

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

January 31, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

8:15 AM - Communion Worship, Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday "Am I Accepted?" - Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 126](#); [John 8:2-11](#)

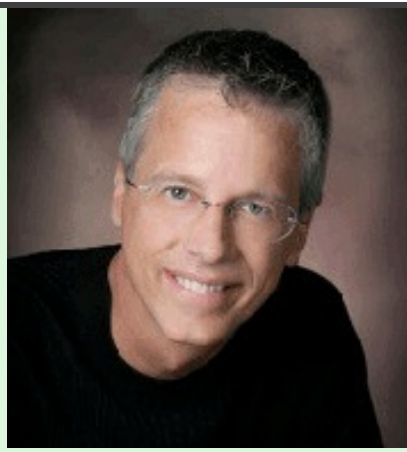
[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin & announcements

Congregational Meeting Postponed

Please watch for an update on a new date for the Congregational Meeting.



Jake Runestad,
Composer



Dr. Kevin Fenton,
Conductor

The 34th Annual
Festival of Praise
Sat, Feb. 8, 7:30 PM



Featuring: Jake Runestad, composer and guest clinician; Dr. Kevin Fenton, conductor and guest clinician; The Festival Singers of Florida, First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, and Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Singers from across the state of Florida join together to sing the music of internationally-recognized composer Jake Runestad. The concert will feature narration by Jake Runestad, and special guests The Festival Singers of Florida under the baton of conductor and festival clinician Dr. Kevin Fenton, Professor of Conducting and Choral Ensembles at Florida State University.

This will be an unforgettable evening of unity through singing that you will not want to miss!

Welcome New Member Janet Andrew

Janet was born and raised in a Presbyterian family in Cape May, New Jersey. A graduate of Wilson College, she has an A.B. degree in Political Science and History. After marrying, she spent the next 35 years in Connecticut and moved to Saint Petersburg about 5 years ago. She retired from a career as an executive assistant in the Law Department of Time Warner Cable in New York City. She has two daughters, two lovely sons-in-law, and three grandchildren.



Janet was drawn to First Presbyterian Church by the music ministry, the many outreach programs and by Dr. Conti's inspired preaching. She enjoys being a member of women's Circle 3 and a volunteer in the church office on Thursday afternoons.

We are so pleased to welcome Janet to our church.

Our Praise Team



First Presbyterian Church's Praise Team enjoys helping lead worship at the 9 AM Contemporary Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. They are, from left, Gretchen Letterman, Cathy Swanson, Robert Powers, Director of Contemporary Worship Kevin Clark, Richard Lange, Vit Gulbis, Burt Rushing, Melanie Downs. Not pictured: Tony McCoy, Geoffrey Proud, Terry Schoenberg



Open positions at FPC include:

Associate Minister (full-time)
Receptionist/Office Admin (part-time)
Office Admn (full-time)
Childcare Workers (part-time)

For details follow this [Link](#) to the FPC employment opportunities on our website.

Update From The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Our church's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is making further progress. Our Session and Tampa Bay Presbytery have now approved of our Ministry Information Form that describes responsibilities for the Associate Pastor and tells about our church. As of the middle of January we have started to receive and review credentials from candidates and potential candidates. So far, most of these have come through the General Assembly's Church Leadership Connection that serves as an employment clearinghouse for the Presbyterian Church.

We are also proactively reaching out to people we know in church circles, seminaries and the like to solicit promising candidates. We are also asking church members who know of candidates or of other sources to present their suggestions by emailing fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com or by contacting a committee member. You can get a copy of the job description/church information from the "About" page on the FPC website, or go directly to fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020. You can also tell the candidates who are interested and qualified to email fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com. We will be reviewing credentials of candidates from all sources over the next several months.

Alfred May, Chair; Bill Burtchaell; Jim Garnett; April Hussung; Taina Specie; Eric Wilson, and Don Zegel.

God Sent Me Butterflies By Carrie Aumack, 8th Grade Youth Ministry



"This Supreme Being, God, who was there before time - who knew me before time - who was with me and my butterflies."

Why do I believe what I believe?

I believe in God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit among us. He created my world, sent Jesus to die for my sins, raised Jesus from the dead, lead Israel out of Egypt, gave Abraham a bunch of grandbabies, helped Daniel in the lion's den, sent an Angel to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but most importantly, God sent me butterflies.

Click [here](#) for Carrie's full text.

LOVE GIFT FOR BLANCHE GANEY

Office Manager Blanche Ganey is retiring. She has served this church many years. We are truly blessed by her administrative and people



skills. If you would like to contribute toward a "love offering" for Blanche, please put your donation (with Blanche's name on the envelope or memo line) in the offering plate any Sunday morning through February 16. You may also mail your donation to the church or use the on-line giving feature found at the church's website: fpcstpete.com. Click on the "Resources" tab and then on "Give."



