



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 18, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Tenth 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

“Four Chorale Preludes on *Lobe den Herren*” (hymn 35)

Larry Visser

I. In Organo pleno

(b. 1962)

II. Ornamented Chorale

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes us to worship on this new day!

It is a day of new hopes and fresh opportunities!

Let us leave behind our fears and doubts and offer our prayers to God.

God calls us each by name and welcomes us as Christ welcomes the children.

***OPENING HYMN 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, and the peace the world seeks. *(Please take time for silent confession.)*

And all of God's people said: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It's not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE – HYMN 442

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" (v. 1)

WOODWORTH

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

Christie Vetter

(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 138:1-8 (responsively)

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 709)

Second Lesson: Exodus 1:8-22

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 60)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Just Two Midwives?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—PRAYER AND INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Horn Concerto No. 1, Op. 11
II. Andante

Richard Strauss
(1864–1949)

Nick Ivy, horn; Jack Rain, piano

***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 35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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IV. In Organo pleno

Larry Visser

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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 Nancy H. Wedekind by the Wedekind 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: Ruth Bafaro, Ron & Millie Bradley, Katy Churchil, Bob Clark, Kat Cline, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Claire Hoel, Rhys Hogan,

Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Janet Hunter, 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, Tommy McCoun, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Miriam Putney, 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*

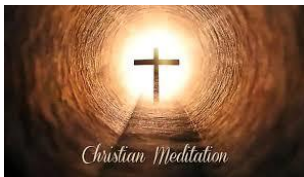
provide us with mailing addresses for

our card ministry. If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION DISCUSSION

In the wake of the two recent mass shootings, our nation once again finds itself mourning the senseless loss of innocent life. In response to these tragedies, we will be holding a five-week study and discussion (using the “Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit” by Presbyterian Peace Fellowship as a resource), on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. – noon, starting on September 18 in Room N-123. If you have any questions, or if you would like to participate in this discussion, please contact **Amy** in the church office at 822-2031 or amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

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 20, 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.

GOD HAS PROVIDED

In 1966, the First Presbyterian congregation marched from its old building to its new site in celebration of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary and in anticipation of fulfilling God’s call to service. Thanks to the generosity of the growing congregation, FPC prudently paid off its construction debt and over the decades built up a cushion of reserve savings for lean times. Historically, FPC has made every effort to pay operating expenses (utilities, personnel costs, supplies, insurance, ongoing maintenance, etc.) using current income from pledges and loose cash contributions. The recent decline in pledge dollars means that we will likely not have enough current income to cover all our expenses for fiscal year 2019-2020. However, through God’s providential care and as has been the case in past lean years, we have on hand enough unrestricted savings to supplement our members’ gifts so that we can sustain and also grow the missions and ministries of the church. Please be assured that while the shortfall in pledges is a concern for

us all, we have adequate resources. We are grateful to our current givers and to the previous generations who helped build our nest egg. Because of them, we can continue to focus on growing God's church, spreading the good news and caring for our congregation and our community through practical, hands-on service.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Children Sunday School teachers needed. For more information, please contact **Sally Baynard** (salbay@aol.com) and/or **Pastor Dawn** (dconti@fpc-stpete.org).

WELCOME NICK IVY AT 11:00 A.M.



Nicholas Ivy is a sophomore at Pinellas County Center of the Arts at Gibbs High School where he studies horn. An active performer, he has been a member of many ensembles, including the Florida All-State Concert Band, Pinellas Youth Symphony, and Kinhaven Symphony Orchestra. A student of Carolyn Wahl, Nicholas plans to pursue horn performance after high school.

PASTOR DAWN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Dawn will be out of the office for the next few weeks on study leave (August 18-24) and then vacation (August 25-September 1). In the event that there is a pastoral emergency during that time, there are two people filling in: Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate (352-278-0757) and Rev. Ken Young (207-841-8562).

August 18-August 21 - Ruth Elswood

August 22-August 24 - Ken Young

August 25-August 28 - Ruth Elswood

August 29-August 31 - Ken Young

You can also call the Church Office at 727-822-2031 during regular business hours.

WE WELCOME BACK OUR DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND!

We would love to have some of our FPC members here to greet the students and their parents on the first day of school! If you would like to join us for this exciting time, please contact **Amy** in the Church Office (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org). You will need to arrive at 8:15 a.m. the morning of the 22nd, and you will report directly to the Day School office.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp 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
Special Called Session Mtg.	10:00 AM	N-123
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	10:30 AM	
Classic Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-105
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Day School Meet & Greet	8:30 AM	F'shp Hall
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
Griefshare Group	10:00 AM	Chapel

Melodies of the Mind		
Sing Along	2:00 PM	Choir Room
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'shp Hall
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Meditation for Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Day School Boo Hoo/Woo		
Hoo Breakfast	8:30 AM	F'shp Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle		
Bible Leader Meeting	11:00 AM	S-100

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Kids' Night Out- KNO	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
AI-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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