



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 25, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Eleventh 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

"The Ash Grove (hymn 37)

John Longhurst
(b. 1940)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God,

Whose mercy is everlasting;

And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*OPENING HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ken Young

With Christ as our hope, O God, we stand at the gates of your sanctuary seeking your pardon. We confess that we have not worshipped you alone. Life makes its demands and we push you to the margins. You are for leisure moments, when our own work is done. Forgive us for our small minds and mistaken priorities. Restore in us the sense of your greatness and your ultimate claim upon our lives.

(Please take time for silent confession.)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! For the sake of Christ's reconciling work, God will no more remember our sins or the sinfulness with which we have to struggle throughout our lives.

God graciously imparts to us the righteousness of Christ so that we may never come into condemnation. 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

(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

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

Samuel Liddle
(1867–1951)

Erin McGilvrey, soprano; Jack Rain, piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 71:1-6

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 654)

Second Lesson: Luke 13: 10-17

Rev. Ruth Elswood

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 92)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Faith and Character: Compassion”

Rev. Ruth Elswood

RESPONSE

FROM: CONFESSION OF 1967

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men [and women] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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

“Im Abendrot” (At Sunset)

Franz Schubert
(1797–1828)

Erin McGilvrey, soprano; 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 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Finale in B-flat”

Dom Andrew Moore
(b. 1954)

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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 Clayton Tuthill by Gwen Tuthill.



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, Johnny Miller, Jr., 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).

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Margie Laughlin and Scott Laughlin and the Laughlin family on the death of daughter and sister, Jessica Laughlin Lunsford.

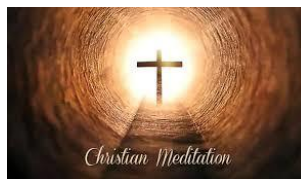
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION DISCUSSION

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. to 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 amy@fpc-stpete.org.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND TOWN HALL MEETING

Please join us Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. *See insert for additional information and to sign up for dinner.*

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



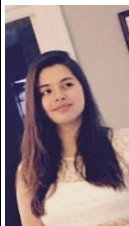
You will feel warmly welcomed when you come to meditation in

a small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FOR 2019-2020

Our study this year is “**Loved Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,**” an exploration of the Ten Commandments from a new perspective. *See insert for additional information.*

WELCOME, SOPRANO ERIN MCGILVREY



This Sunday we welcome soprano and senior student at Pinellas County Center for the Arts, Erin McGilvrey. Erin regularly performs as a soloist and ensemble member in the local community. Erin is

the granddaughter of First Presbyterian Church members James and Iberia Johnston.

CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT KICKOFF PARTY

On Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. we will have our annual Music Department Kickoff Picnic at Barbara Mauger's House (5034 33rd Ave. N.). Please bring a covered dish to share and a beverage if you would like something other than tea or soda. Everyone involved in the music of our church from the chancel choir, praise band, bell choir, and office staff are invited as well as their friends and family.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR

A new season of church music will begin soon as our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir members return from their summer hiatus. The Chancel Choir invites you to join us for our rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room and in the choir loft on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. service. Our Bell Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and plays during the 11:00 a.m. service throughout the

liturgical year. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these ensembles, please contact **Matthew Clear**, Director of Traditional Worship Music and the Arts at mclear@fpc-stpete.org

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SEPTEMBER 10

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., September 10—December 17, in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church and will be led by our Parish Associate, **Rev. Ruth Elswood**. If you wish to attend the group or have questions, please e-mail relswood@fpc-stpete.org (your information will remain confidential). Or you may just show up at any of the meetings. Attendance is open to everyone.

YOGA WITH ADAM HIGMAN RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Class is every Sunday from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. in fellowship hall. *See insert for additional information.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-105
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women		
Coordinating Team Meeting	9:30 AM	S-100

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
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
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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 ♦ 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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