

FIRST NEWS



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

November 11, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM
this Sunday, November 13, 2022
in the Sanctuary or online
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Ginny Ellis
Sermon: "No More the Sound of Weeping"
Scripture: [James 1:22-25](#), [Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

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!

We have a **MASK-OPTIONAL** policy for worship services and on-campus activities.



Please remember in prayer: All the victims and clean-up efforts from Hurricane Ian, Faith Bedford, Millie Bradley, Ellen Carnahan, John Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Dick & Diane Nummi, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Marsha Starkey

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; 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.

In our worship service this Sunday, November 13, 2022, we will celebrate African-American music and highlight our new giving opportunity through the establishment of a special fund to benefit a person or group in the local African-American community. We will sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and the choir will sing gospel favorite "Total Praise." We hope that you will join us!

As we all understand, African American spirituals were often sung by slaves in the fields. Because these song originated in the enslaved community, no one ever received any royalties or acknowledgment for the composition of the songs. First Presbyterian Church has established a special fund to benefit a person or group in the local African-American community. We will lift up this voluntary giving opportunity whenever the choir or congregation sings one of the beloved African-American spirituals. When we have sufficient funds to make a gift, the Worship Committee and Session will designate the recipient. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can make a gift, noting it for the "African-American Spiritual Fund."

Lectio Divina on Monday mornings

We would love for you to join us on Monday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom for Lectio Divina, when we reflect on scriptures that will be used in the coming Sunday's worship service. To join, just click the link: [HERE](#).

**New Member Inquirer's Class
this Sunday, November 13**

immediately following worship
in the Youth Center



Whether you have been visiting FPC St. Pete for a brief time or for a while, you will want to join us for a new member inquirer's class! This is a great opportunity for you to learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian, plus hear the answers to all those questions you may have about our church, faith, and what you need to do to become a member. We will meet immediately following worship on November 13 in the Youth Center, where we will enjoy a light lunch and a great program from Pastor Ginny. Elders will be on hand should you wish to join the church following the class. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (727-822-2031). This is your opportunity to learn about and join downtown's most welcoming church!



2023 Honduras Mission Trip Interest Meeting Sunday, November 13

Our next mission trip to Honduras will be June 11-17, 2023. If you might be interested in going, or if you have any questions, **please join us for an information meeting on Sunday, November 13**, in the Chapel, directly following the worship service. If you can't make the meeting, or if you have questions ahead of time, please contact Susan Schlecht at 727-735-5332 or schlecht21975@gmail.com.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

St. Petersburg's RunFest will be held on the morning of Nov 13. The back church parking lot will be closed off for the morning (6-10:30 AM). Please make plans to park in our ample grass parking area south of the sanctuary, or in the front circle drive.

Our church will be assisting RunFest in the following ways:

- Our Praise Band will play for the runners from approximately 8:00 to 10:00 AM, so feel free come a little early to support them!
- We will staff a water table behind the church. We need volunteers for this! Please call the Church Office if you can help!
- We will pray for the safety of all those participating.



Senior Luncheon!

*Sponsored by
the Deacons*
**Fun! Food!
Fellowship!**



Wednesday, November 16
from 12:00 - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

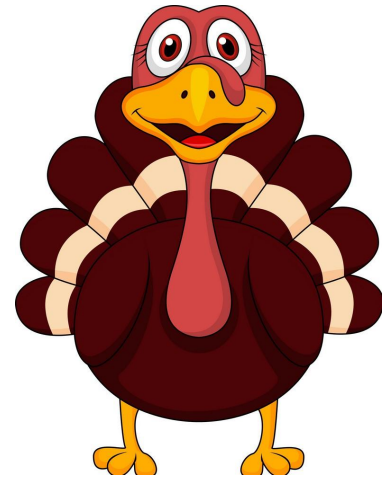
Call the Church Office (822-2031) to let us know if you need transportation.



