

# FIRST NEWS



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

**October 7, 2022**

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM  
this Sunday, October 9, 2022  
in the Sanctuary or online  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Ginny Ellis  
Sermon: "Reflections for The Road Ahead -  
Week 4: Hopes, Fears, and Dreams"  
Scriptures: [Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11](#), [Revelations 21:1, 4](#),  
[Philippians 1:3-6](#)

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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 NOTE: we have a MASK-OPTIONAL policy**

## Praise Band Preview - Getting Through the Storm

As life gets back to normal here in St. Pete, our prayers continue to go out to all those affected by Hurricane Ian. This week, your FPC Praise Band will be performing 2 beautiful worship tunes: *Lord, I Need You* and *God of Wonders*. Click below to hear the music and we'll see you on Sunday.

[Lord, I Need You](#)

[God of Wonders](#)



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

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

## From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Dear Church Friends,

**HURRICANE!** I pray that each and all of you survived our week with Hurricane Ian. Many of us evacuated, truly expecting the storm to head into St. Pete and Tampa. Our own relief at being spared is tempered by deep concerns for our neighbors, as Carlen Maddux said, "to the south and east and north." We will all continue to pray for them. If you would like to make a financial contribution to meet needs in the badly-affected communities, I recommend you give a gift through F.L.A.P.D.A.N. (Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network) where 100% of your gift will be used to address the many needs. Also, if you had an issue we can help you with, please let us know.

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# #PRAYFOR

VICTIMS OF  
HURRICANE IAN



Victims of Hurricane IAN  
Need Your Help  
[www.flapdan.org](http://www.flapdan.org)



To give a financial gift online through F.L.A.P.D.A.N. to help those affected by Hurricane Ian, click the link below:

[HURRICANE RELIEF DONATION](#)

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***THE ROAD AHEAD:*** This coming week we will move into our last *Road Ahead* theme: Hopes and Dreams. With Sunday worship and the nine Conversation Groups, we will address the Road one more time. There will be one more video interview for you to enjoy, and another general video to illustrate how God might invite our Hopes and Dreams. Meanwhile I thank you, thank you, thank you for the many ways you have participated in this conversation! It has been both exciting and engaging.

As you know, we plan to hold a ***TOWN HALL MEETING*** after worship on **Sunday, October 16**. We'll worship in the Sanctuary, then ride the elevator or walk the stairs down to Fellowship Hall for lunch. The church will provide sandwiches that day. You can bring desserts, chips, or salads to share. After eating (I don't want folks "hangry"), we will consider the things we have heard over the weeks of our Road Ahead conversations. This is the time for everyone to hear the many themes from The Good Old Days, from What We Pack for the Journey, from our look at the challenges we find in Roadblocks and Detours. Now we consider where the Road might take us: our Hopes and Dreams for God's church, First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg. I hope you will be part of the final week, and the Town Hall Meeting on October 16.

### ***BUSY MONTH: OCTOBER***

Still to come are:

- KIRKING OF THE TARTANS (October 23) and
- MISSIONSUNDAY (October 30)

THE KIRKING SERVICE is always a favorite, with bagpipes and the procession of tartan banners. I hope you can join us. Some of you will be needed to carry the banners!

FOR MISSIONSUNDAY: On October 30, we will have our MissionSunday event, with contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00. Start bringing socks and underwear that we can share with the needy in our community. You are asked to wear your craziest socks on that day. (I point out that you do not have

to wear them on your feet: be creative!) We'll get busy sorting the socks and packing them for distribution by various helping organizations in our community. It's another of our "hands-on mission" events, complete with food and fellowship. Be sure to wear those Crazy Socks. I know you have some. If not, go get some!!!

And I didn't even mention Trunk or Treat! See how busy October is!

Blessings and love,  
Pastor Ginny

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It's the last week of *The Road Ahead* conversation groups!

**Group days and times:**

1. SUNDAY at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel or Youth Center
2. SUNDAY at 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM
3. MONDAY at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel
4. MONDAY at 3:30 p.m. at Westminster Palms, Palm Room, Palm Center building
5. TUESDAY at 4:30 p.m. on ZOOM
6. WEDNESDAY at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center
7. WEDNESDAY at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM
8. THURSDAY at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

### 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](#).



**We are kicking off our  
2022-2023 Concert Series  
on Friday, October 14, 2022  
at 7:30 PM  
with "King of Instruments"  
Featuring: [Joshua Stafford](#), organ**

Join award-winning concert organist Joshua Stafford as he shares a variety of organ works on our exquisite Reuter Pipe Organ. Mr. Stafford is the Director of Music at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida and Director of Sacred Music at the Chautauqua Institute in New York. Offering will be taken for First Presbyterian Church Concert Series. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear an example of his work!

