



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

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

"What Wondrous Love Is This" from *The Mourning* Gilbert M.
Martin

Lamb (hymn 215) (b. 1941)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty
firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his
surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

INTROIT

**“As The Deer”
Chancel Choir**

Martin J. Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 415**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

Good and gracious God, you envelop us in your protection and love. But when evil comes upon us or others, we shy away from taking action. We wait for someone else to fix the problem. The cries of those experiencing injustice go unanswered. Rather than turning to you for joy when we feel this anxiety and paralysis, we doubt your providence and let fear overtake our hearts. Lord, give us courage to seek your face, to thirst for your word, and to trust you when we must be strong in times of trouble. Grant us the peace only you can provide and forgive us our inaction. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The assurance of God’s steadfast love has been promised first to the nation of Israel, then through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus, and now in the Holy Spirit whose presence with us continues Christ’s ministry even as he sits at the right hand of the Father. Because of God’s mercy, our sins are forgiven, and we are washed whiter than snow.

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 with those sitting around you.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(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 175**

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 27

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 619)

Second Lesson: Esther 4:9-17

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 552)

Rebecca Higman

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"For Such a Time as This"

Rebecca Higman

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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.**

RESPONSE

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“O Lord My God”
Chancel Choir

John L. Bell

O Lord my God, why do you seem so far from me, O Lord my God? Night and morning I make my prayer: peace for this place and help for there; waiting and wond'ring, Does God care? Pain and suffering on bound and blind plague the progress of human kind, always demanding, Does God mind?

Why, oh, why do the wicked thrive, poor folk perish, the rich survive; begging the question, Is God alive? Turn again as you hear my plea; tend the torment in all I see: Loving and healing, set me free.

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G minor”

Johann Ernst Eberlin
(1702-1762)

*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

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 memory of our son Louis by Ken & Dottie Young.



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, Millie Bradley, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Mark Estes, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane

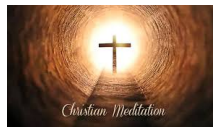
Heath, Claire Hoel, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Sam Kent, Richard Kirsch, Michael Liguori, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam

Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Reed, Lil Reid, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Jill Whelpley and Rev. Alice Winters.

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

James Loeblein, USN; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2nd 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).

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group. We

meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (8674032, or simsjr@eckerd.edu). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

SENIOR LUNCHEON, THURSDAY MARCH 21

We are looking forward to a wonderful luncheon but more than that we are excited about the time of fellowship with the seniors of our church at our annual luncheon. Make sure you fill out the form letting us know you will attend. The Westminster community will be providing transportation to the luncheon and we will provide transportation for those living at Presbyterian Towers. Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21st.

REBECCA HIGMAN BIO



Today our guest preacher will be Becky Higman. She has been attending First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg for nine years, a member for nearly seven years, and an active ruling elder for just over three years. She is a second-year Master of Divinity student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and pursuing ordination in the PC(USA). In addition to her studies and commitments to FPC, Becky is a wife and mother of two children. As part of her education and call

journey, she is interning at FPC with a focus area in preaching.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM MARCH 20

Join us for children's choir, Messy Church, Bible Study, Financial Peace and a home-cooked meal. *See insert for additional information and to sign up.*

2018 ANNUAL REPORTS

Copies of the annual report are located on the visitors' desk in both services. Please take one and read about all the amazing things being done to the glory of God.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED



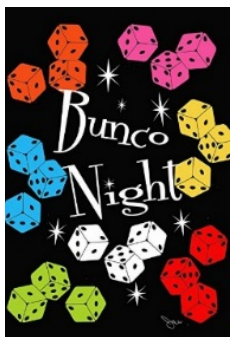
This year's eggstravaganza is Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. We are blessed to serve a lot of children and families through this church outreach. Your donations of individually wrapped candy are appreciated. There are containers in both services ready to receive your donations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CENTENARIANS
Phoebe Catlin, 102, Agnes Ingles, 102 & LuElla Ames 100.

LUNCH WITH LAKEWOOD

If you like to go out for lunch and you love kids, you might be interested in becoming a "Lunch Pal" at Lakewood Elementary School. If you are interested in becoming a Lakewood Elementary Lunch Pal, please contact Gay Wasik-Zegel at gwzegel@gmail.com to be added to the list.

LAUGH, GROAN & RELAX



Come singles, couples all ages & teens to the youth center Saturday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m to play a round of Bunco. The rules are easy and simple and the mixing is easy! Everyone is

asked to bring a small snack to share, if you can. Feel free to email or call Ken Young if you have questions at youngkd1492@comcast.net or call 207 841-8562; otherwise, just show up for an evening of fun and fellowship.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CEDARKIRK
CHURCHWIDE RETREAT APRIL 27 &
28**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



**GIVE ONLINE FOR THOSE TIMES
WHEN YOU AREN'T ABLE TO
ATTEND CHURCH**

In April there are two Sundays that we will only have one service and some of you will not attend service.



Remember you can contribute even when you are out of town or unable to attend service. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can help you set up auto debit or help you give online one time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Communion Worship 8:15 AM Chapel
Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM F'shp 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-Westminster Shores 9:45 AM Church Bus
Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM S-103
Youth Sunday School 10:00 AM Youth Cntr
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoast 10:00 AM Church Bus

FPC Bus-Presbyterian Towers 10:15 AM Church Bus
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms 10:30 AM Church Bus
Valet Parking 10:30 AM
Classic Worship with choir 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Yoga with Adam 3:00 PM F'ship Hall
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-123

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Lakewood Lunch Pals meeting 12:00 PM
Stephen Minister Meeting 5:00 PM S-100
Girl Scout Troop 094 6:30 PM S-206
PW Circle 10 7:00 PM S-100
PW Circle 9 7:30 PM Off-site

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM Youth Cntr
Children's Chapel 9:15 AM F'ship Hall
Faith Development Bible Study 10:00 AM N-123
GriefShare group 10:00 AM Chapel

Church Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218
Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 PM F'ship Hall
Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study Associate 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 465 Ramirez 6:30 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-123

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Children's Chapel 9:15 AM F'ship Hall
MOPS 9:15 AM Youth
Cntr
Children's Music with Mrs. Carol 5:00 PM Choir room
WNL Dinner 5:30 PM F'ship Hall
Financial Peace 6:00 PM Chapel
Bible Study 6:00 PM F'ship Hall
AA for Women 7:00 PM N-123

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Senior Luncheon 11:30 AM F'ship Hall
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 MARCH 22

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
Dana Veytia Memorial Service 1:30 PM Sanctuary
Day School Family Movie Night 6:00 PM F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 560 6:00 PM S-206

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
New Hope Christian F'ship 5:30 PM Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-123

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conley, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts ♦ Jonathan Rine,
Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev.
Finance Committee Meeting ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Carol Riley, Children's Ministry
Beth Moore Bible Study Associate ♦ Pamley Davis, Youth Cntr Director ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche
Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian

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