



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 28, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Seventh 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

Chorale and chorale prelude on "Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott" (Have mercy on me, O Lord God), BWV 721

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before the Lord and make a path for God's steps.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN 32**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost

**Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin.
You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings.
We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed,
and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings
increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in
Jesus, who provides for our needs.**

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And now may “Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love... that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”(Ephesians. 3:17-18)

With that fullness will come the assurance that God forgives all our sin.

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

(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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The New 23rd"

Ralph Carmichael
(b. 1927)

Marcia Emma Barbiero, soprano

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 88)

Second Lesson: Joshua 24: 14-28

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 268)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Rev. Ruth Elswood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"We Will Serve the Lord"

RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA Book of Confessions)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us

in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—PRAYER AND INVITATION

OFFERTORY "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte
(1895-1964)
Marcia Emma Barbiero, soprano

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN 463** "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
"Toccata on *How Firm a Foundation*" Claude Murphree
(1906–1958)

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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 our parents by Dick and Natalie Oliver.



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, 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).

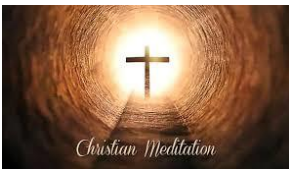
INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

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.

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, August 6, 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.

WELCOME, MARCIA EMMA BARBIERO

We welcome soprano soloist Marcia Emma Barbiero to today's 11:00 service. Marcia moved to St. Petersburg in 2015 from New Haven, Connecticut, and joined our Chancel Choir as the soprano section leader. She most recently sang with the St. Pete Opera's chorus in a production of *Madama Butterfly*.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED



Do you like growing in your faith and sharing that faith? Do you enjoy children? If so, your talents to lead the children's Sunday School class for ages 4 through 7 are needed. The class is currently made up of five delightful and bright children. We are praying for several volunteers who would be willing to commit to a three-month rotation. For more information, please contact Sally Baynard

(salbay@aol.com) and/or Pastor Dawn (dconti@fpc-stpete.org).

JUST ONE MORE BUS DRIVER NEEDED



We are in need of one additional driver to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Blanche in the office at 822-2031 or bganey@fpc-stpete.org

ONLINE GIVING IS A SIMPLE AND EASY PROCESS



Remember, you can make your pledge online. 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 even when you travel. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

SAVE THE DATE

Lakewood Elementary School Lunch Pals mentoring training will take place on Wednesday, September 18, at 1:00

p.m. here at the church. More information will follow.

YOUTH END-OF-SUMMER LOCK-IN FRIDAY, AUGUST 9



It's been a hot summer and as our youth prepare to go back to school, we have organized a youth lock-in for children in 5th – 12th grade. The lock-in will be in the youth center starting Friday the 9th at 5 p.m. until Saturday morning at 7 a.m. If your child or grandchild would like to hang out with us, please contact Dave Aumack at daumack@fpc-stpete.org.

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 28

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 29

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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TUESDAY, JULY 30

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
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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, AUGUST 1

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	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 ♦ 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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