

FIRST NEWS



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

November 18, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM
this Sunday, November 20, 2022
in the Sanctuary or online
The Reign of Christ

Rev. Ginny Ellis
Sermon: "Jesus Will You Remember Me?"
Scripture: [Jeremiah 23:3-6](#), [Luke 23:33-43](#)

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 Hurricanes Ian & Nicole, 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.

From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Dear Friends,

Soon you should receive a letter from the church, inviting your commitment of support for the church budget in for 2023. Our Stewardship theme this year is: Following God's Call on our Road Ahead. By that, we are lifting up the marvelous road we have been talking about: the path that leads this church forward in worship and in service. There is so much going on around here: So much faith, energy, and vitality. I am praying for new and renewed relationships with one another and with our Lord, for a strong welcome for all, and a strong witness in this community. We are walking this road as God calls, and we're doing it together. As each of us joins in, let's commit to welcome, participate and serve. When you get your letter with pledge card, please think and pray about how you will respond. And bring the card to worship on or by December 11 as we rededicate ourselves to serving Jesus Christ with joy and with hope, on Our Road Ahead!

Meanwhile: What exactly is going on?

- The church bus is back out on the road, ready to bring folks to church. Thanks to our wonderful drivers!
- The Senior Luncheon on Wednesday was wonderful!
- This Sunday, Jeanie Barnes and Dave Hunt will lead Thanksgiving Family Fun out on the playground: a cookout and good time for friend-making among children and parents. I am really excited!

- The renovations to the childcare room are nearing completion, and Pastor Jeanie has found the right people to help staff childcare on Sunday mornings, as families decide.
- New worship times begin December 4: 9:00 AM for Contemporary worship, 11:00 AM for traditional. Two more weeks!
- Ten new members were received on Sunday, November 13, and a couple more to be received soon! Wonderful people for us to come to know!
- We are completing installation of a lift in the sacristy, giving people with disabilities/mobility issues access to the chancel. Yay!

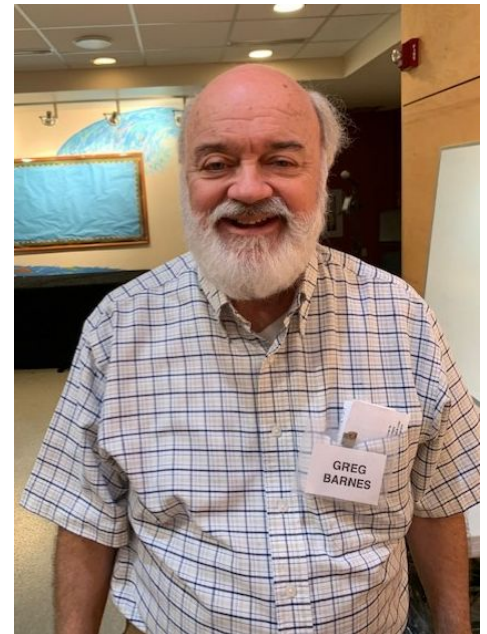
See why I am so excited? SO much good going on around here!

Blessings, indeed! Ginny Ellis

TEN NEW FPC MEMBERS!

The New Member Inquirer's Class we had last Sunday, November 13 was AWESOME! We had 10 new people join our church!

We took quick pictures at the class to help you put names to faces. We are so excited they have chosen to join the FPC family!



Greg Barnes



Marriane & Bill Ferrari



Sarah & Greg Helck



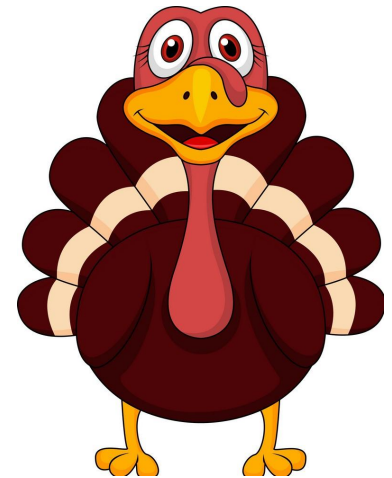
Susan Morris



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](#).

**Thanksgiving FAMILY FUN
Cookout and Game Day!**
this 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!!!

Be sure to sign up [HERE](#) today to let us know you're coming!



St. Pete Baroque Concert
this Sunday, November 20,
at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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.

Reminder for PW Members!

Please ensure that you RSVP to your Circle Moderator by **Monday, Nov 21st** if you plan to attend the Dec 2nd Christmas Luncheon at Westminster Palms.

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.



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday Nov 27, right after 10:00 AM worship for the election of officers. The Officer Nominating Committee will be bringing nominations for 5 elders and 4 deacons. Being nominated:

- For Elder: three-year terms: Jamie Brownlee, Carlen Maddux, Jo Anne Malone and Karen Mossman. For elder one-year term: Brad Hussung.
- For Deacon: three-year terms: Ginger McCoy, Cathy Milburn, Judie Underwood, and one yet to be announced.

Friendsgiving at the Mossmans' last Saturday was so fun! Thanks to everyone who came!



Childcare/Kids Ministry Updates



- A new childcare & kid's room is **LOOKING GOOD!** New flooring, fresh paint, new mini-blinds, and fun kid stuff have all been installed in Room 203! Stop by to see it if you get a chance!
- **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

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 on Tuesday, November 29,



please contact Chris Agee (cfagee@gmail.com).



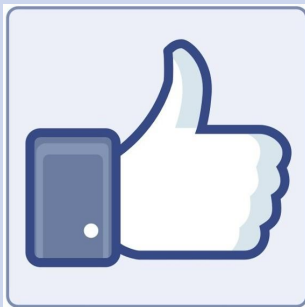
New Service Times

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.



- 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!



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:

- **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, November 27**, Congregational Meeting following the worship service in the Sanctuary
- **Tuesday, November 29**, decorating the church for Christmas
- **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.

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thur. 9 AM - 5 PM; closed Fridays

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