



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

March 1, 2020

11:00 a.m.

## First Sunday in Lent 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

*Sonata VI: "Vater unser im Himmelreich"* (Our Father who art in Heaven) Chorale and var. I, II, III Felix Mendelssohn (1844–1937)  
Jack Rain, organ

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" J.S. Bach  
Chancel Choir

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Thy grace. That Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of

new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 509** “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” HOLY MANNA

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Karen Kisten

**Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people’s faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.**  
*(Please take time for silent confession.) Amen.*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As the Apostle Paul wrote: “...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9). These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE—HYMN 166**

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” (v. 1 only)

ST. FLAVIAN

## **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.)*

**\* HYMN 498** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” BEACH SPRING

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 32

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 623)

Second Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. Ruth Elswood

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 3)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON**     “Solitude, Community, and Discernment”     Rev. Ruth Elswood

## RESPONSE

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

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(For the Distribution of Elements, please approach the chancel down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake immediately. If you prefer to be served in your seat, a serving team will bring the elements to you.)*

### 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.** It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.....*minister continues*.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.....*minister continues*..... Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.....*minister continues*..... Let us join our voices as we pray together the prayer our

Savior taught us to pray:

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements** (*by intinction*)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Rev. Ruth Elswood

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

#### **OFFERTORY**

“Our Father”

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forevermore. Amen.

#### **\*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 465**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Sonata VI: “Vater unser im Himmelreich”*

Felix Mendelssohn

“Allegro molto” (variation IV)

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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 honor of Isabel Schoenberg for her birthday by Heidi Ames.**



**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

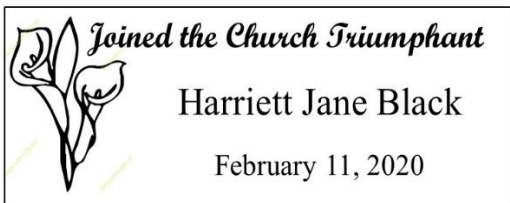
Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Kathie Mayhall, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Peter Pav, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Miriam Putney, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane 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 **Donna Bernloehr** ([dbern@fpcstpete.org](mailto:dbern@fpcstpete.org)).



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **JoAnne Cheek** and family upon the loss of her husband, Cecil Cheek.

**2020 CONCERT SERIES**

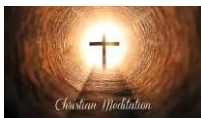
**GUITAR DUETS**

**TODAY AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

*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.

**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, March 3, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact group leader **Carlen Maddux** (727-504-8201

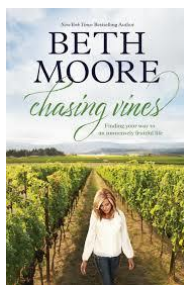
or [cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stapler39@aol.com) or Susan Schoenberg at 560-2892 or [susansch@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:susansch@tampabay.rr.com).

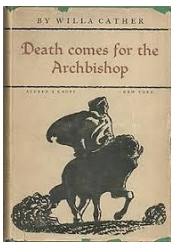
## WE ARE HIRING

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](http://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](http://www.fpcstpete.com).

## 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

## MINUTE FOR MISSION SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Claudia Decker from PAR/COSA will provide the Minute for Mission at the **9:00 a.m. service only** on March 15th. The mission committee plans to host a brief coffee and cake fellowship time right after the service so members can meet Claudia and talk with her if they would like.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT JANUARY 2020

	Month	YTD
Gifts	\$ 58,190	\$468,001
Other Income	9,188	64,672
Total Income	67,378	532,673
Expenses	87,554	568,102
Income (Loss)	\$ (20,176)	\$ (35,429)

Pledges and non-pledge gifts are \$38,000 under budget year-to-date.

Unplanned purchases of a \$1,400 media projector and \$2,000 sound mixing board for worship were made this month.

January is the seventh month of the new fiscal year.

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

## SUNDAY, March 1

<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>
Children's Sunday School	9:45 AM	S-102-3
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
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-108
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Grief Share	4:00 PM	Chapel
Guitar Duets Concert	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM	N-121

## MONDAY, MARCH 2

Presbyterian Women		
Coordinating Team	9:00 AM	S-100
Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100
PCAT	6:00 PM	N-123
Security Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	S-100
Faith & Fiction	7:30 PM	N-123

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100

GriefShare	10:00 AM	Chapel
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Meditation For Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
MOPS	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
WNL Children's Music	5:00 PM	Choir Room
WNL Dinner	5:30 PM	F'ship Hall
Astronomy and the Bible	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Financial Peace University	6:00 PM	Chapel
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-121

## THURSDAY MARCH 5

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, MARCH 6

### World Day of Prayer

Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Gigi's
Day School Family Movie Night	6:00 PM	Playground
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

FFIM Board Meeting	10:00 AM	N-123
Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-121

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUN. MARCH 8

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 ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian  
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