



April 21, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Easter Sunday

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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

"Victory" (hymn 236)

Michael Helman  
(b. 1965)

"The Easter Sequence" (Victimæ paschali laudes)

Wilbur Held  
(1914–2015)

"Chorale-Fantasy on *Christ the Lord Has Risen*"

Flor Peeters  
(1903–1986)

Jack Rain, organist; brass quartet

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing the glad songs of victory; God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**God is our strength and our song; this is the day of our salvation.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**The one who was rejected assures us: we are accepted and beloved by God.**

We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news. We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice. In Christ, all shall be made alive.**

**INTROIT**

“Entrata Festiva”  
Chancel Choir

Flor Peeters

Christ o’erpow’reth, Christ now reigneth, Christ doth command.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lynn Mormino

**Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgment we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Everyone who lives by trust in Jesus Christ has already received forgiveness of sins. Accept this gift God offers. You are chosen by God to receive it. Your prayers are answered, and your salvation is assured. Christ reigns over death, filling you with newness of life. Rise up! Rejoice! Witness to 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

Rev. Ruth Elswood

*(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 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 851)

Second Lesson: John 20:1-18

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 140)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

"Master Gardener"

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**    “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”    Dominick Argento  
Chancel Choir with Brass Quartet    (1927–2019)

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King. The heav'ns are not too high, his praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low; his praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out. But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King. Amen.

**\*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!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 246**    “Christ is Alive!”    TRURO

**\*BENEDICTION**    “Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*    Georg Frideric Händel  
Chancel Choir and Congregation    (1685-1759)

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing this anthem of response.*

Text – Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords.    – Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

**POSTLUDE**

“Toccata” from *Symphonie No. 5*    Charles-Marie Widor  
(1844-1937)

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We thank the brass quartet (Derek Blankenship and Kevin Clark, trumpets; Terry Adams and Aaron Campbell, trombones) for adding splendor to our magnificent Easter music at the 11:00 a.m. service today.

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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](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.

## 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; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2<sup>nd</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 **Blanche Ganey** ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto: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.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED TODAY

This Sunday we will collect the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering to help people around the world affected by natural disasters.

### FPC SECURITY TEAM



FPC is forming a security team to foster a safe environment for members, staff, day school students, visitors, and property; and we are looking for volunteers interested in serving on this team. If you are willing to serve or at least curious, please contact Dick

Luehrs at (727) 866-7965 or [dicklu@windstream.net](mailto:dicklu@windstream.net).

### 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 30, 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](mailto:simsjr@eckerd.edu)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

### CEDARKIRK WEEKEND

One service Sunday April 28

The annual St. Anthony's triathlon is April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and as a result access to the church is limited until after 10 a.m. and for that reason there will only be one service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. If you encounter a policeman on that day, just let him know you are going to the church and you will be permitted to proceed.

### NO GODLY PLAY CLASS

## DURING 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OUTING



Presbyterian women are going to the Museum of Fine Arts on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please join us

in the Conservation area of the museum for a docent-led tour of approximately one hour and then lunch together after at 400 Beach restaurant. Group cost of museum ticket is \$14; lunch cost will vary based on your order. RSVP to Rachel Bowron at [rbowron@aol.com](mailto:rbowron@aol.com) by April 22<sup>nd</sup> to enjoy this fun day!

### ST. PETERSBURG FREE CLINIC NEEDS YOUR HELP



St. Petersburg Free Clinic's We Help pantry is always in need of volunteers. General

hours are Mon.-Wed., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. Four-hour shifts are available most of those times. You'll see lots of your First Pres buddies and be helping very grateful clients. Contact [volunteers@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org](mailto:volunteers@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org) or call 821-1200 x 114.

## THANK YOU FROM CAROL RILEY

Thank you so much for the lovely send off on Sunday. It has been a pleasure to work with the children at First Presbyterian Church! A special "Thank You" to Sally Baynard who has devoted so much time, energy and creativity to Messy Church, Godly Play and Sunday School! Thanks as well to Barbara Brownlee, Diane Zuercher, Petra Garnett and Diedra Flora for all their support. Blessings, Carol Riley

### BUNCO IS OFF AND "ROLLING"

We began our monthly fun and fellowship nights on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Since there are so many other events scheduled in April, the next time we'll gather to roll the die will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Plan to be there, and bring a friend! Bunco nights are for all ages, singles, and couples. Any questions, call Ken or Dot Young (727-290-6019).

### FPC DAY SCHOOL'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IS SATURDAY, MAY 4

We are excited to announce the celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Day School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hope you can join us!

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

#### EASTER SUNDAY

<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>F'shp Hall</b>
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	
<b>Classic Worship with choir</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

### MONDAY APRIL 22

#### Day School In Service Day

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
FFIM Meeting	12:00 AM	N-123
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

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
Grief Share group	10:00 AM	Chapel
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218

Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
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, APRIL 24

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Children's Chapel	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-123

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Day School Timeless Tales "Three Little Pigs"	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators	11:00 AM	S-100
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	Youth Cntr
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
PW Circle 5	7:00 PM	S-100

### FRIDAY APRIL 26

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	6:00 PM	S-206

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

All Church Retreat Cedarkirk		
St. Anthony's Triathlon		
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123



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