



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 28, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Second 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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (hymn 667)

Joe C. Galyon

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

We will praise you for your mighty deeds, O God, according to your surpassing greatness!

Praise the Lord with the sounds of the trumpet, with tambourine and the dance!

We will praise you with strings and pipe and loud clashing cymbals.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Susan Schlecht

We must obey God rather than human authority.

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

The God of our fathers and mothers raised Jesus, who was killed by hanging on a tree.

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

God exalted him at God’s right hand as Leader and Savior.

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Christ brings repentance and forgiveness of sins.

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey.

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever.

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 236

"The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 297)

Second Lesson: John 20:19-31
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 141)

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"And So We Wait"

Rev. Ruth Elswood

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

“All Good Gifts”
Chancel Choir

Jeffrey Honoré

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above, so thank you, God, O thank you, God, for all your gifts of love. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand. You send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain. O God, you are the maker of all things near and far; you paint the wayside flower, and light the evening star. The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed: much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good: the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. For all that we can offer your boundless love imparts, the gifts to you most pleasing are humble, thankful hearts.

***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 260**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” (hymn 234)

Wilbur Held
(1914–2015)

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. 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 loving memory of John Wellons by his wife Pat, daughter Laurie and son Carter.



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.

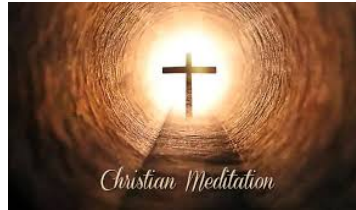
FPC SECURITY TEAM



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.

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). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

THE DAY SCHOOL ART SHOW



The children of our day school work hard each year to put on a pretty impressive

art show, showcasing what they've learned throughout the year through art. This year's show is Friday, May 3. The children's singing performance and an opening prayer by Pastor Dawn will open the show in the sanctuary. The art show will open at 7:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

BUNCO IS OFF AND "ROLLING"

We began our monthly fun and fellowship nights on Saturday, March 30th. Since there are so many other events scheduled in April, the next time we'll gather to roll the die will be on May 11th 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).

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY?



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

FPC DAY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY



We are excited to announce the celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Day School's 50th anniversary. Please find in your bulletins a flier with more information about this fun

event scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. We will have a special service in the sanctuary to recognize current and past staff members, an opportunity for guests to tour original and new classrooms as well as the annual Art Show, a chance to take fun pictures in a 1968 VW Photo Booth Bus, and guests will top the night off with an After Party at the Vinoy. An e-vite will be posted soon so that you can RSVP to attend. We hope you can join us to commemorate 50 wonderful years as a preschool sharing God's love with the children in our community!

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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

FPC Bus-Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
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
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

MONDAY APRIL 29

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, APRIL 30

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	9:30 AM	S-100
Grief Share group	10:00 AM	Chapel
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
G2 Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	Pastor Stdy
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, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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

FRIDAY MAY 3

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
Day School Art Show	6:30 PM	F'ship Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Kids' Night Out	5:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Day School 50th Anniversary Celebration	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC



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 Ramírez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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