



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twelfth 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

"Prelude on *O Waly, Waly*" (An Upper Room Did Our
Lord Prepare, hymn 202)

Joyce Jones
(b. 1933)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise our God, all you servants of the Lord, and all who fear God, small and great.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory. (Revelation 19:5-7)

*OPENING HYMN 625

"O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol Gruszka

Eternal Judge, cleanse our hearts of any ill will we may hold against neighbors. When they do not think as we do, we often judge them unenlightened. If they behave differently, we pin labels on them. We choose as our guests those we deem worthy of places of honor within our households. Yet through Christ you opened heaven to all without regard to their status in society. Forgive our inability to do the same, and save us from all pride and prejudice in our dealings with your children. (Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, recall the words of Scripture. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." It is Christ who said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." So, come to Christ and there find the assurance that in confessing our sin, we are forgiven.

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

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

Gay Wasik-Zegel

(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: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 276)

Second Lesson: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Rev. Ruth Elswood

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 94)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Faith and Character: Humility”

Rev. Ruth Elswood

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (*by intinction*)

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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O God of mercy and might...*minister continues*...and so, with all the company of heaven and earth, we praise your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God...*minister continues*...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS – PRAYER & INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Violin Concert No. 4 in D Major, K. 218

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. "Allegro"

(1756–1791)

Emma Harrison, violin; 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 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise" (hymn 49)

G. Winston Cassler
(1906–1990)

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 loving appreciation for our church home and family for the past 20 years by Janice and Covington Sharp.



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.



Janet Hunter

August 23, 2019

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, 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, Johnny Miller, Jr., Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Peter Pav, 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 Bill and the Hunter family on the death of Janet Hunter and to Vivian Ramírez and family on the death of José Pepe Ramírez.

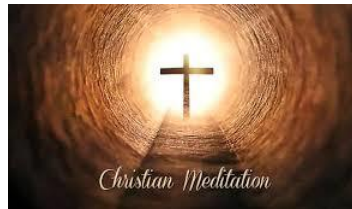
**RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY
ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.**

We will officially start fall church programs next Sunday. Many of our friends and church family members have returned and we are getting back into full swing. Welcome back snowbirds! There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. After service there will be an all-church gathering with light refreshments. Come and meet committee members, church officers and Sunday school teachers to name a few.

**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 the 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 **"Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,"** an exploration of the Ten Commandments from a new perspective.

**WELCOME, EMMA HARRISON,
VIOLINIST**



Emma Harrison began studying the violin at the age of 3. Since starting as a student of the Suzuki method, Emma has

played in the Pinellas Youth

Philharmonic and Pinellas Youth Symphony for a total of 5 years. This fall, she will be playing alongside the Tampa Bay Symphony as well. Currently, Emma attends the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) at Gibbs High School and studies with her private teacher, Lei Liu, second assistant concertmaster of the Florida Orchestra.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR



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

STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE AFTER PEOPLE

What is a Stephen Minister? One way to define them is that they are the "After People." Stephen Ministers are there *After* the phone call you hoped you'd never get. *After* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you held at bay come crashing down. *After* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home." *After* the last child waves and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty. *After* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out. Contact **Pastor Dawn, Ginger McCoy**, 804-2429 or **Terry Schoenberg**, 667-1023. Stephen Ministers are the *After People, ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.*

WANT TO BECOME A LUNCH PAL AT LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Lunch Pals is a mentoring program to provide students with an additional presence of a caring, consistent, and committed adult in their lives. *See insert for additional information.*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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
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
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY

Church Office closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

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
Meditation for Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Special Called Session Mtg.	7:00 PM	S-100
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
MOPS	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Associate Pastor Search		
Committee Mtg.	6:30 PM	S-100
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Worship Planning Meeting	3:30 PM	Pastors Stdy
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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, SEPTEMBER 7

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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