**Deacons' Corner**  
from Marilyn Mulcahy

If you've been looking for ways you can serve God and others, here is a wonderful mission!



Mission Possible: Westminster Palms has requested assistance from our church members. Residents of the Palms who want to attend our service on Sunday mornings need help getting off their bus and into our church and to their seats. If you would like to help, be in the Narthex by 9:45 AM to meet them as the bus pulls up to the front. Help them off the bus and walk alongside them to their desired pew. At the end of the worship, please assist them back from their pew to getting on the bus. How hard is that?!

Please contact me at [mmulcahyfl@gmail.com](mailto:mmulcahyfl@gmail.com) if you want to help. This is an informal mission, so it's also OK to just show up on Sunday mornings and help! One Sunday does not commit you to every Sunday, but please help when you can. And thanks!

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## **TRUNK OR TREAT AND GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF!**



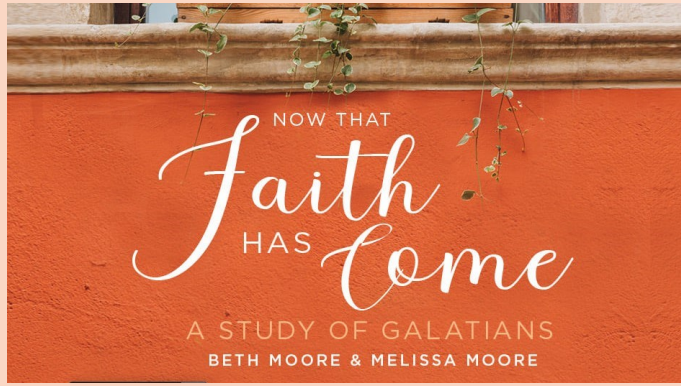
**Saturday  
October 29  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
North Shore Parking Lot**

**It's coming! It's coming!** Gather all your little ghosts and goblins and head over to First Pres for our annual Trunk or Treat and Great Chili Cook-Off Saturday, Oct. 29 from 4-6 p.m. Would you like to dress up or decorate the trunk of your car for trick or treaters and/or enter your greatest hit chili in the Great Chili Cook-Off? Maybe you'd love to donate Halloween candy or just come mingle with St. Pete Primary School families?

There will be lots happening besides just Trick-or-Treating! The school is setting up fun games, there will be hot dogs, chips, and lemonade, as well as many kinds of chili to taste and vote for your favorite! St. Pete Firemen will be there with one of their big red fire engines to explore and maybe even a photo booth. Invite your grandkids, neighbors, and friends to come join this big Halloween extravaganza!

If you are planning to participate, please let us know by emailing or calling the Church Office, signing up online [HERE](#), or adding your name on a sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. We need to know how many parking spaces and extension cords we may need for crock pots, if that's how you plan to deliver your chili! There are three candy collection sites – in the Church Office, at the

Welcome Center in the Sanctuary, or the Pre-School Office. Thanks for participating!



## “Now That Faith Has Come - A Study of Galatians”

Join Beth & Melissa Moore for a 7-week deep-dive into Paul’s captivating letter to the Galatians. Let’s study it’s original context and embrace it’s timeless relevance. We will discover - or perhaps rediscover - what makes the gospel of Jesus revolutionary to those who choose to believe.

Join us on Tuesday mornings through November 1, 2022  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

Everyone is welcome – no previous Bible study experience is required. Workbooks will be available for \$20. Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? April Hussung: (727) 420-1758 or [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com).



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 October 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, 9 AM, Ladies' Bible Study, Youth Center
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation, Chapel (meets in-person the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
  
- Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  
- 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](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))

## Upcoming Events:

- *The Road Ahead* conversation groups meet throughout the week
- Sunday, October 9, 12 PM, Men's Meal Ministry cooks for the homeless
- Friday, October 14, 7:30 PM, "King of Instruments" concert
- Sunday, October 16, Town Hall meeting following worship service
- Sunday, October 23, Kirkin' O' the Tartans/Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
- Saturday, October 29, 4-6 PM, Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, October 30, MissionSunday, asking for donations of socks and underwear

## 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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