



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Thirty-third 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 No. 2," Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

For God loves us just as we are.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**For all of us are welcome here—scars and fears, depression and doubt,
hope and joy, light and laughter.**

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jarryd Lunger

Gracious God, we admit that there are things we sweep under the rug—shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities. We know that is not what you want for us, for Jesus loved the healthy and the sick parts of everyone. With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias. God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way. Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others, simply for being human. You long for better, and we long for you. Gratefully we pray. *(Please take time for silent confession.)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has now performed what was promised from the beginning of the world, giving us the only Son, and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life. *(Second Helvetic Confession, 5.089)* Friends, believe the Good News:

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

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Impromptu in A-flat Major,” Op.142, No. 2
Vanessa Wei, Piano

Franz Schubert

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 113
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 692)

Second Lesson: Mark 5:1-20
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 47)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “What About the Pigs?”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (*Matthew 22:27–40*)

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Matt Clear

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“He Watching Over Israel”

Felix Mendelssohn

from *Elijah*

Chancel Choir

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken 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 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso e vivace” from *Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

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 honor of veterans and those serving our country

around the world by Gene and Natalie Oliver.

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, Taffey Lichter, 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, Allen & Jean Schultz, 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).

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS

Large Print

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.

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* TODAY, 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! Today, 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 TODAY AT 4 P.M.



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.

OFFICER. WILLIAM "CHIP" WELLS SPEAKING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Chip Wells has been a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department for almost 35 years. For almost 22 years he has been specializing in security and crime prevention education. Currently, he does all of the active shooter and workplace violence training in and for

the City of St. Petersburg. *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, December 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 26

First Presbyterian Church 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.*

CHRISTMAS GREENS DONATIONS



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.

DON'T FORGET THE ST. PETE FREE CLINIC

There is never a greater need for donations of food than during the holiday season. This year has become especially important since the need is greater than ever. First Presbyterian has food collection bins in fellowship hall and the main sanctuary (under the north steps to the balcony). The St. Petersburg Free Clinic picks up the donations and distributes the food to those in need and other charitable organizations.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

ST. PETE RUN FEST MARATHON SUNDAY

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
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
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
Prospective New Member Luncheon	12:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Piano Perfection Concert	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100
PW Circle 10	7:00 PM	S-100
PW Circle 9	7:30 PM	Off-site

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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
Surviving the Holidays	10:00 AM	Chapel
Melodies of the Mind		
Sing Along	2:00 PM	Choir Room
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Finance Committee	6:30 PM	N-218
Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	S-100

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
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
MOPS	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Children's Music	5:00 PM	Choir Room
WNL Dinner	5:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Discussion with Ofc Wm "Chip" Wells	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Day School Elementary Expo	8:45 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle		
Bible Leader Meetings	11:00 AM	S-100
Chancel Bells	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, NOVEMBER 22

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 23

Laugh Your Way to A Better Marriage	1:00 PM	F'ship Hall
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 ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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