

December 30, 2018

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

"The Joy of Christmas"

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Jack Rain, organ

Benton Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rise up in heart and mind to bless God's holy name. Open your arms and your souls to receive the covenant.

We are here to praise God and to receive mercy. We have come in response to God's steadfast love.

God welcomes you and offers renewal. Compassion and

competence are God's gifts to you.

God is merciful, gracious, and slow to anger. God protects us and allows us to lie down in safety.

God calls you to use your gifts for the sake of justice. God seeks to equip you here to make a difference.

God raises us up as followers of Jesus. God equips us as ministers of the new covenant.

INTROIT

"He Is Born" Il est né, French Carol Chancel Choir

He is born, the divine Christ child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy child, sing we all of the Savior mild. Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming; through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten, Elder

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen Kisten

God has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive—seventy times seven. How amazing is God's love for us, and God's

expectation of us! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

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 169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

REST

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 103:1-14

Karen Kisten

(pew Bible, Old Testament, page 681)

Second Lesson: Matthew 6:9-12

Rev. Ken Young

(pew Bible, New Testament, page 7)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Begin Again"

Rev. Ken Young

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 ANTHEM Althouse

"Joyful, Joyful to the World"

arr. Jay

Chancel Choir

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King, her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love. You have sent a child to save us, come to earth from heav'n above. Son of God and born of Mary; joyfully the angels sing. Voices rise in exultation, Jesus Christ, the newborn King!

*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 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Diane Bish

(b. 1941)

Reverend Ken Young, our visiting preacher today, is a native of New York and received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was called to serve churches, hospitals, and chapels in Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maine before retiring from full-time ministry. Since then, Rev. Young has owned and operated two retail establishments: Hobby Shoppe and Back Door Ice Cream Shop. He and his wife Dorothy now spend summers in Bath, Maine, and winters in St. Petersburg.

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 honor of Jean Howie's 95th birthday by her children, grandchildren and great-grand children.

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, Phoebe Catlin, Kat Cline, Bill Davenport, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Jim and Petra Garnett, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall,

Claire Hoel, Hilman and Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob and Jean Reed, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, 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).

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, January 8, 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.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG MONTH

Don't forget to wear your nametag in both services. We really do want to get to know each other better. If you need a name tag, please contact Diedra Flora, diedraflora@aol.com for the 9:00 a.m. service, and Dick Luehrs, dicklu@windstream.net for the 11:00 service, or you can call the office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday Night Live will start up again after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

During December many of us consider steps we can take to reduce our income tax burden due by April 15 of the following year. One effective step is to increase charitable contributions before year end. If you have not yet completed your 2018 stewardship pledge, or if you would like to contribute a designated gift to another need in the church, we hope you will consider giving toward those causes before December 31. To give stocks or other non-monetary gifts, please contact Linda Champion (lchampion@fpc-stpete.org) for details. All contributions to the Lord's mission work through First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg are greatly appreciated.

DON'T FORGET THE FREE CLINIC



Hungry people need to eat urg after Thanksgiving, too, and we can feed the hungry through donating nonperishable food items to the St. Pete Free Clinic. Place them in the bin or basket in the sanctuary or fellowship hall, where they will be collected and sent to the Free Clinic.

PARKING AT THE VINOY HOTEL

For many years the Vinoy has fostered a great relationship with this church and we've done so toward them as well. One of the ways the Vinoy shows their appreciation is by allowing FPC members and attendees to park in their garage on Sunday mornings. Please utilize this gift. Entrance is on 7th Avenue.

SAVE THE DATE



The St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, will perform

at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. The St. Olaf Choir, comprised of 75 mixed voices, is the premier a cappella choir in the United States. For over a century, the choir has set a standard of choral excellence and remained at the forefront of choral artistry. The ensemble's annual tour brings its

artistry and message to thousands of people across the nation and around the world. Tickets can be purchased online at https://wp.stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir/

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY: THE PATRIARCHS ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB



This 11-week study of Genesis 12-50 is full of twists, turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery! Join us on Tuesday mornings or Tuesday

evenings January 8 - March 19, 2019. The times are 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. in the youth center. Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Free childcare is available by reservation - e-mail childcare@fpcstpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for all 11 weeks or let childcare know if you are unable to come for specific dates). If you have any questions, please contact April Hussung: 420-1758 or Marie Huber: 515-8355.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that all contributions for the year 2018 must be received in the office by **December 31**st unless they are mailed to the church, in which case they must be postmarked by **December 31**.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



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. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF FPC! PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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 Suncoast10:00 AM Church Bus FPC Bus-Presbyterian Towers10:15 AM Church Bus FPC Bus-Westminster Palms 10:30 AM Church Bus

Classic Worship with choir11:00 AM Sanctuary

10:30 AM

5:00 PM Youth Cntr

8:00 PM N-123

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

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Valet Parking

Youth Group

TUESDAY, January 1 Happy New Year!

Alcoholics Anonymous

Church Office Closed

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, January 2

AA for Women 7:00 PM N-121
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'ship Hall

THURSDAY, January 3

Presbyterian Women

Bible Moderators 11:00 AM S-100 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rm.

FRIDAY, January 4

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123 Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Off-site

SATURDAY, January 5

Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM Youth Cntr New Hope Christian F'ship 5:30 PM Offsite 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 → Susan Key, Parish Associate → Ashley Davis, Day School Director → Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator → 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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