

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

October 29, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, October 31

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost / Heritage Sunday

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

Banners used in First Presbyterian Church's Oct. 31, 2021 Kirkin' O' the Tartans

We are pleased to celebrate our heritage today. Below is a list of tartan names,
donors and banner carriers:

- *Alexander*, donated by Emelyn B. Greene, in honor of her grandfather B.H. Alexander, carried by her grandson Will Greene
- *Antrium*, donated by Margaret Hewitt, carried by Eva Popovich
- *Buchanan Modern*, donated by Sam and Jean McCammon
- *Campbell Ancient*, donated by Charles Collins McLean
- *Chisholm Hunting Ancient*, donated by Ronn Ginn in memory of Ted and Joan Ginn
- *Clark Ancient*, donated by Lawrence C. Clark
- *Davidson Ancient*, donated by Robert Davidson McLean

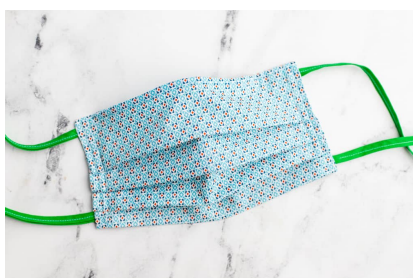
- *Gordon*, donated by Hugh Bedford McLean in honor of John Bruce Gordon, a lifelong friend
- *Greenlaw*, donated by Royce Greenlaw Haiman, carried by Ronn Johnson
- *Harris*, donated by Hugh Bedford McLean in honor of John Robert McClure, Jr.
- *MacCallum*, donated by Ray and Kathy Arsenault, carried by Chris Mossman
- *MacFarlane Red*, donated by Elsie Miller
- *MacMillan Hunting*, donated by Karen Kisten in memory of her grandmother Helen MacMillan Buch, carried by Karen Mossman
- *McIntosh Red*, donated by Ed and Carol Lee Wathen in honor of Jane Black, carried by Kathy Bardin
- *McLean of Duart*, donated by Hugh Bedford McLean, carried by Linda Santoro
- *McRae*, donated by Hugh Bedford McLean in honor of Rae Miller McClure
- *Russell*, donated by Hugh Bedford McLean in honor of Bonnie McLean Hammock
- *Sinclair Green Hunting Ancient*, donated by Marilyn DeVries, carried by Peter Bardin
- *Ulster*, donated by Marjorie L. Clark, carried by Janis Clark
- *Wallace Red*, donated by Martha Rudy Wallace, carried by Joan Karins
- *Banner of Africa*, donated by the Rev. Norm and Phyllis Hatter

Praise Band Preview - Reformation Sunday

This Sunday, your FPC Praise Band will be performing contemporary version of tunes you are certainly familiar with. *A Mighty Fortress* starts as the beloved hymn you grew up with, but has a surprise ending. *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* has a unique chorus you'll find easy to learn. Click the links below to hear the original artist recordings. See you on Sunday!

[A Mighty Fortress](#)

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#)



FPC Mask Policy

Reminder: FPC St. Pete has a **mandatory mask policy indoors** during worship and all other indoor campus activities.



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat 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, Peter Pav,

Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Jim White

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.

ELECTION OF ELDERS Called Congregational Meeting on November 14

The Session and Administrative Commission have called a congregational meeting to be held via Zoom at 1:00 PM Sunday, November 14, for the purpose of electing elders.

The following seven elders are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. As always, nominations can be added from the floor, but the agreement of the person being nominated will be required in order to place a name in nomination. Being nominated by the committee will be:

Class of 2022 (a one-year term)

- Beth Houghton

Class of 2023 (a two-year term)

- Jane Egbert
- Al May

Class of 2024 (a full three-year term)

- Sandi Averitt
- Kathy Bardin
- Don Doddridge
- Bill Shelton

All participants will need to pre-register for this meeting, as we have done in the past. The Zoom pre-registration link with instructions will be published in First News the next two Fridays (Nov. 5 and 12).

Only active members of the congregation may speak and vote; affiliate members may speak but may not vote. Other participants in the life of the congregation may be recognized at the discretion of the moderator if necessary. If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact the Church Office.

After elders are elected, they will undergo training, they will be examined, and then ordained and/or installed. At that time, the Presbytery's Administrative Commission will be dismissed and the church Pastor will become the Moderator of the Session.

A later congregational meeting will be called for the election of Deacons.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tomorrow, October 30th from 2:30-4:30 PM

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 special note: [Live Love St Pete](#), a fundraising organization that provides resources to underserved children in St Pete, will be set up tomorrow at Trunk-Or-Treat. They will be selling their merchandise to benefit **Lakewood Elementary School** (100% of all proceeds sold will be donated to the school!).

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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 •

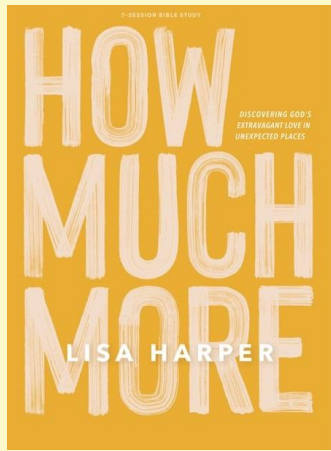
FPC Concert Series
VOCES8
Tomorrow,
October 30, 2021

Mark your calendar for 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 through 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

**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.

**ONE MORE NOTE ABOUT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

St. Petersburg's RunFest will be held on the morning of Nov 14. The back church parking lot will be closed off for the morning (6:00 to 10:30 AM). Please make your



plans to park in our ample grass parking area south of the sanctuary, or in the circle in front.

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.



**FPC Church Office
Administrative Assistant
Amy Grossenbacher
is tying the knot!**

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, Church Office Admin Amy will be marrying Mead McCutcheon. Their wedding and reception will be on a dinner cruise yacht out of Clearwater Beach and will be officiated by Dave Aumack. Amy

and Mead met through their church (Radiant) and have been dating for about a year and a half. They are planning to honeymoon in the Bahamas (Nov. 8-12), then reside in Clearwater.

The most frequently asked question has been whether or not Amy will hyphenate her last name (the answer is NO...that's just too many letters!). However, she will be changing her last name to McCutcheon, so her email address moving forward will be: AmyM@fpc-stpete.org.

Please note the Church Office will be closed Friday, November 5 and Friday, November 12.

If you have information to submit for First News the week of November 8-12, please direct your emails to DAumack@fpc-stpete.org.

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 November 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, 9:15 AM**, Ladies Bible Study, Youth Center.
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is **Nov. 9**). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (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).
- **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 today, **Oct. 29**). For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)
- **Saturday, October 30**
 - **Trunk or Treat, 2:30 - 4:30 PM** in the back parking lot

- VOCES8 *After Silence* Concert, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, October 31 - Heritage Sunday, 10 AM service
- Friday, November 5 and Friday, November 12, Church Office will be closed.
- Sunday, November 14
 - RunFest; volunteers will man a water table for runners; Praise Band plays outside from 8-10 AM; parking for 10 AM worship service will be limited to the front circle and grass lot.
 - Congregational Meeting, 1 PM (via Zoom)
 - GriefShare starts, 4 PM (via Zoom)
 - *The Sounds of Glory* concert, featuring Tampa Oratorio Singers, accompanied by a full orchestra, 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](#) (Info for the November 12th edition - please direct to [Dave Aumack](#)).

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