

# FIRST NEWS



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

**January 28, 2022**

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Join us for our 10 AM ONLINE Worship Service  
this Sunday, January 30, 2022  
*Fourth Sunday of Extraordinary Time*

Sunday's Sermon: "Called By Name"  
Rev. Ginny Ellis

Scriptures: [Exodus 3:4, 6-8a](#), [Acts 7:34-36](#)

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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](http://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,  
Carol Daniel, Peter Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra  
Fay, Teresa Gasper, 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



*Joined the Church Triumphant*

Helen K. Leslie  
January 18, 2022



*Joined the Church Triumphant*

Kathy Jose  
January 25, 2022

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](mailto:amym@fpc-stpete.org).

## From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Dear Friends,

What a blessing you are! The amazing collection of warm clothing, blankets, socks, and hats you have gathered to send to farmworkers at Beth-El is a vivid example of your willingness, even eagerness to share with people in need. Thank you! Thank you for your generosity! Just look at the picture below: so many items that will make February and March less cold for farmworker families in east Hillsborough County.





Now, if someone, or some team of people, would like to load these items in your truck, car, or SUV and deliver them to Beth-El, please contact the church office. Beth-El is on highway 301 in Wimauma. You could call ahead and be sure to get a tour of the Beth-El Mission, help them with food sorting, or distribution. The work our Presbyterian Mission does in the farmworker community is wonderful!

For next month's mission focus, we will be working on some needs for Lakewood Elementary School. Watch for things you can do; we'll offer a list next week!

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We hope you will choose to engage with the church family by participating on Zoom during **EXTRAORDINARY TIME**, in some of these ways:

- **Worship** on Sunday mornings at 10 AM and **Coffee Fellowship** ([via Zoom](#)) afterwards
- **Lectio Divina** on Monday mornings at 10 AM [via Zoom](#)
- A discussion of *The Book of Forgiving* on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM [via Zoom](#)
- **Prayer Stations** in the Chapel, which will be open on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM - 3 PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 - 7 PM (more info on the Prayer Stations is below!)

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**THE SESSION** is now up to full strength of 12 elders, with each elder assigned to part of our ministry. We hope you will feel called to support a specific part of our ministry. If you do, please contact the elder in charge: Here is the list of committees and elders:

- **Education and Fellowship:** Kyle Brinkman, Kathy Bardin
- **Finance:** Leah Cutting, Al May
- **ME&C (Membership Engagement and Communication):** Bill Shelton, Karen Mossman
- **Mission:** Sandi Averitt, Beth Houghton
- **Personnel and Administration:** Jane Egbert, Robin Lyle
- **Property:** Brad Hussung, Don Doddridge



- **Worship and Music:** Al May, Karen Mossman

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**NEW MEMBERS:** Please find ways to get to know and welcome our new members, Andy and Megan Oswald, who will soon move into their new house in North East Park and will bring their son Parker to be baptized on February 27.

**OTHER BAPTISMS:** We will be baptizing Sacha Sereda and Wesley Delcamp on Feb 20. What joy!

## Prayer Stations

Starting this Sunday (January 30), we will have prayer stations in the Chapel. There will be seven stations in which you can take time to pray and meditate. The chapel will be open from 11 AM - 3 PM every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and from 5 - 7 PM every Tuesday and Thursday. The interactive stations available will be:

- Giant coloring pages
- A large walking labyrinth
- A finger labyrinth
- Scrabble Prayers of the People
- Confession Cross
- Star Words
- A table-top Japanese Zen Garden



We are still in need of few supplies to help the prayer stations be as meaningful as possible. Does anyone have a tabletop or small water fountain we could borrow? Or Scrabble boards? We need 3 Scrabble Boards...not the letters, just the boards! Please call the church office if you have one of these items to share. Thank you!

**Bon Voyage! Concert**  
**Featuring: Pinellas County Center**  
**for the Arts Women's Chorale**  
**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.** 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.

## College Scholarship Applications



**APPLY NOW**

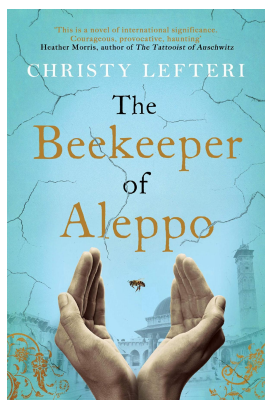
We will be accepting applications for college scholarships starting today, through February 28th. These scholarships include the Church Family and Ohrns Scholarships for undergraduates and the Osborne Scholarship for Theology students. We only require one application is for both Fall 2022 and Spring 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.



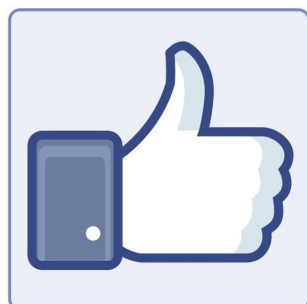
## Faith & Fiction

Our next book is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christi 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](#)
  
- Tuesdays, 1 PM, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation, meeting virtually. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto: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. Please contact Ken Young at 207-841-8562 to obtain information regarding meeting off-campus.
- Fridays, 12 PM, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))
  
- Monday, January 31, 7 PM, Return-to-Church Task Force meeting, online
  
- Monday, February 7, 7 PM, Faith & Fiction (yet to be determined if it will be in-person or online)
  
- Sunday, February 13, 4 PM, *Bon Voyage* concert, 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](mailto:amym@fpc-stpete.org).

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