



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

"Picardy" from *Meditations on Communion Hymns*
(Advent hymn 347)

Leo Sowerby
(1895–1968)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awaken to a season of anticipation.

God is offering peace within and among us.

How good it is to gather in God's house!

God draws us together for this time of worship.

God calls us to celebrate our diversity.

Differences shall no longer divide us.

We want to see one another through God's eyes.

We will look for the good in our neighbors.

Seek the highest and best for each other.
Come to the mountain of God's love.
We will follow in the paths where God leads.
Our ears are open to hear God's instructions!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 82**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Matthew Clear & Jarryd Lunger

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Roy Duttweiler

Eternal God, you have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape your judgment of our hidden deceptions. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways you intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us toward the paths where you want to lead us.

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of God comes to us for our instruction. The forgiveness of God prompts our thanksgiving. The peace of God turns us from our weapons of destruction to fashion instruments of sharing. God's will for us is security and peace in a community of mutual caring. We are offered this pathway to true prosperity, seeking one another's good. Let us put on Jesus Christ that others may discern Christ's coming through us.

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE—HYMN 132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 3)

IN DULCI JUBILO

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Gay Wasik-Zegel

(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.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 773)

Second Lesson: Psalm 122

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 702)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Dr. Dawn Conti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"God's Promised Day Can't Wait"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NICENE CREED (hymnal, p. 34)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly . . . in the eternal hymn:

Hymn 1 (v. 4) "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

You are holy...and the Spirit

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

December 1, 2019

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, 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 Snoko, 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.

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.

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE



As you begin writing your Christmas cards this season, please consider bringing a card for the Pastor's Christmas tree and enclosing a donation for the Pastor's

Assistance Fund, which provides confidential financial support throughout the year to members of our congregation and others recommended by local social services to pay for utility bills, medical needs, shelter, and other necessities. Each Sunday in December, members of the Mission Ministry will be available at the basket in the fellowship hall and at the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary following the 9:00 and 11:00 services, respectively, to take your donations and hang your cards. They will also provide a card if you need one.

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



We are excited to have this opportunity for all to 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 fellowship hall. While the breakfast is going on, the children will get a visit from Santa and will also enjoy a time to make a craft. What a wonderful way to kick off the season! Please invite friends and families to this great event. Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren are invited to join our Day School kids.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



GriefShare is a special seminar and support group designed to help you

rebuild your life. Holidays are a wonderful time, but for some it is a difficult time. Our Griefshare group is in place to help you navigate the difficult times. 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

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** (cmaddux@maddux.com or 727-504-8201). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

PASSING OF THE PEACE DONE DIFFERENTLY DURING FLU SEASON



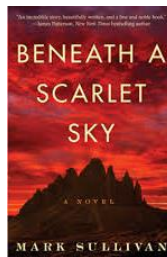
Flu season is here, and instead of shaking hands during the passing of the peace, the worship band inspired the congregation to “elbow bump” each other instead of shaking hands. Pictured above “elbow bumping” each other in peace is **Chris Mossman** and **Taina Specie**. And yes that is a coffee cup in Chris Mossman’s hand. Coffee is available during the 9 a.m. worship.

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.

FAITH & FICTION TOMORROW NIGHT



Join us as we discuss *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. All Faith and Fiction meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in classroom N-123. For a list of the books for this year, visit the church website: www.fpcstpete.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, December 2

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women		
Coordinating Team Meeting	9:00 AM	S-100
FFIM Board Meeting	12:00 PM	N-123
Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100
Security Team Meeting	7:00 PM	S-100

Faith and Fiction 7:30 PM N-123

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
MOPS	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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	6:30 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Child Care
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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