



**We will praise God as long as we live.**

**We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**

A second commandment is like the first:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**God watches over strangers and widows and orphans.**

**We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.**

### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Robin Lyle

**We have not kept faith with you, righteous God. There are so many distractions that occupy our time! There are so many groups to claim our loyalty. There are so many activities that bid for our attention. Even the church involves us in busyness that keeps us from matters of greater importance. In these moments, we seek to know you and to be known by you that, in an honest exchange, our relationship with you and with the people around us might be strengthened. In your name, and joining with you, we seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and healing for all. *(Please take time for silent confession.)***  
Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We can count on God's active presence when all other hope is gone. Let us respond in gratitude to the One who deals kindly with us and whose will for us is love and joy and peace. Happy are those whose help and whose hope is in the one true God, who reigns for all generations and beyond time.

**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)

GLORY TO GOD

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*(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.)*

### **\*HYMN 623**

“I’ve Got Peace like a River”

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Psalm 146

*(pew Bible, Old Testament, page 715)*

Second Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

*(pew Bible, New Testament, page 60)*

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SERMON**

“What Matters Most?”

Dr. Dawn Conti

## **RESPONSE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

*(concluding with)* **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.**

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

### **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“In Thee Is Gladness”

arr. Daniel Kallman  
(b. 1956)

Chancel Choir

To serve thee ever, forsake thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.  
Alleluia! In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised.  
Jesus is giving life to the living now and ever let him be praised! Here where they  
laid him, death has not stay'd him, the tomb once somber holds him no longer.  
Alleluia! Now is the story of Easter glory sung with glad voices, the world rejoices.  
Alleluia!

**\*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 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Chorale improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda” (God  
of Grace, hymn 307)

Paul Manz  
(1919–2009)

*The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.*  
*The minister is available at the door as you leave.*

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## FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*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](http://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.

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### 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, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke, Nikki Stubbs, Laura Unger.

### **Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:**



Brian Herzik, USA;  
James Loeblein,  
USN; CPT. Taina  
Specie, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT.  
Liam Shelton, USA;  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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@fpcstpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpcstpete.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 in the sanctuary and the chapel.

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to Jane Harris and family upon the death of her father, Tom Phansithirath.

### **ONE COMBINED SERVICE FEBRUARY 9**

On Sunday February 9 there will be one combined traditional service featuring the Festival of Praise musicians in the sanctuary. After this service there will be a church wide luncheon in fellowship hall. Please see insert to sign up for the catered luncheon.

### **WE HAVE OUR NEW MEMBER BAGS AGAIN**



Fun, brightly colored welcome bags containing edibles like Scottish shortbread and an assortment of tea, are now available to first time visitors to FPC St. Pete. Visitors

will be welcomed at the beginning of worship and instructed to go to the welcome center or kiosk following worship to complete an information card and then receive their welcome

bag. Thank you to the ME&C Committee for bringing back welcome bags!

### **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, February 4, 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](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED**



The 2019 contribution statements were taken to

the post office and most of you should have received them. If you still have not received your end-of-year statement in the next couple of weeks, please contact the church office.

## 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.

## ARE YOU A BOOMER OR GEN XER?



If you are either, you are invited to join a new FPC small group. There will be a Valentine's Day party Friday, February 7, at

7 p.m. The party will be hosted by Chris and Karen Mossman at 373 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Tierra Verde. Bring an appetizer to share. Kindly RSVP by February 5 to Karen at [karenamossman@gmail.com](mailto:karenamossman@gmail.com). This small group will meet monthly at members' homes for food, fellowship and prayer.

## HAVE YOU FRIENDED US YET ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?



If you haven't, please do! Also be sure to share our Facebook and

Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help lead to an increase in followers to the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

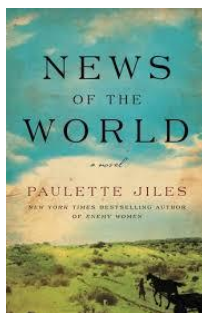
**Plan to join the discussions. See insert for class offerings and to sign up.**

## CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING AN FPC CHURCH MEMBER?



Today, at 12:30 p.m., join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon. You will learn 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!

## FAITH & FICTION



Join us Monday, February 3, as we discuss novel *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. All Faith and Fiction meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in room N-123. For a list of the books for this year, visit the church website: [www.fpcstpete.com](http://www.fpcstpete.com).

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

<b>Communion Worship</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>F'ship Hall</b>
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	
<b>Classic Worship with Choir</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-103
Prospective New Member Luncheon	12:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
GriefShare	4:00 PM	Chapel
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Session Opening Service	7:00 PM	Chapel
Session Meeting	7:30 PM	Chapel

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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	10:00 AM	Chapel

Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Finance Committee	6:30 PM	N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	S-100
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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 30

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle Bible Leader Meetings	11:00 AM	S-100
Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scout 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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

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, FEBRUARY 1

Harris Memorial Service	1:00 PM	Sanctuary
Kids' Night Out KNO	5:00 PM	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 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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