



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 12, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

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

“At the River” (hymn 375)

George Baker
(b. 1951)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord—to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek the face of the Lord.”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 156**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son and restore us to fellowship with him. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Whoever follows the Christ will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. He has come as light into the world so that whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness. Come now to that light, for in him we are restored and forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE—HYMN 582

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

GLORY TO GOD

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.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 780)

Second Lesson: Matthew 4: 18-22

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 4)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Following and Fishing”

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“River in Judea”

arr. John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night, I hear it singing; then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. I believe it keeps on trav'lin', but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace

that it brings. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. Till then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more.

***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 69**

“Here I Am Lord”

SCHUTTE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on an Original Theme”

Gilbert M. Martin
(b. 1941)

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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.

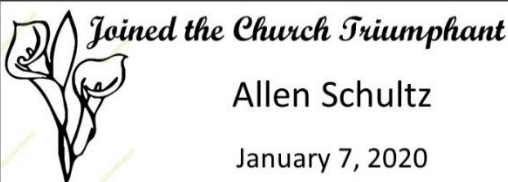
CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Ken Oliver by his family.



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.



Allen Schultz

January 7, 2020

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, 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).

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Margie Laughlin upon the death of her sister, Bacita Ruiz.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

Wearing your name tag helps us get to know you a little better. If you need a name tag, please contact the office for the 9:00 a.m. service, and Dick Luehrs, dickl@windstream.net for the 11:00 service, or you can call the office.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS



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 in the sanctuary and the chapel.

GRIEF SHARE IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED

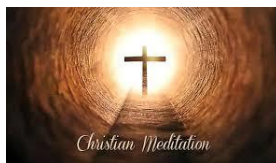
Each week we will offer two sessions of this support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or friend.



We meet Sundays from 4–5:30 p.m. today, and Tuesdays from 10–11:30 a.m.

since 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

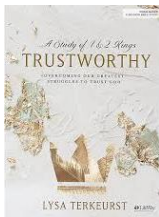
small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact group leader **Carlen Maddux** (727-504-8201 or cmaddux@maddux.com). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

PER CAPITA 2020

The 2020 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to **\$32.20** per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita assessment.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY LYSA TERKEURST'S "TRUSTWORTHY"

Do you ever struggle to really, fully trust God? I understand. When hard times come and it seems like God starts to deviate from the plan I'm assuming my life should follow, I'm much more likely to want to tame God... not trust Him. Join us Tuesdays, starting January 7. There is a class at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the youth center. Child care will be available by appointment only. Please e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call 828-3971.



2020 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP



Come to find out about this year's Honduras Mission trip, Sunday, January 19, and help start the planning process. Please contact **Susan Schlecht** for questions at 727-735-5332, or schlecht21975@gmail.com.

PASSING OF THE PEACE DONE DIFFERENTLY DURING FLU SEASON

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

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

WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM FPC

Members and friends of FPC should be receiving a weekly e-mail from the church each Friday. If you are not receiving this e-mail, please be sure we have your correct e-mail address. You can include it in the registration pad or send an e-mail to **Blanche Ganey** at bganey@fpc-stpete.org. Thank you.

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.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



You can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You'll never have to write another check! Thank you to those who give online. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (727-828-3979 or bganey@fpc-stpete.org) and she can set up auto debit for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION 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
Bon Voyage Concert	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Griefshare	4:00 PM	Chapel
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

PW Circle 3	9:30 AM	Off-site
PW Circle 6	10:00 AM	S-100
Day School Committee Mtg	4:00 PM	Day School
Board of Deacons Meeting	5:30 PM	S-100
All Committee gathering	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Committee Meetings	7:00 PM	Campus

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Griefshare	10:00 AM	Chapel
Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Personnel & Admin Comm	5:00 PM	Pastors Stdy
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
WNL Children's Music	5:00 PM	Choir Room
WNL Dinner	5:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Financial Peace	6:00 PM	Chapel
History of the Presbyterian Church in Florida	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scouts Troop 560	6:30 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Day School Back to School	7:00 PM	Youth Cntr

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

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 18

Officer Training	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
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) Hardy, 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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