



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 9, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"Adagio in E Major"

Frank Bridge
(1879–1941)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has been good to us. Let us sing our songs of praise.

God brings us together from many places.

Let us celebrate our diversity.

Come to hear God's word for our day.

Listen that you might understand and share it.

God's commands run swiftly over the earth.

God's word comes to us as a mighty wind.

Give thanks for the bounty God supplies.
Gain strength from the peace God offers.
God's word fills us with radiance.
We are ready to dance with joy.

INTROIT

"Alleluia"

Jake Runestad

Festival Singers of Florida

* HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robin Lyle

Save your people, God of goodness and light. You have blessed us with the peace of Christmas, but we reject your gift in our frantic striving. You destine us for adoption, but we go our own way. You send the Holy Spirit to lead us, but we block out awareness of your will for us in favor of our own selfish ambition. Restore to us the ability to discern and respond to the light you offer, we pray in Jesus' name.

(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises us rescue and comfort and joy. In Christ we receive forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace. The gospel of salvation is for all who repent and believe. In Christ, the Word became flesh to dwell among us and assure us of God's love. Let us give thanks for the truth available for our living. Friends, believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace (*elbow bump*) with those sitting around you.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christie Vetter

(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.)

ANTHEM

"The Meditations of My Heart"

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir and Festival Singers of Florida

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my Strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 147:12-20

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 716)

Second Lesson: John 1:1-5, 16

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 111)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Where Is God?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS—INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Dance in the Graveyards” arr. Justin Havard Festival Singers of Florida and Chancel Choir

When I die, I don't want to rest in peace. I want to dance in joy! I want to dance in the graveyards and while I'm alive, I don't want to be alone mourning the ones who came before. I want to dance with them some more. Let's dance in the graveyards! Gloria! Like some other name we kept on calling ya, and waiting for change but I belong to all of your mysteries and all of us are meant for the fire, but we keep rising up and walking the wires, so when we go below, don't lose us in mourning. Oh my love, don't cry when I'm gone. I will lift you up, the air in your lungs. And when you reach for me, we'll dance in the darkness and we will walk beyond our daughters and sons. They will carry on like when we were young and we will stand beside, and breathe in the new life.

*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.

* HYMN 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Gilbert M. Martin
(b. 1941)

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 loving memory of Lina Freitag by her grandson Roy Duttweiler.



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, 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@fpcstpete.org).

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
Plan to join the discussions. See insert for class offerings and to sign up.

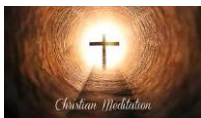
WE HAVE NEW MEMBER BAGS



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 18, in the Chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact group leader **Carlen Maddux** (cmaddux@maddux.com or 727-504-8201). 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.

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 FEBRUARY 16

The Scouting program at FPC 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 Sunday, February 16.

THANK YOU MATT CLEAR

What a fantastic turn-out for the annual Festival of Praise concert! Thank you to Matt Clear and the wonderful musicians involved with putting on the great concert and all the other people behind the scenes.

LOVE GIFT FOR BLANCHE GANEY



Office Manager Blanche Ganey is retiring at the end of February. 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. Click on the “Resources” tab and then on “Give.”

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 please call the office and speak with **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can assist you.

WE ARE HIRING

See the list below of open positions at FPC:

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

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Shores	8:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM	
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Suncoast	9:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from Presbyterian Towers	9:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Palms	9:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	9:30 AM	
Combined Service	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Love Lunch	11:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Godly Play	10:00 AM	S-103
Griefshare	4:00 PM	Chapel
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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, FEBRUARY 11

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 12

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	Off-site
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 13

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 14

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 15

Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	Child Care
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, 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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