



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 5, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Sunday 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

"Improvisation on *We Three Kings*" (hymn 151)

David Justin Holden
(1911–1996)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE—HYMN 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
(v. 1 choir first, then congregation)

GLORY TO GOD

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: Psalm 147:12-20

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 716)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 234)

Becky Higman

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Tell Us Who God Is—
and Who We Are, too”

Becky Higman

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, APOSTLES’ CREED (hymnal, p. 35)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great 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 . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

LAND OF REST

You are holy...and the Spirit.

Hymn 553

“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

LAND OF REST

Pour out your Holy Spirit...now and forever. **Amen**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain” Carolyn Jennings
Chancel Choir

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will carry the lambs in his arms; he will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven; he who fashioned the earth and the sea; from time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory; he will rule with mercy and truth. Hope of the nations; Light of all the world. He will love the little children; he will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child. Behold your Lord comes to you. Trust him as a child.

*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 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Av høyheten opprunnen er” (Arisen from on high;
Epiphany hymn 827)

Egil Hovland
(1924–2013)

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, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Rhys Hogan, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie 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, 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).

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.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS

**Large
Print**

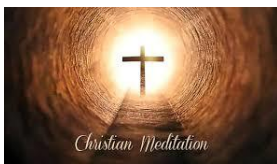
See an usher if you need a large-print bulletin or hymns. Each week we have large-print copies of the bulletin and hymns available at the back of the church.

GRIEF SHARE STARTS UP AGAIN TODAY



GriefShare will begin today. Each week we will offer two sessions of this support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will meet Sundays from 4–5:30 p.m. beginning today, and Tuesdays from 10–11:30 a.m. beginning January 7. Both groups will meet in the Chapel. For more information, contact **Ruth Elswood** at 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, January 7, 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 BON VOYAGE CONCERT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12



The Orchestra and Vox Nova Chamber Choir from Pinellas County Center for the Arts have

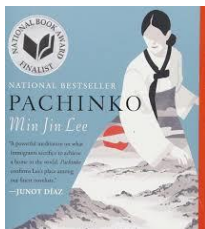
been selected to perform a concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. This hour-long concert here in our Sanctuary on Sunday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m. provides an opportunity for our local community to hear the performance the PCCA ensembles will give while representing us on the national stage. Wish these outstanding young musicians happy travels as they embark on their tour with memories to last a lifetime!

PASSING OF THE PEACE DONE DIFFERENTLY DURING FLU SEASON



An “elbow bump” can be safer than a handshake at this time of year.

FAITH & FICTION TOMORROW NIGHT



Join us as we discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE STARTS UP JANUARY 8

Plan to join the discussions. *See insert for class offerings and to sign up.*

PROPERTY SECURITY TEAM MEETING
A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. —Proverbs 22:3



Another church shooting recently occurred. There was loss of life, but fortunately there were

trained members who knew what to do. Church Leadership has requested a committee here at FPC to determine how best to protect the congregation from unwanted disturbances. Your attendance is important for the welfare of our church and our friends. The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 6, in

Room S-100 at 7 p.m. Any questions can be directed to Dick Luehrs at 866-7965 or dicklu@windstream.net

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COMES TO FPC!



Beginning Wednesday, January 8, you will have the opportunity to “Start Winning with Money,” using the step-by-step plan,

taught through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. Former FPC member Craig Kilroy will teach the 9-week course that has helped thousands increase their financial security. *See insert for additional information.*

PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



Remember, you can make your pledge and other giving online even when you are out of town. Many of our members give faithfully online through the convenience of online giving. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

GriefShare 4:00 PM Chapel

Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr

Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team Meeting 9:00 AM S-100

Stephen Ministry Meeting 5:00 PM S-100

FPC Security Committee 7:00 PM S-100

Faith and Fiction 7:30 PM N-123

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Day School Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo

Breakfast 8:45 AM F'ship Hall

Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM S-100

GriefShare 10:00 AM Chapel

Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218

Associate Pastor Search
Committee Meeting 6:30 PM S-100

Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 PM F'ship Hall

Meditation For Christians 7:00 PM Chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-123

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Day School Chapel 9:00 AM F'ship Hall

PW Circle 12 11:30 AM Off-site

WNL Children's Music 5:00 PM Choir Room

WNL Dinner 5:30 PM F'ship Hall

Financial Peace 6:00 PM Chapel

AA for Women 7:00 PM N-123

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Presbyterian Women Circle
Bible Leader Meeting 11:00 AM S-100

Chancel Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room

Girl Scouts Troop 560 6:30 PM S-206

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123

Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Off-site

Girl Scout Troop 560 6:30 PM S-206

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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 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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