



March 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Third 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

"Prelude and Fugue in D minor" (BWV 554)
Jack Rain, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this community of faith.

We come seeking hope and courage for the future.

Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.

Here you will find Jesus the one who brings abundant life.

Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. Amen.

INTROIT "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" Genevan Psalter
Chancel Choir w/ Carlos Walker, violin; Nathan Mock, violoncello

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who

pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joe Emerson, Elder

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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 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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“En Prière” (In Prayer)

Gabriel Fauré

Daniela Pepe, soprano

If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father, listen to the prayer of Jesus on his knees before you. If you have chosen me to teach your Laws on the earth, I will know how to serve you, holy King of Kings, O Light! Place on my lips, O Lord, the salutary truth, so that whoever doubts, should with humility revere you! Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness so necessary, to relieve the suffering, to alleviate pains, the misery! Reveal yourself to me, Lord, in whom I have faith and hope, I want to suffer for you and to die on the cross, at Calvary!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Numbers 13:25-33

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 164)

Second Lesson: Joshua 1:1-11

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 240)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Overcoming the Fear of the Future”

Dr. Dawn Conti

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 Divine Redeemer”

Charles Gounod

arr. Pepe, Mock and Walker

Daniela Pepe, soprano; Carlos Walker, violin; Nathan Mock, violoncello

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me tho' unworthy. Hear thou my cry; behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne. Haste thee, Lord, to mine aid, thy pity shew in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On thee, Lord, alone will I call. O Divine Redeemer, I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to thee. Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in thy mercy; come and save me, O Lord, save in the day of retribution, from death. Shield thou me, O my God! O Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

*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 69** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in G minor"

Johann Krieger
(1651-1735)

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 celebration of Phoebe Catlin's 102nd birthday by Tricia Godshall-Flint.



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 for Easter greetings.* 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, April 2, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (867-4032, or simsjr@eckerd.edu). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

A THANK-YOU FROM JACK RAIN



Dear Church Family and Friends,
I have been humbled by the incredible generosity of our church family on the occasion of my 50th anniversary as your organist. I am deeply appreciative of your gifts and of your support throughout these 50 years. During this half century, I have met so many wonderful, caring and supportive people who have all served as an inspiration to continue working at this church. It has been a blessing to know each and every one of you, and I sincerely wish to thank all of you for

making March 3rd a very special day for me. Blessings in Christ, Jack Rain

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM MARCH 27

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.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY



This year's work day is Saturday April 6. *See insert for details for work day.*

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.

9 A.M. SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

We asked for your input and got a terrific response. Thank you! More than 50 percent of the people attending the 9 a.m. contemporary worship service took the time to answer the survey about what they like about the service, how we can attract more people and where the service should take place. The Worship and Music Committee will keep all your suggestions and ideas in our prayers and discussion as we continue to plan for the future.

JOIN US SATURDAY NIGHT FOR SOME GREAT FUN



Come, singles, teens, and couples of all ages to the youth center this Saturday night, at 6:30 p.m. to play a round of Bunco. The rules are simple and the mixing is easy! Everyone is asked to bring a small snack to share, if you can. If you have questions, feel free to e-mail or call Ken Young 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.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP FULL

Thank you to all who have signed up to be a part of the 2019 Honduras mission trip. We have all of the participants for this year's trip. In a couple of weeks we will share additional information about our traveling plans and needs.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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
PNC Meeting	4:30 PM	Pastors Sty
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Session Members Social Hour	6:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206
Session Meeting	7:00 PM	N-123

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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
G2 Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	Pastor's Sty
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr

Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Children's Chapel	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
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 28

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Bible Moderators	11:00 AM	S-100
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
PW Circle 5	7:00 PM	S-100

FRIDAY MARCH 29

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
Wartanian/Lepley Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
Wartanian/Lepley Wedding	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
New Hope Christian F'ship	5:30 PM	Offsite
Bunco Game Night	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123



Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, 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. Ruth Elsworth, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator ♦ 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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