



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 13, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-eighth 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

"Aria"

Harold Heeremans
(1900–1997)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

Sometimes God takes us where we don't expect.

In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger narrative.

In worship, we gather to expand our hearts.

So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

Let us worship the God of love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

LLANFAIR

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ken Young

Creator God, being faithful has never been easy. You asked Noah to build a ship. You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and, as a result, we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE – HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision” (v. 1)

SLANE

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Diane Zuercher

(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.)

* HYMN 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 111

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 691)

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-7

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 894)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Plant Gardens & Build Houses”

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.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER

Dawn Conti & Karen Kisten, Elder

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Anne Osborne

Volunteer Director of Westminster Palms

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—PRAYER AND INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“All That I Am”

William Grant Still

Chancel Choir

All that I am, all I ever can be I owe to you, Lord, for you have molded me. All that I have, all that I call mine I owe to you, Lord, for all things are thine. You are the source of light: light that's offered all men. In your wisdom you give to each his due. You are the source of love: love that binds in brotherhood. In your love and mercy I find lasting peace. All that I love, all that's dear to me, all of my blessings

come, my Lord, from thee. All that I own, all that belongs to me, all I surrender, my Lord, to thee.

***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 41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

LYONS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Llanfair” (hymn 33)

Albert L. Travis
(b. 1940)

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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 memory of Betty Simpson by her daughter Linda Ford.



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, 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!

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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS



See an usher if you need a large-print bulletin or hymns. Each week we have large print copies of the bulletin and hymns available at the back of the church.

WELCOME ANNE OSBORNE

A major part of Anne's role at Westminster Palms is to find people from the outside community who want



to share a part of themselves with the Palms residents. With a Masters in Counseling and a background as a child and family therapist, Anne does outreach in the St. Pete community with a goal of attracting new volunteers. The next step is to match the volunteer's interest, skill and hobbies with the needs of the community. And when it's a good fit, it's a win-win for all. *See insert for additional information.*

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 15, 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 HERITAGE SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27



On October 27 we will celebrate Presbyterian Heritage Sunday. There will be an outdoor solo bagpipe

concert for those leaving our 9:00 a.m. contemporary worship and those arriving for Sunday School. If you have Scottish attire, you are invited to wear it to church on that day.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday, October 27



Our annual trunk or treat and chili cook-off will be held Sunday, October 27, at 5:00 p.m. This is a wonderful

opportunity for outreach for our church. Let's make a good impression by supporting this event. Please see the enclosed insert for more information on how you can sign up.

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.*

CANDY NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT



You will find collection baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall for your individually wrapped candy donations. We want this year's trunk or treat to be one of the best, so please bring individually wrapped candy for our Sunday, October 27, trunk or treat event.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION DISCUSSION

Join us 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.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. If you wish to attend the group or have questions, please e-mail relswood@fpc-stpete.org.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'ship 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, OCTOBER 14

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 3	9:30 AM	Off-site
PW Circle 6	10:00 AM	S-100
Personnel Admin Committee Meeting	5:00 PM	Pastors Stdy
Deacon Meeting	5:30 PM	S-100
All Committees Gathering	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Committee Meetings	7:00 PM	Campus

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Girl Scouts Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Meditation For Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
MOPS	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
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, OCTOBER 17

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	F'shp Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

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
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

POPS in the park		
Day School Parking	5:00 PM	Parking Lot
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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