



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Veterans' Day Sunday

Thirty-second 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

“Variations on the Navy Hymn” (hymn and variations
I--IV)

Michael Joseph
(b. 1955)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

With extravagant joy, we welcome one another.
How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

Happy are those who live in God's house!

Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.

Here we welcome both friend and stranger.

All peoples of the earth are God's children.

We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.

Together we honor the name of God.

Open your hearts to receive new strength.

Open your lives to renewed understandings.

Surely God will equip us.

We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 337**

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

AMERICA

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Garnett

Alert us now, Holy Spirit, to your presence among us in this place.

Together, we confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten you. We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend you. We have forgotten that your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those who daily find their strength in the living God, seeking to walk uprightly. Happy are those who trust in God, who sincerely and truthfully seek to serve where God needs them most. God redeems us, whatever our circumstances, lifting our spirits, even when our bodies are in chains. May we serve boldly as ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the Good News: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE – HYMN 438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (v. 1)

TOPLADY

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 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 84 (responsively)

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 667)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 238)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Sacrifice”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

APOSTLES’ CREED (hymnal p. 35)

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS AND MILITARY CURRENTLY SERVING

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Servant Song”

Richard Gilliard

Chancel Choir

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. We are pilgrims on a journey; we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your

fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we will find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

***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 8**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on *America the Beautiful*”

John S. Dixon
(b. 1957)

November 17, 2019

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 Rodney Glover, Jr. by Nina Glover.



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; 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 **Christie Vetter**, friends and family on the death of Amanda Kraskowski.

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.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER? PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, NOV. 17, AT 12:30 P.M.



You can't argue that church membership helps keep us accountable. When we join, we are offering ourselves to each other to be encouraged, to serve God and to be served by others in times of need. FPC St. Pete is a warm, welcoming body of Christians that would welcome your membership! On Sunday, November 17, at 12:30 p.m., join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon where you'll learn all about our faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to join and be a part of downtown St. Pete's most

welcoming church! Reserve a spot by calling the church office at 727-822-2031. Call **Karen Mossman** 727-400-5079 with questions.

**PIANO PERFECTION CONCERT
NOVEMBER 17**



Our inaugural concert in this year's concert series features local pianist Vanessa Wei performing classical piano repertoire on the Steinway concert grand piano in our sanctuary at 4 p.m.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The Associate Pastor Nominating (Search) Committee started work on September 4, on the process of finding an associate pastor for FPC. *See insert to learn more about the process.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – NOV. 26

FPC will worship together with three other St. Pete congregations (Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist, and St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral) in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 26, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church (212 3rd St. N.). The FPC chancel choir will be singing, and everyone at FPC is

encouraged to attend. *See insert for additional information and to sign up for the bus.*

TRIGGER: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GUN VIOLENCE MOVIE TODAY AT 1:30 P.M.



This movie addresses the critical issue of gun violence

prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward. Join us today at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center or Wednesday the 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

ST. PETE FUN RUN

NEXT SUNDAY ONLY TWO SERVICES



Due to the Fun Run, there **will not** be a 9:00 a.m. service on the 17th. We will have the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, the 17th. We are hoping many of our members will volunteer to assist runners by handing out water as they pass the church on North Shore Drive. There are two ways to participate as a volunteer: Be an official water stop volunteer or show up to cheer the runners and show community spirit!

CHRISTMAS GREENS

Christmas is almost here, and it is time to decorate the church. If you would like to make a donation to help decorate our church in memory of or in honor of a loved one or a friend, please fill out the green envelope in the pews and put it in the offering plate. Be sure to designate the individual to be honored or memorialized on the outside of the envelope. An insert listing the names of those honored or remembered will be compiled for inclusion in the bulletin.

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, November 12, 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).

MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS

ANNUAL CONCERT SUNDAY, DEC 15

We are extremely excited to announce our annual celebration of The Many Moods of Christmas and invite you to join us for this beloved event.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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
Trigger: The Ripple 'Effect of Gun Violence' movie	1:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 3	9:30 AM	Off-site
PW Circle 6	10:00 AM	S-100
Day School Committee Meeting	4:30 PM	Day School
Deacon Meeting	5:30 PM	S-100
All Committee Meeting Gathering	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
All Committee Meetings	7:00 PM	Campus

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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
Personnel Admin Committee Meeting	5:00 PM	Pastors Stdy
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Girl Scouts Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Meditation For Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	Off-site
Children's Music	5:00 PM	Choir Room
Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Day School Elementary Expo	8:45 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Chancel Bells	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	F'ship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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 16

Officer Training	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
Kids' Night Out	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 ♦ Kevin Clark, Contemporary
Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev. Ruth Elsworth, 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 ♦
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