

# FIRST NEWS



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

**September 9, 2022**

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM  
this Sunday, September 11, 2022  
in the Sanctuary or online  
*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Ginny Ellis

Sermon: "Reflections for The Road Ahead -  
Week 1: The Good Old Days"

Scriptures: [Deuteronomy 26:1-2, 5-11](#), [Hebrews 12:1-2a](#)

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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  
for worship services and on-campus activities.**

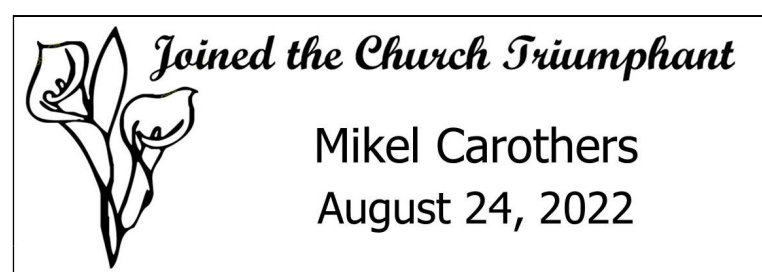
## Praise Band Preview - Hymns You Know

This week your FPC Praise Band is performing two contemporary versions of hymns you're sure to be familiar with. Our first tune is our own arrangement of *In Christ Alone*. Our second tune, *Jesus Take All Of Me*, is based on the hymn *Just As I Am*. Click the links below to hear the tunes and we'll see you on Sunday!

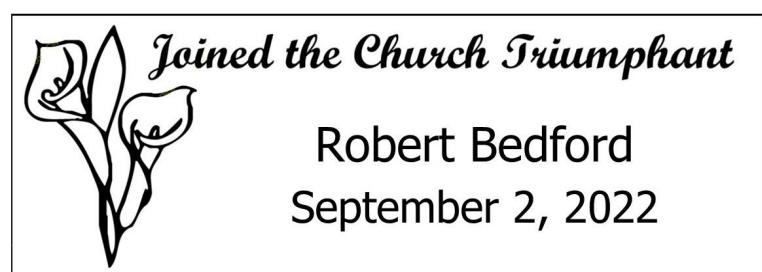
[In Christ Alone](#)  
[Jesus Take All OF Me](#)



Please remember in prayer: Faith Bedford, Millie Bradley, Michelle Carothers, 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, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke



Mikel Carothers  
August 24, 2022



Robert Bedford  
September 2, 2022

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,

My dad loved old/classic cars and he collected some of them: 1931 Model A Fords, 1948 Chevrolets (vacuum shift), 1956 Buicks, Mustangs VW bugs. I like to say I learned to drive on a Model A Ford, but really I just learned to use a clutch with that car. You should have seen dad cringe when I stripped those gears! Fortunately, I finally got the hang of it. Anyway, all those cars made for



interesting experiences in our family life. Do you know about OOGA horns? Just thought I would ask....

This week we begin our conversations on *The Road Ahead*, starting with a look at "The Good Old Days." I hope you have chosen one or more conversation groups to participate in. If not, please see the link below! It should be an interesting time we can share together. Good Old Days, and Life in the Church for now and the days to come. Very Exciting! I do hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Ginny Ellis

There are sign-up sheets on a table in the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, but you can also sign up online, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

See the list of group days and times below:

1. SUNDAYS at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel or Youth Center
2. SUNDAYS at 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM
3. MONDAYS at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel
4. MONDAYS at 3:30 p.m. at Westminster Palms, Palm Room, Palm Center building **(NEW OPTION!)**
5. TUESDAYS at 4:30 p.m. on ZOOM
6. WEDNESDAYS at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center
7. WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM
8. THURSDAYS at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

## Power Hour Sunday School class resumes Sept. 11th

***Curriculum: Animate***

**All Are Welcome!**

Whether you are already a class member or new, all are welcomed back to Sunday school class. We will continue to animate or "give life to" our faith & community, the Bible, and our core faith practices. We will hear perspectives from some of the best contemporary voices with this DVD-based program. There will be lively, relevant conversation starters that will spur on great conversations as we grow in our faith. For more info about the curriculum, click [HERE](#). Set your alarm and join us every Sunday @ 8:30 AM in the Youth Center where we'll have coffee and fellowship. Class begins at 9 AM. You won't want to miss it! Any questions, call Karen Mossman at 727-400-5079.



## 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.

Please note that we WILL be meeting on Monday, September 5 (Labor Day). To join, just click the link: [HERE](#).

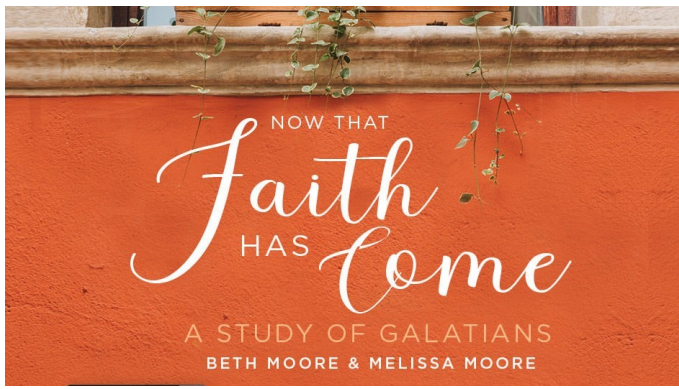
## Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

Inviting all men who would enjoy studying books of the Bible on Friday Mornings starting at 7:30 am. Coffee is on and ready to go when you arrive! We meet for an hour in Room N-123 near North Shore Drive. Often the men go out to breakfast afterwards. We are an interdenominational group and enjoy lively discussions. If you can stop by, you are welcome to check us out. Our start date for the fall is Sept.16.

## Presbyterian Women's Bible study for 2022-2023

PW Circles are resuming in person this fall with a new and exciting Bible study, "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. Plan to refresh your spirit and enjoy fellowship with other women now through May 2023.

If you are not a current circle member and would like to join, please leave your name and phone number with the Church Office and we will call you to connect to a circle that works for you. For a list of the 2022-2023 Circles, [CLICK HERE](#).



### "Now That Faith Has Come - A Study of Galatians"

Join Beth & Melissa Moore for a 6-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 in the Youth Center

9:00 a.m.\* – 11:30 a.m.

September 20 – October 25, 2022

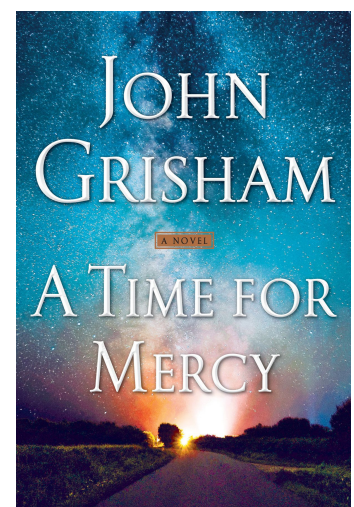
*\*Note: new starting time at 9:00 a.m.!*

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).

## Faith & Fiction

resumes Monday, October 3 at 7 PM

For this first meeting, we'll be reading *A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham. As usual with Grisham books, this one revolves around the courtroom cases of more than one of Jake Brigance's clients. This time, there are no easy answers, and there will be many topics for discussion, some very timely. Read it, and come join us on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Bring your legal questions...and maybe your verdicts!



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!

## 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 September 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, 8:30 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, 7:30 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:

- **Sunday, September 11, *The Road Ahead* series and groups start**
- **Tuesday, September 20, Ladies' Tuesday Bible study resumes**
- **Monday, October 3, Faith and Fiction resumes**

## 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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