

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

February 11, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
Worship Service
this Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday's Sermon: "God's Name – A Name for All Generations"
Rev. Ginny Ellis

Scriptures: [Exodus 3:13-15](#), [Mark 8:27-30](#)

We are excited to see you for in-person worship services!
Please remember we are requiring masks
for all indoor activities on campus at this time.

"SOUPER"BOWL SUNDAY



For over 30 years, the "Souper Bowl of Caring" has inspired local communities to tackle hunger. Let's join them by collecting food items and dollar bills to put back into the St. Petersburg community! This Sunday (Feb. 13), we will have a barrel available in the Sanctuary to drop food items and big soup pots to collect your extra dollar bills and

change; everything collected will be donated to the St. Pete Free Clinic. Thank you for all the ways you help our local community!

The Chancel Choir returns to our worship service this week singing the offertory anthem "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arranged by Mack Wilberg. See you in worship!



Praise Band Preview - Something Old, Something New

Your FPC Praise Band is very excited about our return to in-person worship! We have two great tunes planned for this Sunday's service. The first, *Holy Water*, is one of the band's favorites that you have likely heard us do before. Our second tune is a brand new one called *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*. We haven't made a video for this one, but you can hear the original artist recording we based our arrangement on by clicking the link below. See you Sunday!

[Holy Water](#)

[Firm Foundation \(He Won't\)](#)

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

Click [HERE](#) for the worship service bulletin.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com - click the "Watch Here" button) 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!



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Carol Daniel, Peter Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Lillian Harris, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Alan Pfleider,

Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, 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 an end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN LT; CPT Taina Specie, USA; CPT Liam Shelton, USA; 1st 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 McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Dear First Folks,

It was lovely to be in the Sanctuary last Sunday, and to know of those who were worshipping with us on live-stream. Either way we can worship together, it is good! Pastor Megan was on vacation; I think I meant to mention that...she was enjoying some family time!

Next week we will again offer Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

The Session has appointed committee/ministry chairs, who are now busy inviting members to be part of their ministries and scheduling their upcoming meetings. Please find the right spots to do what the wonderful hymn says: "to come and follow me if I but call your name." We hope you find your own name lifted up, so that you follow the Lord in new and powerful ways, with your heart, your talents, your gifts.

The Congregation's Annual Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary after worship on February 20. The three main things we will do at that meeting are: hear reports from church ministries for the year 2021, approve the 2022 salary package of your Associate Pastor Megan McMillan (you do not vote on mine because mine is considered a "temporary pastoral position"), and the election of the new Officer Nominating Committee, which will nominate new classes of elders and deacon or fill vacancies that occur.

We are continuing our Wednesday night discussions of "The Book of Forgiving" by Desmond Tutu. These have been held on Zoom, but we will soon discuss resuming in person meetings to see what format the group prefers. You are welcome to join this group: for next Wednesday, Feb. 16, we will be discussing chapter 4. It is a powerful book.

I hope you have been reading the novel "Broken for You" by Stephanie Kallos. Join me in a book discussion on it in person in Room N-123 on at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 23, or you could be part of a discussion on Zoom on Sunday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. This book is connected to our Extraordinary Time focus.

We are looking forward to the baptisms of 4 young children: three in February and one (probably) in March. What happy times!

Blessings!
Ginny Ellis

Bon Voyage! Concert
Featuring: Pinellas County Center

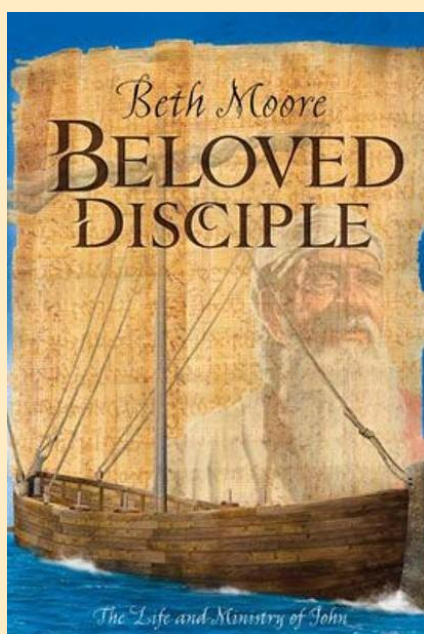
for the Arts Women's Chorale
This Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM



The Pinellas County Center for the Arts Women's Chorale is an outstanding SSAA ensemble who performs the highest levels of treble choral repertoire. They have been selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association 2022 Southern Region Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. **These talented music students will sing their program for our community in preparation for this prestigious performance.** An offering will be taken for PCCA Women's Chorale.

In 2019 and 2020, The Women's Chorale was selected as Critic's Choice for the Florida Vocal Association District 9 Music Performance Assessment. The PCCA Women's Chorale regularly performs for a variety of community and state events supporting music education and arts advocacy.

Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) at Jonathan C. Gibbs High School is a center of excellence in the visual and performing arts. It provides a comprehensive educational program of artistic training, academic and creative development, and preparation to compete for scholarships toward advanced study in institutions of higher learning.



**Ladies, let's start the new year with
a Beth Moore Bible Study!**

**Join us on Tuesday mornings
February 15th – April 26, 2022
9:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center**

**"Beloved Disciple:
The Life and Ministry of John"**

Join us for an 11-week study of the life of John the apostle and his relationship with the One who loved him. Beth Moore says, "John was free to love because he was so utterly convinced that he was loved. How differently would each follower live if we characterized ourselves above all else as the beloved disciple

of Jesus Christ? This is the goal of our journey.”

Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Currently, masks are required. We will keep you updated on this. Thank you for your understanding! Questions? Contact April Hussung at 727-420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 20, 2022
In the Sanctuary, following the worship service

We invite you to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 20. The 3 purposes of the meeting are:



- (1) to present the 2021 Annual Report
- (2) to elect a Nominating Committee
- (3) approve the 2022 salary package of your Associate Pastor Megan McMillan

The meeting will be in person in the Sanctuary. If you are unable to join us in person, you will be able to watch (but not participate in) the meeting online, via our YouTube channel (watch for the link in a future First News).

Power Hour Sunday School Class

Stop over the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 AM for the “Power Hour” Sunday school class. For the coming weeks, we will watch short clips featuring Pastor Rob Bell as he explores topics relevant to our lives today. Discussion follows DVD. Fellowship is before class from 8:30-9:00 AM with coffee & pastries. RSVP to Karen Mossman at karenamossman@gmail.com or text 727-400-5079.



WHAT IS A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY?

A Little Free Library is a “neighborhood” book collection about the size of an upper kitchen cabinet. It houses an ever-changing book collection that is available to everyone who wants to read. The “policy” is: TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK. A LFL is usually on private property to which the public has easy access. The goal is to share books with other readers who want to recirculate their enjoyed books. LFLs are a source of community pride. There are over 140,000+ LFLs in the USA and 7 foreign countries.

WHY DO YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS?

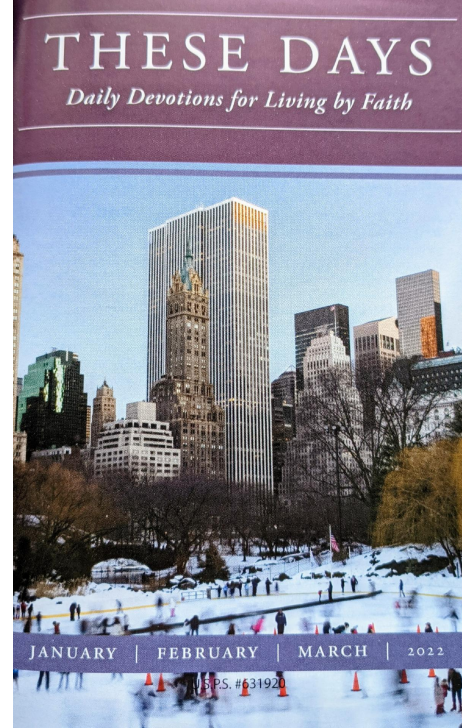
A Little Free Library is coming to FPC March 6!

FFIM Annual Meeting - March 4

[Foundation for International Missions](#) Annual Meeting will be held March 4, 2022, via Zoom. This meeting is an open meeting at which the 2021 Statistics will be presented for the New Hope Medical Clinic in Orica, Francisco Morazan, Honduras CA. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact the Church Office for the Zoom link.

Devotionals Available

Copies of the Jan/
Feb/Mar edition of
"Our Daily Bread" and
"These Days"
devotionals are now
available for pick-up
from the Church
Office during normal
business hours or at
the Welcome Center
on Sunday mornings!



College Scholarship Applications

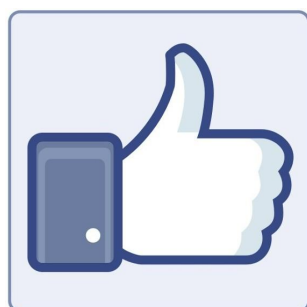


We will be accepting applications for college scholarships through February

28th. These scholarships include the Church Family and Ohrns Scholarships for undergraduates and the Osborne Scholarship for Theology students. We only require one application is for both Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters (awards are split). The applicant needs to let us know if they only need it for one semester.

For further details about these scholarships, please contact the Church Office. To apply for any of these scholarships, you will need to include: 1) a completed application form (found [HERE](#)); 2) a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript; 3) a 500-word essay describing your involvement in church-related activities as well as extra-curricular and community involvement activities, why you want this grant, and what you expect to do following the completion of your education.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and the Session will approve the final awards. Successful applicants will be asked to provide proof of enrollment and acceptance by their educational institution. Funds for the scholarship will be sent directly to the institution so be sure to give the proper name and address to which the funds are to be sent.



Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do so! Also, be sure to SHARE our Facebook and Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help us increase numbers of followers of the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!

All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible.



- 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.

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



During this season, 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!

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.*
- [Click HERE](#) for February Birthdays



Some groups are still 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, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Chapel
- **Sundays, 9 AM**, Power Hour Sunday School Class, Youth Center
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
- **Sundays**, following worship, Coffee Fellowship time, Fellowship Hall (in person) or [via Zoom](#)
- **Mondays, 10 AM**, Lectio Devina Extraordinary, [via Zoom](#)
- **Tuesdays, 9:15 AM**, Ladies' Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 1 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting virtually every other week. Next in-person meeting is **Feb. 22**, in the Chapel. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com)
- **Wednesdays, 7 PM**, Wednesday Night Live, [via Zoom](#); book study: *The Book of Forgiving*
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, Room N-123. Please contact Ken Young at 207-841-8562 for more information.
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information,

contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

- Sunday, February 13, 4 PM, *Bon Voyage* concert, Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 20, following service, Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

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 Amy McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

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