



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and Fughetta"

Healey Willan

"Lobt Gott, ihr Christen" (Praise God, You Christians)

(1880–1969)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are a God of invitation.

You invited Abraham to follow you.

You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

You invited the children to draw near.

You invited Peter to walk on water.

You invited the tax collector to dinner.

You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

Give us the strength to say yes.
Let us worship good and holy God.

INTROIT

“We’re Free”
Chancel Choir

Kevin Caparotta

We belong with each other and together we’re free. If we all stand together, we’re free. Sharing love with each other, with our sisters and brothers, if we all stand together, we’re free.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 837**

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fran Sims

God of the wind and the sea, you invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we’d rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that. You invite us to move - to change and take a risk - but we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isa. 43:18-19) Friends, believe the good news:

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

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE – HYMN 443

“There is a Redeemer” (v. 1)

GREEN

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Dr. Dawn Conti

(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.)

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.

*** HYMN 410**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 105: 1-4, 12-28

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 683)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 19)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Get Out of the Boat!”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

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.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—PRAYER AND INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**“In You We Live”
Chancel Choir**

Hilton Kean Jones

In you we live, and move and have our being; for it is you who gives us life and breath. You made us all that we may seek and find your love, which is not far from any human heart. Through you we live, with you we live. As we love you, know you, serve and praise you, in you we live. You made the world and ev’rything within it. You do not live in idols made by hands, but rather it is we who dwell within your love: It is not we who made ourselves, but you. O Lord, you fixed a day when you shall triumph. You have appointed Christ to be our judge. This one you raised from death to show your pow’r and love, that we may follow you and live at last.

***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

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Ellacombe” (hymn 32)

**Albert L. Travis
(b. 1940)**

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. G. Dwight Conrad by Ruth Conrad and Martha & Tom D'Angelo.



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, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Richard Kirsch, 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, Jane Snoke, Nikki Stubbs, Laura Unger.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Brian Herzik,



USA, LTC, 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.

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, October 1, 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.

8:15 COMMUNION SERVICE RESUMES OCTOBER 13



Fall is right around the corner and with it comes our 8:15 a.m. service. This service is held in the Chapel.

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 are 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, 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE THIS WEEK



There are two great classes being offered on Wednesday night as well as a great home-cooked meal.

Please see insert for additional information and to RSVP.

SPECIAL OUT-OF-THE-BOX WORSHIP SERVICE OCTOBER 5



Please make plans to join us for this special worship service Saturday,

October 5, at 5 p.m. in fellowship hall. See insert for additional information.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the two newly commissioned Stephen Leaders, Chris Agee and Ann Krueger.



The additional active FPC Stephen Ministers are Bill Shelton, Dottie Young, Judie Underwood, Petra Garnett, Susan Schoenberg, and Marilyn Mulcahy. Advising and assisting them is Pastor Ruth Elswood. FPC thanks you for all you do.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 10:00 A.M.



First Presbyterian Church is having its second annual blessing of the animals, and we

hope you will invite your friends and family to join us and bring their adorable animals. We have pet-minded vendors scheduled to attend with great giveaways, and our amazing praise band will be onsite to entertain.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAYS



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to

help you rebuild your life. If you wish to attend the group or have questions, please e-mail relswood@fpc-stpete.org

FAITH & FICTION RESUMES OCT 7

All Faith and Fiction meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in classroom N-123. For a list of the books for this year, visit the church website: www.fpcstpete.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-218
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123
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 with choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-106
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Session Members Social Hour	6:00 PM	Off-site
Session Meeting	7:00 PM	N-123

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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
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, SEPTEMBER 25

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Gun Violence Prevention	10:30 AM	N-123
Children's Music	5:00 PM	Choir Room
WNL Dinner	5:30 PM	F'shp Hall
Bible Study with Ruth	6:00 PM	F'shp Hall
Bible Study with Dave	6:00 PM	S-100
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle		
Bible Leader Meetings	11:00 AM	S-100
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	F'shp Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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 28

Day School Playtime on the		
Playground	10:30 AM	Playground
Presbyterian Women Opening		
Meeting	10:30 AM	F'shp Hall
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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