Visitors To Receive Welcome Bags

Fun, brightly-colored welcome bags containing edibles like Scottish shortbread and an assortment of tea, are now available to first time visitors to FPC St. Pete. Visitors will be welcomed at the beginning of worship and instructed to go to the welcome center or kiosk following worship to complete an information card and then receive their welcome bag.

Thank you ME&C Committee for bringing back welcome bags!

Wednesday Night Live February 5



5 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room), for children ages 4 - 10

5:30 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggie, dessert + a kid-friendly meal option. Let us know if you will join us for dinner by calling the Church Office (727) 822-2031.

6 PM - Messy Church, "Weird and Gross Stories of the Bible" (Room S-106) or Financial Peace University (Chapel) or "Astronomy and the Bible" led by Kyle Brinkman (Fellowship Hall)

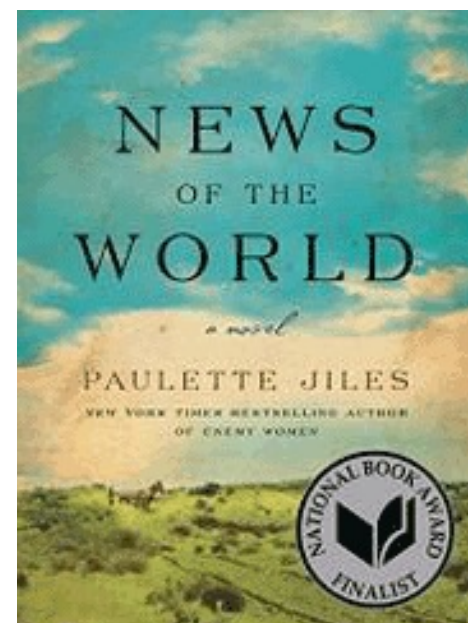
Can You Help? We will need a team of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up! If you are ready, willing, and able to serve on at least one Wednesday evening, please email Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org or call the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

News of the World Is Featured Book At Feb. 3 Faith and Fiction

Join the discussion on Mon., Feb. 3 at 7:30 PM in N-123.

News of the World, by Paulette Jiles is set in post-Civil War Texas. It tells the story of 71-year-old Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd and his unlikely ward, a 10-year-old girl rescued by the U.S. Army from Kiowa Indian capture.

Discussion Leader: Cynthia Garrels



'Boomers & Gen Xers New Small Group Being Formed

If you are a 'Boomer or a Gen Xer, you are invited to join a new FPC small group. The first meeting will be a Valentine's Day party hosted by Chris and Karen Mossman on Friday, February 7, at 7 PM. Bring an appetizer to share.

The Mossmans' address is 373 6th Ave N., Tierra Verde. Kindly RSVP by February 5 to Karen at karenamossman@gmail.com.

This small group will meet monthly at members' homes for food, fellowship and prayer.



Share The Love Sunday

On Sunday, February 9, we invite you to join us at 10 AM for a combined traditional worship service in the Sanctuary featuring musicians from the Feb. 8 "Festival of Praise" concert, followed by a catered "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall (lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and dessert).

Reserve your spot for lunch by calling the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

Suggested Donation: \$7 per person or \$25 max per family.

Come share the love with your First Pres family!

Report From New Hope Clinic

From Susan Schlecht: This is an amazing report ([click here](#)) from Dr. Davila detailing the blessing of having a fully equipped dental clinic with a well qualified dentist.

Your prayers and continued support are responsible for the ability to deliver superior health care to our Brothers and Sisters in the remote mountains of Honduras.

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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!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

Coming up:

- [February Birthdays](#)
- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM, Tuesdays
- Women's Bible Study, *Trustworthy*, Tuesdays at 9:15 AM and 6:30 PM in the Youth Center .
- Men's Community Bible Study, Fridays at 7:30 AM, N-123
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation).

- GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Sunday afternoons at 4 PM and Tuesdays at 10 AM; refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Wednesday Night Live, Children's Choir at 5 PM (Choir Room), Dinner at 5:30 (Fellowship Hall), and at 6:30 PM Financial Peace University (Chapel) or "Astronomy and the Bible" (Fellowship Hall)
- Monday, February 3, Faith and Fiction, *News of the World*, 7:30 PM, N-123
- Friday, February 7, Boomers & Gen Xers Small Group Meeting, 7 PM, at the Mossman home
- Saturday, February 8, 34th Annual Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 9, Combined Traditional Worship Service, 10 AM, Sanctuary followed by a "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, February 11, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel

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 [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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