us. We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

**We are together, old and young, rich and poor. We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.**

On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises: the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

**We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit. What will happen if we let the Spirit in?**

On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God. We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

**With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit. We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.**

**INTROIT**

“We Are One in the Spirit”  
Chancel Choir

Peter Scholtes  
(1938-2009)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 309**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mary-Linda Armacost

**O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God promises to us an outpouring of the Spirit. We will see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before. When we call out to God, our healing, our salvation, will come. God approaches us with open hands filled with good things. When we are ready to be taught, God grants us new insights and a deep, abiding sense of peace. Praise God!

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

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE—HYMN 839 (v.1)**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

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**

*(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.)*

### **\* HYMN 288**

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Psalm 104:24-34, Romans 8:14-17

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 683; *New Testament*, page 191)

Second Lesson: John 14:8-15, 23-27

Rev. William Cowfer

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 133)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SERMON**

“Believing Is Seeing and Doing”

Rev. William Cowfer

## **RESPONSE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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; and**

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

**OFFERTORY**

**“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”**

**K. Lee Scott**

**Chancel Choir**

**(b. 1950)**

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly (sisterly), Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee.

**\*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 547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***“Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus”***

**(Pentecost hymn 278)**

**Alfred V. Fedak**

**(b. 1953)**

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## FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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](http://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.

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

**The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Bland & Nancy Beckwith and in honor of Gilly Bland & Nan Marks by Barbara Dunnivant.**



**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:** Herbert Anderson, 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, and Rev. Alice Winters.

**Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:** James Loeblein, USN; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Taina Specie, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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!

**Wear a nametag**—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

**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.

### **WELCOME, GUEST MINISTER REV. WILLIAM J. (BILL) COWFER**

Rev. Cowfer grew up on a farm in central Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary with doctoral studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor in both large and small churches in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, and Virginia. He has also served as Executive in the Synods of Lakes and

Prairies and the South. Following retirement, he served as an Interim Minister, Interim Executive Presbyterian, and as faculty for Interim Ministry training. Bill and his spouse, Rev. Virginia Martin, live in Westminster Suncoast Retirement Community in south St. Petersburg.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Henry Zuercher (son of Dennis & Annie, grandson of Dennis & Diane) on his graduation with high honors from Osceola High School. He will be attending the University of North Florida starting this August.

## **PENTECOST OFFERING**

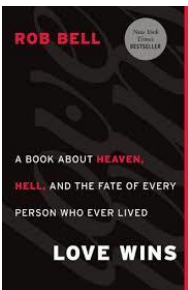
Today we have the opportunity to participate in a special "Pentecost Offering." A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Local congregations can retain 40% of the Pentecost offering to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stapler29@aol.com).

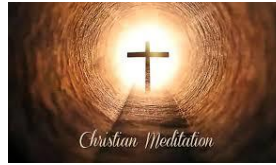
**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**  
**ROB BELL'S LOVE WINS**



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).

**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](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

**BUNCO IS OFF AND “ROLLING”**



Join us on Friday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you have any questions, call Ken or

Dot Young (727-290-6019).

**VBS FOR 2019 HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

If you've paid for VBS, your money will be refunded. If you have any questions, contact Ken Young (727-260-6019).

**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!

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>F'shp Hall</b>
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	
<b>Classic Worship with choir</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
NO Youth Group		
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

## MONDAY, JUNE 10

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Day School Advisory		
Council Meeting	4:00 PM	Day School
Board of Deacons	5:30 PM	S-100
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Center
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
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Meditation for Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Love Wins Bible Study	10:00 AM	N-123
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

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
Bunco Night	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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 Ramírez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian  
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