

FIRST NEWS



Your **Weekly News** from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

January 14, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our 10 AM ONLINE Worship Service
this Sunday, January 16, 2022
Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday's Sermon: "Moses Steps Aside"
Rev. Ginny Ellis

Scriptures: [Exodus 3:1-4](#), [Acts 7:20-29](#)

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, Bob Burkhardt,
Kevin Clark, Carol Daniel, Peter Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie
Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, John & Dorothy Harte,



Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, the Pav family, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Diane Zuercher

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

EXTRAORDINARY TIME

We began our January and February experience of Extraordinary Time on Sunday, January 9. With the story of the Burning Bush as the overarching theme, during this time we will explore the challenges of our discipleship as people of faith, and our ministry as a congregation. Tune in as we worship; listen to the readings, the music, even the silences. Join in the singing and the prayers. Lift up your hope as we engage in extraordinary work of loving God, hearing God's word, following where God leads. THIS IS OUR EXTRAORDINARY WORSHIP TOGETHER.

Other ways to engage during Extraordinary Time:

SUNDAYS: Right after the worship service, join us online via Zoom [HERE](#) for COFFEE FELLOWSHIP. You'll see faces of church friends and have a chance to share news, questions, and ideas. *Leaders: Uneeda Brewer and Megan McMillan*

MONDAYS: 10:00 a.m. - LECTIO DIVINA EXTRAORDINARY. With traditional *lectio* and *visio* disciplines, we'll look at the scriptures for the next Sunday. You can join on Monday mornings by clicking [HERE](#). *Leader: Megan McMillan*

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 p.m. (starting this coming Wednesday, Jan. 19) - A book study via Zoom based on *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. The book explores "the four-fold path for healing ourselves and our world." We will walk through chapter by chapter, discussing and meditating on each section using the suggested activities. You can order the book online. You can join on Wednesday evenings by clicking [HERE](#). *Leader: Ginny Ellis*

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS

For the month of January, I am asking that we support our presbytery's Beth-El Farmworker Mission in Wimauma, by gathering items that will HELP THEM STAY WARM.

Items they have requested are:

- Headgear (baseball caps, bandanas, straw hats)
- Hooded sweaters (Adults S/M/L, or children's sizes)
- Gently-used or new long-sleeve button shirts for men (S/M/L)
- Gently-used or new pants for men (S/M/L)
- Socks (adult or child)
- Blankets and towels
- Bed sheets (twin/full)

These items can be brought any time during the week to the Church Office, or there is a labeled box outside the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

ALSO...COMING SOON!

- **Prayer Stations** starting January 30th in the Chapel (hours will be Sundays from 11 AM - 3 PM, Tuesdays from 11 AM - 3 PM and 5-7 PM, and Thursdays 11 AM - 3 PM and 5-7 PM)
- **A book discussion** to be scheduled in late February. The selected book is *Broken for You*, a novel by Stephanie Kallos. If possible, we will plan an in-person book discussion, as well as one on Zoom (link will be given closer to the start date).

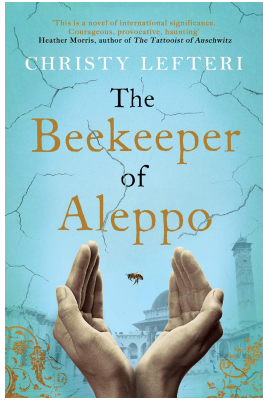
Vote in our Frog-Naming Contest!

Thanks for all the creative name entries for our frog! The list of potential names is below:

- Leaves
- Bert
- Wilbur
- Jeremiah
- Fergie
- Lombardi
- Terry
- Remington
- Murphy
- Jules
- Kelly
- Jehosophat
- Petie
- Clover
- Finley
- Jesus (pronounced "hay-soos")



Which name do you like the best? Click [HERE](#) to vote online!



Faith & Fiction

Our next book is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. The discussion will be on February 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. -- hopefully in person, but if not, then via Zoom. Come join us either way!

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!



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!

Pastoral Emergency Number

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call (561) 805-1514.



Online Giving



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 January Birthdays



Groups are 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, Zoom
- Sundays, 9 AM, Power Hour Sunday School Class, Zoom
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online](#) Worship Service
- Sundays, following worship, Coffee Fellowship time, [via Zoom](#)
- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare, Zoom

- Mondays, 10 AM, Lectio Devina Extraordinary, [via Zoom](#)
- Monday, January 17, Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation, meeting virtually. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com)

- Wednesdays, 7 PM (starting January 19), Wednesday Night Live, [via Zoom](#); book study: *The Book of Forgiving*

- Fridays, 12 PM, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.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 Amy McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

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