



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 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

"God Bless Our Native Land" (based on *America*
hymn 337)

Wilbur Held
(1914–2015)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are thirsty, whose souls are fainting. Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.

The Source and Creator of all things welcomes us. God hears our cries and is ready to help us.

Come, all who are pure, upright, and blameless. Come, all who dwell day by day in God's realm.

The Messiah has more to teach us. Jesus turns us from seeking honor to humble service.

Draw near and hear the word of our God. Open your lives to the Spirit who fills all things.

We sense the presence of truth seeking to enter us. We feel the love of God eager to embrace us.

***OPENING HYMN 12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol Gruszka

Gracious God, help us to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you. We have searched for life amid temporary attractions. We have sought excitement in places that turned out to be desert wastelands. We have burdened others with our mistakes. We have sought honors and made comparisons to look better than those around us. We have devoted little time to thanking and praising you, the Source of all things. Open us now, O God, to the Word we need from you. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God gathers us from the east and the west, the north and the south, drawing us into a caring community where burdens are shared, hope is renewed, and people are freed and equipped to use their God-given gifts. Springs of water emerge from parched lands as we alert one another to blessings we had overlooked. Let the redeemed of the Creator say so. Let us give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS HYMN 447

“We Are Forgiven”

AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

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

HYMN 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

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: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Carol Gruszka

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 687)

Second Lesson: Joshua 3:7, 13-17

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 242)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“What Was and What’s Next”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

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.**

It is truly right...in the eternal hymn:

HYMN 562

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS (Schubert)

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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. 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 Robert and Mary Aucremann by their family.



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, 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.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st 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!

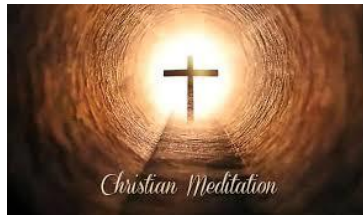
Wear a nametag—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 21

There will be a congregational meeting to elect the Associate Pastor Pulpit Nominating Committee and church officers immediately following the 11:00 service on the 21st.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You will feel warmly welcomed when you come to meditation

in a small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 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.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?



Stephen Ministers **Chris Agee** and **Ann Krueger** recently completed a 6-day Stephen Ministry Leader Training program in

Orlando. At the conference, Dr. Kenneth Hauck, founder of Stephen Ministry, explained that he founded the Ministry "*for those who are suffering, for those who are caring for the suffering, so that no one suffers alone.*" Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce,

financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties.

One care receiver said this: “I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person who wasn’t going to share what I told her with anyone else.”

Contact **Pastor Dawn, Ginger McCoy**, 804-2429 or **Terry Schoenberg**, 323-2380.

SUMMER EXERCISE CLASS EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

The classes are held in rooms S102-3 at 9:05 a.m. To sign up, call the Day School at 727-894-5889.

PASTORAL CARE ARMS OF THE CHURCH



DID YOU KNOW that our church has several ministries that act as

pastoral care arms of the church? ***These groups of people work hard to provide care for our church family.*** The groups include: the Pastoral Staff (Pastor & Parish Associate), the Deacons, Stephen Ministers, Presbyterian Women, the Pastoral Care Action Team and the Card Ministry.

If you know someone who needs a card (get-well, sympathy, or praying for you) please call **Lillian Harris** at 527-7458. If you or someone you know would like a pastoral care visit, please contact **Amy** in the church office (727-828-3975 or amyg@fpc-stpete.org). Confidentiality is always respected. Amy will route your request to the appropriate person/ministry. We don’t want anyone falling through the cracks or feeling neglected!

WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM FPC

Members and friends of FPC should be receiving a weekly e-mail from the church each Friday. If you are not receiving this e-mail and would like to please let the office know 822-2031 or e-mail **Blanche** at bganey@fpc-stpete.org.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE



Please take a minute after the 11:00 service each week for a time of fellowship right out front. Get a cold drink, a pastry and spend a minute or two catching up with each other. The fellowship time is a gift to the church from Bob Langley.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, JULY 7

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	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Liturgist Training	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, JULY 8

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

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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, JULY 10

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Exercise Class	9:00 AM	S-103
<i>Love Wins</i> Bible Study	10:00 AM	N-123
Dean Meyer Memorial	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, JULY 11

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

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Dr. Paul Snoke Memorial	11:00 AM	Off-site
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Kids' Night Out KNO	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123



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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