



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

February 2, 2020

11:00 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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### 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

“Andante cantabile” from *Symphonie IV*

Jack Rain, organ

Charles Marie Widor  
(1844–1937)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!

Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**How good it is to be chosen by God;**

**we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

God has done great things for us; we are glad!

Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;**

**we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.

Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;  
we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687**

**“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

ST. ANNE

**PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mary-Linda Armacost

**O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus we have so often chosen to ignore, we confess that we settle for lesser goals while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven. We seldom look beyond our own interests to the well-being of our sisters and brothers. We can see the wasteful acts of other people but not our own selfish habits. We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others. We need forgiveness, O God. Do a new thing within and among us. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God summons us to return and welcomes us with joy. We are restored to full communion with the saints and are united in the heavenly call of Christ. Together, we find our horizons expanded and our priorities refined. God forgives us and sets before us once more the promise of fullness of life. Embrace God’s pardon with renewed faith and joy.

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

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE—HYMN 184**

**“Calm to the Waves”**

CALM SEAS

**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 126

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 704)

Second Lesson: John 8:2-11

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 122)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Dr. Dawn Conti

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

“Am I Accepted?”

Dr. Dawn Conti

## RESPONSE

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

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Rev. Ruth Elswood officiating

#### 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.**

Holy, holy, holy . . . dead to life.

#### Hymn 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

LAND OF REST

Thank you, Lord...resurrection and life.

#### Words of Institution

Take this bread...of praise.

#### Hymn 553

“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

LAND OF REST

Spirit, come...forever and ever! **Amen.**



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## FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

### **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.

**ONE COMBINED SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 9 AT 10 A.M.**

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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

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

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME BAGS**

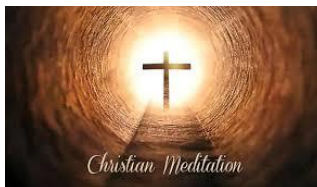


Fun, brightly colored welcome bags containing edibles like Scottish shortbread and an assortment of tea, are now available to first-time visitors to FPC St. Pete. Visitors

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.

**34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE  
CONCERT FEBRUARY 8**

Enjoy a brand-new format for the Festival of Praise Concert as singers from across the state of Florida join together to sing the music of internationally recognized composer Jake Runestad, and special guests, The Festival Singers of Florida. The concert is Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. This will be an unforgettable evening of unity through singing that you will not want to miss!

## 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!

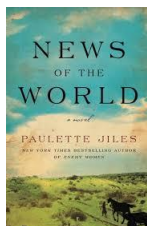
## LOVE GIFT FOR BLANCHE GANEY



Office Manager Blanche Ganey is retiring. She has served this church many years. We are truly blessed by her

administrative and people skills. If you would like to contribute toward a "love offering" for Blanche, please put your donation (with Blanche's name on the envelope or memo line) in the offering plate any Sunday morning through February 16. You may also mail your donation to the church or use the on-line giving feature found at the church's website: [fpcstpete.com](http://fpcstpete.com). Click on the "Resources" tab and then on "Give."

## FAITH & FICTION



Join us Monday, night, 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, FEBRUARY 2

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

<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
GriefShare	4:00 PM	Chapel
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Presbyterian Women		
Coordinating Team Meeting	9:00 AM	S-100
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100
Security Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	S-100
Faith & Fiction	7:30 PM	N-123

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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
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, FEBRUARY 5

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
Astronomy and the Bible	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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, FEBRUARY 7

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
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
AI-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123
Festival of Praise Concert	7:30 PM	Sanctuary

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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