



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

October 27, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Reformation Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### 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

“Fantasy on *Een Vaste Burg is onze God*” (A Mighty  
Fortress Is Our God, hymn 275)  
Jack Rain, organ

Jan Zwart  
(1877–1937)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us,  
showing us the way with their lives.

**We come to give thanks for them.**

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the  
call of God, saying, “Here I am! Send me!”

**We come to ask for guidance and courage.**

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

**We come to worship the Holy God.**

**BAGPIPES PROCESSIONAL**

St. Andrew's Drums and Bagpipes

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!"

HYMN TO JOY

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Susan Schlecht

**Loving God, whose gentle touch can carefully guide the restoration of unity: Help us along our journey towards peace. Forgive us for the times when we do not do the hard work required to honor our covenants with one another. Always allow your touch to be stronger than the resistance that we might give to it. Open our eyes to the cloud of witnesses who have come before us and worked towards a shared vision of shalom. Steer us to learn from both their successes and their failures. Do not give up on us, even when we stumble. Help us to love others as you love us—now and always. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10; cf. Exod. 19:6)  
**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

## **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**

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

St. Andrew's Drums and Bagpipes

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 192)

Second Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 42)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SERMON**

"God Meant It For Good"

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.**

## **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—PRAYER AND INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      “Brother James’s Air”    James Leith Macbeth Bain  
arr. Mack Wilberg

### Chancel Choir

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want, He makes me down to lie in pastures green: He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e’en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

### **\*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 275**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

### **BAGPIPES RECESSIONAL**

St. Andrew’s Drums and Bagpipes

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Mighty  
Fortress Is Our God)

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653–1706)

October 27, 2019

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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](http://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.

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

**The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernst Duttweiler, by his nephew Roy.**



**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, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Johnny Miller, Jr., Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, 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; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Taina Specie, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

**WELCOME OUR RECENTLY HIRED  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER,  
KEVIN CLARK**



Trumpeter Kevin D. Clark is an active freelance musician, educator, and clinician. He studied music education at Northwestern State

University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and trumpet performance at the University of North Texas. Kevin has toured Europe with the Texas/Florida Baroque Trumpet Ensemble and has performed in over 70 musical theater productions serving as musician, musical director, as well as on-stage performer. From 2005-2008, he was a musical director for Carnival Cruise Lines. A military veteran, he was a ceremonial bandleader and trumpeter in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

**NOVEMBER 3, THERE WILL BE ONLY  
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.**

Sunday, November 3, we will have only one service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Immediately following the service, we will have an appreciation brunch. We are very thankful for your

generous gifts of your time, talents and treasures to FPC. *See insert to sign up and 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 29, 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](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

**TRUNK OR TREAT AND  
CHILI COOK-OFF  
THIS EVENING**



Our annual trunk or treat and chili cook-off is today 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.

## PHANTOM PIPE SCREAMS



The annual Halloween concert sponsored

by the St. Petersburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held this Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (467 1st Ave N). Our own Jack Rain will be performing morbid and spooky music along with 5 other local organists. Children and adults are encouraged to attend in costume. There will be a sing-along, a costume contest with prizes, and a grand reception afterwards.

## PLANNING NOW FOR 2020 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP



Put June 7-14, 2020 on your

calendar for our Honduras Mission trip. We have our plane reservations set and are ready to add you to our team! For more information and questions, contact Susan Schlecht at 735-5332 or [schlecht21975@gmail.com](mailto:schlecht21975@gmail.com).

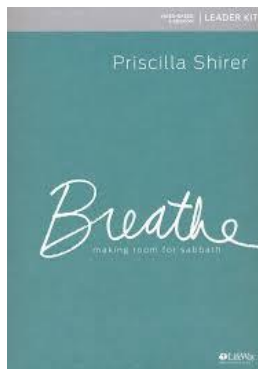
## GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY



Join us 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](mailto:relswood@fpc-stpete.org)

## ***BREATHE—MAKING ROOM FOR SABBATH*** **A PRISCILLA SHIRER** **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** **NOVEMBER 5—DECEMBER 3**



One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in

bondage to busyness. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath can change your life. Join us at either 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the youth center. If you have questions, please contact April Hussung 420-1758 or [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com).

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

<b>Communion Worship</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>F'ship Hall</b>
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	
<b>Classic Worship with choir</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-106
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Trunk or Treat	5:00 PM	Grass lot
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM	N-123

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Session Members' Social Hour	6:00 PM	Off-site
Session Opening Service	7:00 PM	Chapel
Session Meeting	7:30 PM	N-123

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Griefshare Group	10:00 AM	Chapel
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room

Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Girl Scouts Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Meditation for Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle		
Bible Leaders Meeting	11:00 AM	S-100
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	F'ship Hall

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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, NOVEMBER 2

Beats by the Bay Concert		
FFIM Parking	5:00 PM	Parking lots
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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