



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 14, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

"Air"

Gerre Hancock
(1934–2012)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered as children of God's promise, to keep alive our vision of hope.

We have gathered on the mountaintop, that we may be strengthened to live as God's children in the valleys of everyday life.

We are on a pilgrimage of love and hope.

We follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who was faithful because of God's promise.

Let us pause on our journeys; let us build a roadside altar, not of stones but of praise, to the God who guides us. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

*** SPECIAL MUSIC** “Steal Away” American Negro Spiritual
The Ambassadors Gospel Quartet

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Burtchaell

O God, in the words of worship we call on your name. But in the rest of our lives, we refuse to acknowledge our dependence on you. We have struggled to be self-sufficient, independent, not to need anyone. Yet we need you, and we will not always admit it. So let the water of your grace seep into our hardened hearts. Let it run through our walls of resistance, spilling and splashing with possibility and peace at last. Refresh us, O God, even as you wash away our faults. We pray in the name of the Living Water, Jesus Christ.

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news:

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE – HYMN 447

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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

Diane Zuercher

(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 721** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 34:1-8
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 625)

Second Lesson: Joshua 4:1-7
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 243)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Kairos Moments & Ebenezers”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

REPORT FROM THE HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

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FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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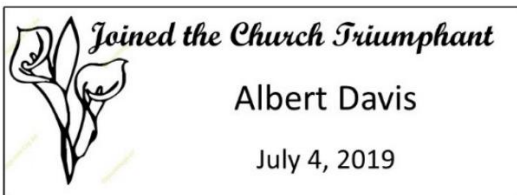
A digital copy of each Sunday's **11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements** can be found on our website: www.fpcstpete.com. On the home page, click on "Sundays" then scroll down to "Sunday's Bulletin." Also online: our **Calendar of Events** is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed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

CHANCEL FLOWERS



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, Ron & Millie Bradley, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and

Diane Heath, Claire Hoel, Rhys Hogan, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, 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, Nikki Stubbs, 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

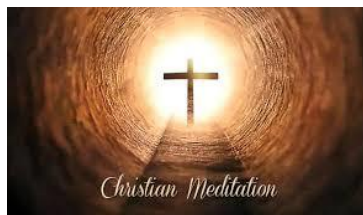
Pastor Pulpit Nominating Committee and church officers immediately following the 11:00 service on the 21st.

WELCOME THE AMBASSADORS QUARTET



The Ambassadors Gospel Quartet have been singing together in some form for almost twenty years. The group was originally formed from members of the Hyde Park United Methodist choir. Two of the current members, Roger Copp and Wes Cull, are members there, and two members, Bob Coates and Jeff Traster, are members of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. They provide programs of Gospel music in churches across the Bay area.

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 23, 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.

MELODIES FOR THE MIND

There is a new group meeting here at the church July 16, in the choir room at 2:00 p.m. Did you know that singing can improve your brain activity, wellbeing and mood? You don’t need to be a good singer to benefit. Singing for the Brain is a service provided by the Alzheimer’s Society, which uses singing and other activities to bring together people with dementia or memory loss. For additional information, e-mail kbenn21188@aol.com.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY 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 14

HONDURAS MISSION SUNDAY

Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
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
Youth Movie Night	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, JULY 15

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PCAT	6:30 PM	S-100

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr.
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100

Grief Share Group	10:00 AM	Chapel
Memory Loss Sing Along	2:00 PM	S-100
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr.
Finance Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	N-218
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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FRIDAY, JULY 19

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site

SATURDAY, JULY 20

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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