



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

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

Three settings on the chorale Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679–1735)
“Nun danket alle Gott” (hymn 643) Marcel Dupré (1886–1971))
Max Reger (1873–1916)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people of faith and hope.

God has looked on us with great favor.

God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.

God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.

God gives light to those who live in the shadows.

God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.

We are eager to give our best to God in return.

By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.

God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

Praise God for signs and wonders around us.

Praise God for peace and reconciliation.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten

Many times you have rescued us, O God. Yet we continue to wander away from your vision for us. We claim to be followers of Jesus, but we do not speak up when he is mocked. We do not respond when he summons us from the perilous byways we have chosen. Our words and deeds deny the faith we proclaim. God of all nations, deliver us from misplaced loyalties and unacknowledged sin. Forgive our foolish ways. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ has claimed for us God’s forgiveness and restoration to full partnership. Christ’s promises are for today as well as for unknown tomorrows. We have been rescued from enemy hands, that we might serve God without fear. We are citizens of God’s realm, where Jesus reigns in the triumphant power of love. Give joyful thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints.

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

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.)

* SPECIAL MUSIC

“Et in Spiritum Sanctum” from *Mass in B Minor*

J.S. Bach

Christopher Holloway, Baritone

Amy Collins, oboe; Victoria López, oboe; Jack Rain, organ

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 887)

Second Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 108)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“What Kind of King Is This?”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH #2 (hymnal, p. 37)

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS — Men’s Meal Ministry

Brad Hussung

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come Thou Fount”

arr. Bob Krogstad

Chancel Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy,

never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Amen.

***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 363**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King”

Jacob B. Weber

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FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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



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:



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.

**NO GRIEFSHARE THIS WEEK;
WE WILL RESUME DECEMBER 3.**

**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!

**DECEMBER 8, ONE COMBINED
SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
AT 10:00 A.M.**

We are excited to have this opportunity to all be together to show radical hospitality to our Day School families on Sunday the 8th at 10:00.a.m. After our service in the Sanctuary, we will have a delicious pancake breakfast that will be prepared by our own Men's Meal Ministry in the Fellowship Hall. While the breakfast is going on, the

children will get a visit from Santa and will also enjoy games and crafts. What a wonderful way to kick off the season! Please invite friends and families to this great event. Your grands and great-grands are invited to join our Day School children.

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
TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 P.M.**

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, 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.

GIFT CARDS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



How amazing is our FPC congregation! Because of you, we were able to deliver **99** gift cards to

Lakewood Elementary. Please know your donation will make the meaning of Thanksgiving come alive for many less-fortunate families from our Lakewood community who possibly might not have even had a meal. The school is pleased to be able to help so many families. The mission committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. Thank you, Melody Proud, for the lovely card (shown above) that housed each gift card.

ST. PETERSBURG FREE CLINIC NEEDS YOUR HELP



Food donations are always welcome for the Free Clinic. FPC has food collection

bins in the Fellowship Hall and in the main Sanctuary (under the steps to the north balcony). The St. Petersburg Free Clinic picks up the donations and distributes the food to those in need.

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.

MEN'S MEAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your church's Men's Meal Ministry, led by Peter Bardin and Brad Hussung, has been overseeing this mission outreach for several years. But your help is needed. Less than \$500 a month is spent, which breaks down to approximately \$2.50 per meal. Please consider making a contribution to help us continue feeding the less fortunate in our midst. Simply include "Men's Meal Ministry" on your check and know that it will make a difference!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-120
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 Transportation from Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Suncoast	10:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from Presbyterian Towers	10:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from 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-108
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Child Care
Session Members' Social Hour	6:00 PM	Off-site
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 pm	F'ship Hall
Security Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	N-123
Session Opening Service	7:00 PM	Chapel
Session Meeting	7:30 PM	Chapel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Girl Scouts Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service	7:00 PM	Off-site
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Child Care
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Church Office Closed		
Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Santa Parade—Day School		
Parking	6:00 PM	
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 Elswood, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Amy Grossenbacher, Admin. Asst. ♦ Stacey Ramírez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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