



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

February 16, 2020

11:00 a.m.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Scout Sunday

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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

"Fantasia" (Concerto) BWV 571

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro

III. Allegro

(1685–1750)

II. Adagio

Jack Rain, organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

**We long to be recognized and affirmed.**

**We are eager for a place of shelter and security.**

Feast on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

**We are ready to hear the Word of God.**

**We want to be guided by eternal truth.**

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

**When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.**

**When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.**

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Roy Duttweiler

**God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts,**

**ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence.**

**Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our**

**selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us.**

*(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate. We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. Let your hearts be lifted up. We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity. God’s benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance. Friends, believe the Good News: **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

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.)*

## \*HYMN 628

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

JE LOUERA L'ÉTERNEL

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 36:5-10

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 627)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 212)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

"Is the Church Still Relevant?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

## RESPONSE

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW** (hymnal, p. 36)

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Dr. César Dávila & Dr. Andrés Castillo

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION & PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** “Praise the Lord” from *Judas Maccabeus* G.F. Handel  
Chancel Choir (1685-1759)

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia, praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.

**\*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 761**  
“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**  
“Fugue in G” BWV 576 Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 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

**The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Needles Schlecht 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.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Please remember in prayer:** Ruth Bafaro, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, 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, 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)).

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Marilyn Mulcahy** and family on the death of her niece, Shannon Greene.

### WE HAVE OUR FIRST TIME VISITOR GOODIE 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!

### THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE DINNER THIS WEEK

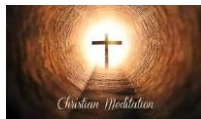
We will still have Children's Choir, Financial Peace University, and Messy Church, but no dinner and no "Astronomy and the Bible" class.

### 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.

### 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 18, 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.

### 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!

### FPC SCOUT SUNDAY TODAY

The Scouting program at First Presbyterian Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as

well as youth in our community. We currently have 3 troops meeting at FPC and we want to get to know them better, and we want them to know how much we appreciate them, so we are inviting them to be a part of our service today.

### LOVE GIFT FOR BLANCHE GANEY



Office Manager Blanche Ganey is retiring. She has served this church many years. 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.

### 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. You can set up reoccurring giving via credit card or through a checking account. If you need help setting it up, please call the

church office and speak with **Blanche Ganey** ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can assist you.

### FESTIVAL OF PRAISE— A MUSICAL TREAT



Last Saturday evening's 34th Annual Festival of Praise concert

featured the Festival Singers of Florida as well as numerous local vocalists and instrumentalists. Over 140 talented musicians presented a varied program to a large, appreciative audience. An impressive closing hymn of peace, *Ukuthula*, was performed by the choirs as they stood in a circle which extended around the sanctuary.

### WE ARE HIRING

See the list below of open positions at FPC:

- Associate Minister (full-time)
- Receptionist/Office Admin (part-time)
- Office Admin (full-time)
- Childcare Workers (part-time)

If you know of someone seeking employment please direct them to our website: [www.fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020](http://www.fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020).

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

<b>Communion Worship</b>	<b>8:15 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>9:00 AM F'ship Hall</b>
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM N-218
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	9:45 AM S-102-3
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 Sanctuary</b>
Godly Play	11:00 AM S-108
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM F'ship Hall
Griefshare	4:00 PM Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM N-121

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM Youth Cntr
Stephen Ministry Supervisory Meeting	4:30 PM N-123
Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM S-100
Mission Ministries	7:00 PM Off-site
PW Circle 10	7:00 PM S-100
Security Committee Meeting	7:00 PM N-123
PW Circle 9	7:30 PM Off-Site

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
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
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM S-206
Meditation For Christians	7:00 PM Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM N-121

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
MOPS	9:15 AM Youth Cntr
WNL Children's Music	5:00 PM Choir Room
Financial Peace University	6:00 PM Chapel
AA for Women	7:00 PM N-121

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM F'ship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Choir Room

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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 Gigi's
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:30 PM S-206

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Officer Training	9:00 AM Youth Cntr
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM N-121



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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