



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 23, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord / Blanket Sunday

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

"Prelude on *Morning Has Broken*" (hymn 664)

A. Royce Eckhardt
(b. 1937)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.

God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.
All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.
Here is a place to find healing and promise.
Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.
Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

INTROIT

“Be Still and Know”

L. Stanley Glarum

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. *(Please take time for silent confession.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we want to be helped, God is ready to pardon us and equip us for new life. Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness. Enemies can become friends. We can grow in faith and love. God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts. Praise God! 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

Dr. Dawn Conti

(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 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 46:1-11

Gerald Arnold, cantor

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 636)

Second Lesson: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 405)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"How Do I Hear God's Voice?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

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.

A LITANY OF FAREWELL (*see insert*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Heather Page
Mothers of Preschoolers Leader

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Be Still My Soul”

arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir; Gerald Arnold, tenor

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; Hear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled, who ruled them while He dwelt below. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord. When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*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 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

James Mansfield
(b. 1927)

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.

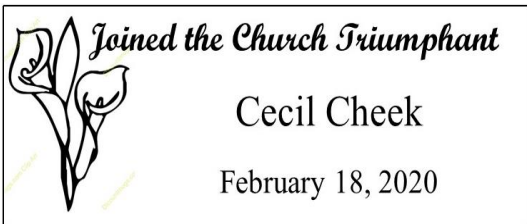
CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God in loving memory of and for the celebration of the life of her niece Shannon Greene by Marilyn Mulcahy.



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, Kathie Mayhall, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Peter Pav, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Miriam Putney, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoko, Laura Unger.

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

Brian Herzik, USA; James Loeblein, USN; CPT. 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 Nancy Vildibill and family upon the loss of her husband, Gerald McBride.

**2020 CONCERT SERIES
GUITAR DUETS
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 4:00 P.M.**

Featuring : Duo Catanza

Listen to the soothing sounds of classical guitar reverberate through the beautiful sanctuary on a Sunday afternoon. Award-winning guitarists Scott Plato and Matthias Young will play a recital of eclectic and scintillating literature.

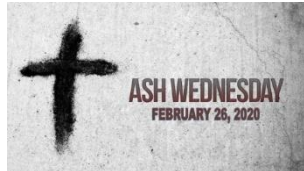
**RETIREMENT RECEPTION TODAY
FOR BLANCHE GANEY**



Please join us today following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Chapel for a reception honoring Office Manager Blanche Ganey. Blanche is retiring after serving

this church for many years. We are grateful for all her hard work and tireless dedication to First Presbyterian Church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
DINNER & SERVICE**



Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by Ash Wednesday

Service at 6:00 p.m. To let us know if you will be joining us for dinner, please sign the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate, or call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.

**BLANKETS ARE NEEDED
YOU CAN HELP**



A Blanket Offering will be received this Sunday to benefit Church

World Service which distributes thousands of blankets around the world to help families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Donate in envelopes provided in your worship service. Any checks should be made out to CWS.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

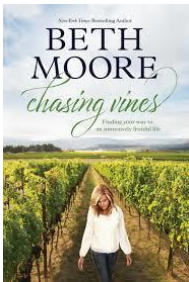


We are now collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Collection baskets are located by the entrance to the Sanctuary and entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY “CHASING VINES”

Finding your way to an immensely
fruitful life

Tuesdays, March 3–April 7, 2020



Let's explore the ways God delights in watching things grow—and how the vineyard holds the secret to a more abundant and meaningful life. We'll uncover how every part

of our lives—even the rockiest soil—can be used by God to make a difference for His Kingdom. Join us at either 9:15-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Youth Center. Study guides will be available for \$15. Free childcare is available by reservation: e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971. If you have questions, please contact April Hussung at 420-1758 or

stapler39@aol.com or Susan Schoenberg at 560-2892 or susansch@tampabay.rr.com.

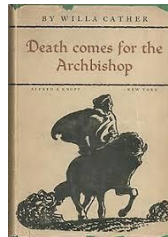
WE ARE HIRING

Below is the list 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.

FAITH & FICTION MARCH 2



Join us as we discuss *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, the story of the life of Archbishop Jean Marie Latour, a French missionary. He is given the task of overseeing the diocese of New Mexico, which has just been annexed by the United States from Mexico. Meet us at 7:30 p.m. in classroom N-123. For a list of the remaining books for this year, visit the church website: www.fpcstpete.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Communion Worship	8:15 AM Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM F'ship Hall
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
Classic Worship with Choir	11:00 AM Sanctuary
Godly Play	11:00 AM S-108
Reception for Blanche Ganey	12:00 PM Chapel
Grief Share	4:00 PM Chapel
Youth Group	5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
Session Opening Service	7:00 PM Chapel
Stated Session Meeting	7:20 PM Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM S-100
GriefShare	10:00 AM Chapel

Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM N-218
Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting	6:30 PM S-100
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM S-206
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

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
Praise Band Rehearsal	5:00 PM F'ship Hall
Dinner	5:30 PM F'ship Hall
Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 PM F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM N-121

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM Child Care
Presbyterian Women Circle Leader Meetings	11:00 AM S-100
Chancel Bells	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 28

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 29

Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM N-121
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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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