

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

August 14, 2020

Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service
this Sunday, August 16!
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon: "What Do You Really Want?"

Pastor Dawn Conti

Scripture: [Psalm 67](#), [John 5:1-9](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com - "Click Here to Watch Sunday Services") as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Prayer Concerns

Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Phoebe Catlin, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Gordon Crane, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Margaret Hewitt, Ann Holifield, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt,

Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Margie Laughlin, Tom and Marie Machuga, Kathie Mayhall, Dave and Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Nancy Ogden, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Schultz, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.

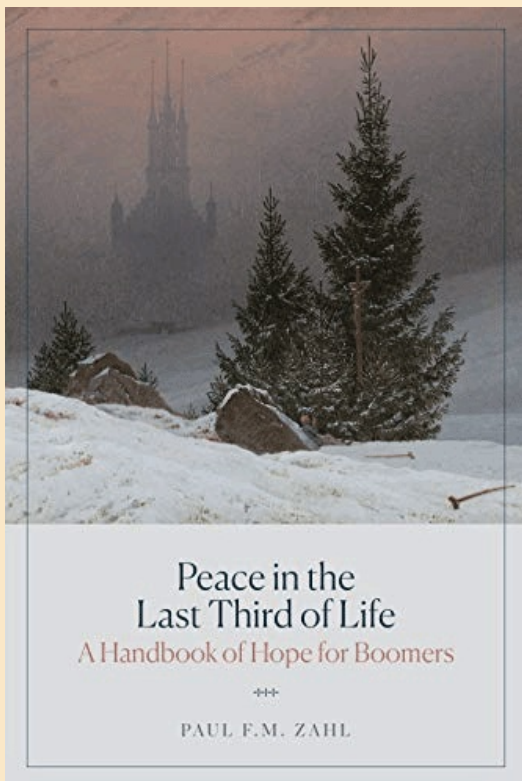


Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

MY FAVORITE QUARANTINE READ



Like many, I keep several books working at the same time. One I aim to finish soon has just come out—*Peace in the Last Third of Life: A Handbook of Hope for Boomers* by Paul F.M. Zahl. This is the latest of several books written by Paul, a retired Episcopalian dean and priest. Its timing is uncanny, having come out at the start of the pandemic. Paul's writing style is easily readable, breezy yet serious; he's adept in weaving sturdy threads of theology through colorful loops of pop culture.

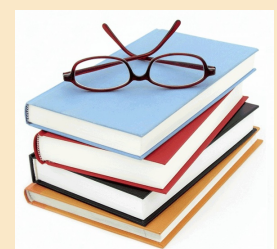
"OK Boomer," he opens his book with this somewhat dismissive meme that Millennials and younger generations use to mock certain of our attitudes, "our" being us Boomers and older at First Presbyterian and elsewhere.

From there Paul delves into the shadow that often hangs over the last third of our lives. "The key...to peace and hope as the outcome of a person's physical life and journey is the resolution of unhealed, unresolved pain from the distant past. That is a maxim to underline and repeat." Paul writes out of his personal and pastoral counseling experience, which spanned five decades, while he lays out a few straightforward keys for resolving our unresolved pain.

This short book closes with a poignant, beautiful statement by J.M. Barrie (author of *Peter Pan*) describing his mother's death. Says Paul of Barrie's words: "Such is my hope for the last third of your life, O dearly beloved Boomer. Let alone my own."

Submitted by Carlen Maddux

Please let us know about your "Favorite Quarantine Read" by submitting a short paragraph describing the book. Not only will this be intriguing to *First News* readers, but it will help all of us know the interests of others in the church. Join in the fun by sending your Favorite Read to Mary Johnson (mgsjohnson@gmail.com).



**"Oh the Places
We Have Been"**



Meet our Member: Helen Leslie

Champion of women's rights and a witness to the history of St. Petersburg, Helen has been there.

"All my life I have been busy working with many national organizations like DACOWTS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service), and being the representative of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon was the highlight of my life."

Arriving in St. Pete in 1929 was the beginning of a lifetime love of our city. Attending Lakewood Elementary, Southside Junior High, and graduating from St. Pete High, Helen has seen St. Pete grow from a sleepy little village to a thriving and exciting city.

While in high school, Helen performed on stage at the La Plaza Theater in downtown St. Pete. She often took the street car down to the Pier to entertain the sailors and soldiers. Her skills at mechanical drafting enabled her to work with her father at his company, Krauss Air Conditioning. She designed the layout of the two twin-Zephyr fans that kept the old Playhouse Theater cool.

Helen has traveled the globe promoting and supporting the business world for professional women.

Helen has been part of FPC since Dr. McClure was the pastor at "the old red brick building." Since taking the walk to the new church, she has been involved in singing in the choir, attending Sunday School, and playing the piano.

"I had an exciting life and my husband tolerated it all!"

Submitted by Diane Zuercher

Summer Worship Service Soloists



Last Sunday's special music, "Peace Like A River, Kum ba Yah," featured soloists Chris Holloway, baritone, and Linda Holloway, soprano, accompanied on piano by Jack Rain.

Pastor Dawn invites you to join us for a time of devotion, discussion, and prayer where we connect online with God and each other as we read and discuss the sermon text that will be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!



MONDAY DEVOTION

For sign-in information to the Zoom call, please contact the Church Office at 727-822-2031 or click [HERE](#) to join. PLEASE NOTE: Zoom is now requiring a password for all

meetings. If Zoom prompts you to enter a password, the password for Monday devotionals moving forward will be "prayer."

Online Giving



During this season when we are physically apart, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

For your convenience, there are several ways which you can give:

- (1) Give online using a credit card or bank transfer ([click here](#) for the link). For assistance using the online system, please call the Church Office or
- (2) Send a check through the U.S. mail or
- (3) Drop by the Church Office and slip an envelope through the mail slot in the front door.

Thank you for the many ways you support the work of God's church at FPC – St. Petersburg!

All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible during this time of social distancing.

- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.



- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*
- [August Birthdays](#)

All groups are currently meeting virtually (online). If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031) for more information.

- Sundays, 9 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, contact the Church Office.
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online Worship Service](#).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne (lkiehne@gmail.com).
- Mondays, 10 AM, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join. If you are prompted, use "prayer" as a password.
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Virtual Meditation, online. For sign-in information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).

Deadline For "First News"

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Please submit copy which is as concise as possible. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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