St. Pete Baroque Concert Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Daniel Urbanowicz and the talented artists of St. Pete Baroque return to our Sanctuary to perform early music repertoire on historical period instruments. Offering will be taken for St. Pete Baroque.

Thanksgiving FAMILY FUN Cookout and Game Day! Sunday, November 20, 11:30 AM - 1 PM on the Church Playground



KIDS, grab your parents and grandparents and come for some yummy grilled burgers, veggies, ice cream and more!

We'll get to make new friends and catch up with the ones we met before COVID started! Besides the playground to play on, we'll have games and bubbles and balls. Can you juggle, kick, or throw? If you want, bring your favorite game or ball to share! We plan to have some serious FUN and do a mission project too!!!

Let us know you're coming by signing up [HERE](#) or in the Sanctuary.

Childcare/Kids Ministry Updates



- A new childcare & kid's room is **COMING ALONG!** New flooring, fresh paint, and new mini-blinds have been installed in Room 203!
- **Donation request:** if you have any clean, new or gently-used children's books, toys, or furniture that would be appropriate OR if you're redecorating yourself, we could use a couple of cute, comfy chairs. Before dropping off any large items, please send pictures to Pastor Jeanie at jbarnes@fpc-stpete.org.
- **Volunteer request:** If you would like to volunteer to help the new staff once a month during church, please sign up in the Sanctuary or contact Pastor Jeanie (727-822-2031). THANK YOU!

Christmas Greenery Donations

Christmas is just around the corner, and soon it is time to decorate the church!

- You are invited to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend to help purchase poinsettias and greenery. Be sure to designate the individual to be honored or



memorialized. We will compile and list the names of all those honored or remembered for inclusion First News.

- If you would like to help decorate the church (date and time TBD), please contact Chris Agee (cfagee@gmail.com).

Be a part of FPC's participation in the **Downtown Santa Parade on Nov. 26**. Gather your friends and family and ride in the decorated church van or walk along side during the Santa parade. Santa hat will be provided for all participants. Parade begins at 6 PM with lineup at 4 PM. If interested, contact Karen Mossman, 727-400-5079 or karenamossman@gmail.com.



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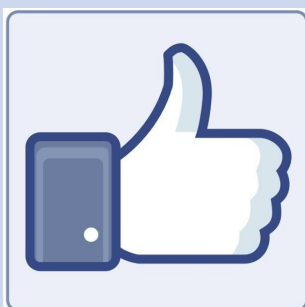
New Service Times

Beginning Sunday, December 4, FPC will offer a contemporary service in our Youth Center (9:00 AM) and a traditional service in our Sanctuary (at 11:00 AM). Sunday School classes and/or fellowship time will be from 10:00-11:00 AM. We are hoping to have childcare available 9 AM - 12 PM. Your support (and attendance!) will be essential to these two worship services being successful.

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

Stay
CONNECTED

- 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!

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 November 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.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **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](#)

- **Mondays, 10 AM**, Lectio Divina, via [Zoom](#)

- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, Chapel (meets in-person the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

- **Wednesdays, 7:00 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Youth Center

- **Thursdays, 6 PM**, Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, Room N-123
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, November 12, 6 PM**, "Friendsgiving" potluck at the Mossmans' house
- **Sunday, November 13, RunFest**
- **Sunday, November 13, 11 AM**, New Member Inquirer's class
- **Sunday, November 13, 11 AM**, Honduras Mission Trip Interest meeting
- **Wednesday, November 16, 12 PM**, Senior Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, November 20, 11:30 AM**, Thanksgiving Family Fun Cook-out, Game Day, and Mission Project
- **Sunday, November 20, 4 PM**, St Pete Baroque Concert
- **Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25**, Church Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

- **Saturday, November 26**, join FPC in participating in the Downtown Santa Parade
- **Sunday, December 4**, transition to TWO SERVICES! 9 AM Contemporary service in the Youth Center and 11 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary
- **Friday, December 9**, 7 PM, Many Moods of Christmas concert

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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