

# FIRST NEWS



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

**October 15, 2021**

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary  
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, October 17  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis  
Sermon: "Majestica"  
Scriptures: [Job 38:1-7](#), [Mark 10:35-45](#)

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If you feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship with us in person, you can  
click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

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## **Praise Band Preview - Hymns You Know**

We've been hearing that many of you enjoy it when the FPC Praise Band performs contemporary versions of familiar hymns. So do we! This week, we'll be performing 2 of the band's favorites: *Take My Life* and *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*. Click the links below to learn our versions, and we'll see you on Sunday!

[Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery](#)  
[Take My Life](#)

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## Meet and Greet

Pastor Ginny Ellis will gladly meet to visit with members and friends of the church at 11:15 AM (after worship) this Sunday (October 17) and next Sunday (October 24). Wear your mask and come along! Or contact her using her cell phone (813) 404-6723 or e-mail at [ginny\\_ellis@yahoo.com](mailto:ginny_ellis@yahoo.com).

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## Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.



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*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,  
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*

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## FPC Mask Policy

Reminder: in response to rising cases of COVID-19 and in conjunction with updated CDC guidelines, FPC St. Pete has re-implemented a **mandatory mask policy indoors** during worship and all other indoor campus activities.



**Please remember in prayer:** Guy Anderson, Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Elizabeth Hammer, 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, Karen Mossman, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke

Please continue to lift our church up in your prayers during this time of transition.

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; 1st LT. 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 Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).



## UPDATE from the Officer Nominating Committee

The Committee is continuing to work on a slate of nominations for Elder and Deacons. Please keep us in prayer as we do this important work for our church.

*Members of the Officer Nominating Committee: Brad Hussung, Karen Mossman, Marilyn Mulcahy, Sally Lyle, and Taina Specie.*

### **Pick Up the Banner!**

*Calling on volunteers to carry tartan banners  
for the procession at the Oct. 31 worship service*

The Oct. 31 service will be one to remember, as we celebrate both Reformation Sunday and our Presbyterian heritage. After a COVID hiatus last year, we are bringing back the FPC tradition of Kirkin' O' the Tartans. A procession at the beginning of the service will include bagpipes and some of the tartan banners.



We would like at least eight volunteers to carry tartan banners in the processional. The beautiful tartans will be placed in standards on the chancel steps.

We have 20 banners donated over the years by members in memory or honor of loved ones. If you donated a tartan and want to walk down the aisle carrying the tartan banner, or if you are willing to carry a banner for another member, please let Gretchen Letterman know (click [HERE](#) to email her) by Oct. 25. The remaining banners will be displayed on the south-facing sanctuary windows.

In addition to the pageantry of the processional, our worship on that day will offer a beautiful lesson-and-carols style worship service. Please consider being a part of it!

**Halloween is almost here!**  
**We invite everyone to join us for Trunk or Treat  
on Saturday, October 30th from 2:30-4:30 PM.**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AND  
ST. PETE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



• CANDY • HOT DOGS •  
• GAMES • COSTUMES • FUN •  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**  
**2:30PM TO 4:30PM**  
**701 BEACH DRIVE NE**  
IN THE BACK PARKING LOT  
• ALL ARE WELCOME •

First Presbyterian Church and St. Pete Primary School are excited to collaborate together to offer games, music, hot dogs, and, of course, a trick-or-treat opportunity for the young and young at heart. We hope that you will make an effort to drop by and munch on a "dog," grab a piece of candy, or just enjoy seeing those dressed up in their spookiest, most creative costumes. We encourage you to invite your neighbors, family, and friends to participate in this event!

A box will be left in the back of the Sanctuary for candy donations for the next few Sundays and we also need some volunteers to help coordinate games, help with the cooking, and/or decorate the trunk of their car and pass out candy. If you are interested in helping with any of these things, please use the Sign-Up Genius link below, call the Church Office, or contact either [Kathy Bardin](#) or



[Carol Riley](#) to sign up.

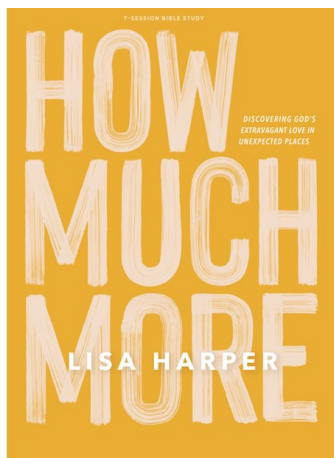
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## FPC Concert Series VOCES8 October 30, 2021

Mark your calendar for our next Concert: **VOCES8 on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.



Our headliner performance of this year's concert series features London-based international choral sensations VOCES8 singing "After Silence." The choral works in this program are exalted, vital, and are distinguishable by their inexhaustible capacity to express the inexpressible. This is a free, non-ticketed event, meaning that seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Plan to arrive early to get a good seat! Doors will open at 6:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken for First Presbyterian Church Concert Series. This concert will not be recorded or livestreamed.



**Ladies, you are invited to  
a new Lisa Harper Bible Study:**

*How Much More*  
Discovering God's Extravagant Love  
in Unexpected Places

This 7 week study will tackle some overlooked or misunderstood passages in Scripture, uncovering how they amplify the love and goodness of God.

Join us on Tuesday mornings  
October 19 – November 30, 2021  
9:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

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.

Questions? April Hussung: 727-420-1758 or [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com)

**Grieving? Know someone  
who is?**

GriefShare begins Sunday,  
November 14 at 4 PM and will be  
meeting virtually (via Zoom)

Whether your bereavement  
experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort and





help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. This is a great opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Need more information? Want to sign up? Call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.



## Devotionals Available

Copies of the Oct/Nov/Dec 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 Desk on Sunday mornings.



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!



## Pastoral Emergency Number

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

During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

Online Giving



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 October Birthdays



Some groups are continuing to meet 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, meeting in-person, Chapel.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is October 26). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).
- **Thursdays, 6 PM**, Handbell Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123. For more information, please contact Ken Young ([youngkd1492@comcast.net](mailto:youngkd1492@comcast.net)).
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (next in-person meeting will be October 29). For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))
- **Monday, October 25, 7 PM**, Stated Session meeting
- **Saturday, October 30**
  - Trunk or Treat, 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the back parking lot
  - VOCES8 "After Silence" Concert, 7 PM, 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 Grossenbacher](#).

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