



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

First 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

"Rathbun" (hymn 213)

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**The deeds of God are beyond our knowing. Yet we catch
glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid. Our
Creator is with us in all times and places.

**God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled. The needy
and the poor are not forgotten.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Karen Kisten

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 45

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

DUNDEE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 107:1-3, 22-32

Karen Kisten

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 687)

Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 17 (selected verses)

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 323)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Facing Down Your Giants"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” arr. Matthew Prins
Handbell Choir

*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 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM
RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on *Aus der Tiefe/Heinlein*” (Forty Christopher
Tambling
Days and Forty Nights, hymn 167) (b. 1964)

*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

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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 memory of John H. Mulder and Jeffrey H. Mulder by Mary Anne Mulder.



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 Mauer, 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.

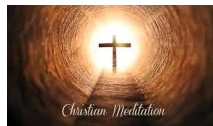
Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:

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).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The church's annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

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.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY AT 10 A.M.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family

member, or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

Even though we've had our first few meetings, you are still encouraged to join us Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. in the chapel.

OUTSTANDING FESTIVAL OF PRAISE CONCERT



What a fantastic concert! Thank you to all who participated in making this

year's Festival of Praise concert one to remember. Michael Hey gave a spectacular performance on the organ. The choir was enchanting. And again congratulations to Jack Rain for sharing his gift with us and for 50 years of faithfulness to FPC!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM MARCH 13!

Due to Spring break there will be no children's choir or Messy Church this week but we will have dinner at 5:30 p.m., Bible study and Financial Peace at 6 p.m. *See insert for additional information and to sign up.*

PER CAPITA 2019

The 2019 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to \$32.20 per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita assessment.

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. This simply involves getting to know a child better by having lunch at school with him/her one day a week. The program, sponsored by Pinellas County, requires attendance at an informational workshop. We can schedule a workshop here at our church if we have at least 10 interested volunteers. Six people have signed up already. 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.

BUNCO NIGHT AT FPC

What is it? A fun evening for singles and couples of all ages. It is designed to gently mix us up with one another with the roll of the die



from numbers 1-6. Five of a number at the head table ends the round and moves you on! No gambling! Everyone is asked to bring a small snack to share if you can. Join us, relax and laugh.

We will launch our first Bunco night Saturday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center. If you have questions contact **Ken Young** at youngkd1492@comcast.net

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



Cedarkirk *A place apart to build up
the body of Christ in love.*
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Communion Worship 8:15 AM Chapel
Contemporary Worship Hall 9:00 AM F'shp
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 11

Kids' Fun Day 9:00 AM Child Care
PW Circle 3 9:00 AM Off-site
PW Circle 6 10:00 AM S-100
Youth Spring Break Cleanup 10:00 AM Campus
PW Circle 4 1:00 PM Off-site
Personnel Admin. Committee 5:00 PM
Pastors Std
Board of Deacons 5:30 PM S-100
Girl Scout Troop 094 6:30 PM S-206
All Committees Gathering Hall 6:30 PM F'ship
All Committees meetings 7:00 PM Campus

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study Pastor ♦ Matt Gleason ♦ Youth

Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev. Ruth Etswood, 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 Mitter, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian

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Day School: (727) 894-5889 ♦ Web site: www.fpcstpete.com ♦ E-mail: office@fpc-stpete.org

Faith Development Bible Study 10:00 AM N-123
GriefShare group 10:00 AM Chapel
Church Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218
Day School Advisory Council 4:00 PM Day School
Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 PM F'ship Hall
Stewardship Comm Meeting 6:00 PM Pastor's Pfc
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 13

Kids' Fun Day 9:00 AM Child Care
PW Circle 12 11:30 AM Off-site
WNL Dinner 5:30 PM F'ship Hall
Financial Peace 6:00 PM Chapel
WNL Bible Study 6:00 PM F'ship Hall
AA for Women 7:00 PM N-123

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Sanctuary Guild meeting 1:00 PM S-100
Chancel Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 560 6:00 PM S-206
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY MARCH 15

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, MARCH 16

Reggae Rise Up concert 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
New Hope Christian F'ship 5:30 PM Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-123