



May 19, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Diane Bish
(b. 1941)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.

Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

God has a place for us in this world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.

Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises to dwell with us, to ease our pain and wipe tears from our eyes. Dare to trust, for God accepts us as we are, that we might become all we are meant to be. God grants us the opportunity to repent. It is a gift that leads to new life. Accept God’s offer of new life in Christ.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE HYMN 441 v.1

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

NETTLETON

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

Gay Wasik

(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 835**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

CLOSER WALK

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 148

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

Second Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 158)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Who Moved My Cheese?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Honduras Team Member

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

**“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Chancel Choir**

**Dan Forrest
(b. 1978)**

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird or star in Heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord his children sever, unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth, or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

***DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord (hymn 35)

**David Cherwien
(b. 1957)**

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



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).

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then why not invite them to worship? FPC business cards are available at the Welcome Desk with the Sunday worship times printed on the back. Feel free to take one and invite

someone you know to worship next Sunday!

Wear a nametag—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

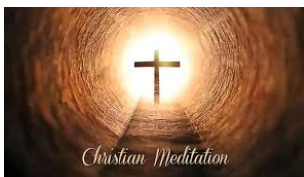


We have a place for you here at First Presbyterian Church! For more information, call the church office at 822-2031 or e-mail Diedra Flora (diedraflora@aol.com).

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS



See an usher if you need a large-print bulletin or hymns. Each week we have large print copies of the bulletin and hymns available at the back of the church.



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, May 28, 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.

8:15 WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Sunday, May 26, is the final 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship Service until October. We hope to see regular 8:15 service attendees at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service whenever you are in town.

FAITH DAY WITH THE RAYS

Join fellow FPC friends for a day of fun at the ballpark! **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Los Angeles Angels on Saturday, June 15th**. Game time is at 1:10 p.m., and doors open at 11:40 a.m. Lower-level tickets are only \$30 per person (\$60 value!). Each ticket includes a Rays hat of your choice. Post-Game Event features Rays players speaking about how faith impacts their daily lives and how it has

gotten them to where they are today. Don't miss the Gate Giveaway: Short-Sleeve Rays Hoodie for all fans (while supplies last). Interested? Contact Amy G. (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org) no later than June 3!

**BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS, JUNE 11 – JULY 23
WHEN GODLY PEOPLE DO
UNGODLY THINGS**

This 7-week study examines why devoted followers of Christ fall into the traps of Satan. The study is written in 3 parts. The 1st part is a warning to believers, while the 2nd shows women how to prepare for attack by the Enemy and the 3rd part is for those who have been snared by seduction, and point the way back to God. Join us either Tuesday morning from 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. or Tuesday evening 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. in the youth center. Childcare is available by reservation. Please e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call and leave a message at 828-3971. If you have any questions about the study, contact April Hussung at 822-5332 or stapler29@aol.com.

**JUST ONE MORE BUS DRIVER
NEEDED**



We are in need of one additional driver to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Blanche in the office at 822-2031 or bganey@fpc-stpete.org

**GOODBYE TO MANY OF YOU FOR THE
SUMMER**



Remember, you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You don't have to think about it while you enjoy your travels. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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'shp Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY MAY 20

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 3	9:30 AM	S-100
FFIM Meeting	12:00 PM	N-123
Stephen Minister Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100
Task Force Committee Mtg	5:00 PM	Pastors Ofc
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206
PW Cir 10	7:00 PM	S-100
PW Cir 9	7:30 PM	Off-site

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Personnel & Admin Committee Meeting	5:00 PM	Pastors Ofc
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'shp Hall
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Finance Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	N-218
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
PW Circle 5	7:00 PM	S-100

FRIDAY MAY 24

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123
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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 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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