



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

January 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Epiphany of the Lord Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

### PREPARATION

*(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)*

*\*Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

### PRELUDE

"Improvisation on *We Three Kings*" (hymn 151)

David Holden  
(1911-1996)

Jack Rain, organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?

God, who created all things, has come to earth.

**We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.**

**We have seen evidence that God is with us.**

Have you allowed God to reign in your life?

Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

**We have noticed the generous travelers from the east.**

**They inspire in us a willingness to share.**

God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.  
Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?  
We have been afraid to trust God completely.  
Yet we want to respond to God's dreams for us.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151 "We Three Kings"**

KINGS OF ORIENT

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mary-Linda Armacost, Elder

Just and righteous God, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before your judgment. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is less than you desire. Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways we trample others. We seek redemption from oppression and violence to embrace new life in Christ. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Mary-Linda Armacost

God in Christ delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. God forgives us when we are truly penitent and know we have nowhere to turn but to the grace that Love provides. We are the church to which God entrusts a rich variety of wisdom. Let us together accept the gifts of God and make them known.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Mary-Linda Armacost

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 844)

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12  
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 2)

Rev. Libby Shannon

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Libby Shannon

## RESPONSE

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right...sing to the glory of Your name:

Hymn 552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LAND OF REST

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY**      “When the Angels’ Song Is Silent”      Mary Kay Beall  
Chancel Choir

When the angels’ song is silent and the star is not so bright, when the stable door stands open in the cold mid-morning light, when the angels’ song is silent and the shepherds have gone home, then the promise of Christmas begins. When the angels’ song is silent and the prophecy’s fulfilled, when the swaddling clothes are folded and the baby’s cry is stilled; when the angels’ song is silent and the drama is all done, then the promise of Christmas begins. For the promise is more than a child in the hay, more than shepherds and kings and a glad Christmas Day. Yes, the promise is more than a bright star above. It’s a cross! And a tomb! And a Father’s great love! When the angels’ song is silent and the kings have come and gone, all the world is changed forever, for the echo lingers on. When the angels’ song is silent, God is nearer than before, and the promise of Christmas, the wonder of Christmas, the glory of Christmas begins.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 150** “As with Gladness”

DIX

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (chorale  
improvisation on hymn 827)

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

*The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.  
The minister is available at the door as you leave.*

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## FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A digital copy of each Sunday's 11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements can be found on our website: [www.fpcstpete.com](http://www.fpcstpete.com). On the home page, click on "Sundays" then scroll down to "Sunday's Bulletin." Also online: our **Calendar of Events** is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed from our website's "Events" tab at the top of the page.

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in celebration of 42 years of marriage of Dick and Natalie Oliver.

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.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in prayer: Ruth Bafaro, Millie Bradley, Phoebe Catlin, Kat Cline, Bill Davenport, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Jim and Petra Garnett, James



Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Claire Hoel, Hilman and Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne

Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob and Jean Reed, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, and Rev. Alice Winters.

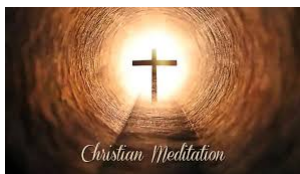
Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:

James Loeblein, USN; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.* If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

## WELCOME TODAY REV. LIBBY SHANNON

Rev. Shannon is in her ninth year serving as Associate Chaplain at Eckerd College, where she also serves as Director of the Office for Advocacy and Gender Justice. Libby is also currently serving as Moderator of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. As an Eckerd College student, many years ago, she had the wonderful opportunity to teach the kindergarten Sunday School class here at First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg. On the rare occasions she has a little free time, she enjoys spending time with her favorite "B" words: baseball, books, and bicycles.

## MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group. We meet on alternate

Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (8674032, or [simsjr@eckerd.edu](mailto:simsjr@eckerd.edu)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

### PER CAPITA 2019

The 2019 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to \$32.20 per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita assessment.

### CON BRIO!

## THE BRASS ROOTS TRIO CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY  
13, 4 P.M.

Please make plans to attend this spectacular event.



## CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY PROGRAM & DINNER

The Stewardship Committee and Pastor Dawn invite all leaders of the church to the workshop, "Creating a Culture of Generosity," on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Robert Hay, a Ministry Relations Officer for the PC(USA, will lead the workshop. Robert assists congregations with financial matters, including changing the conversation about Stewardship in churches. We will start with dinner at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will begin about 6:30 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m. Please RSVP to **Donna Bernloehner** at [DBernloehr@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:DBernloehr@fpc-stpete.org). **Peter Bardin, Brad Hussung** and crew will be preparing their delicious meatloaf dinner. Your RSVP by Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> is necessary so that they will know how much food to prepare. This program is provided by the larger church at no cost to FPC; however, a \$5 donation per person for dinner is suggested.

### SAVE THE DATE



The St. Olaf Choir concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. . Tickets

can be purchased online at <https://wp.stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir/>

**BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY:  
THE PATRIARCHS  
ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF  
ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB**



This 11-week study of Genesis 12-50 is full of twists, turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery! Join us on Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings

January 8–March 19, 2019. The times are 9:15-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the youth center. Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Free childcare is available by reservation: e-mail [childcare@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childcare@fpc-stpete.org) or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for all 11 weeks or let childcare know if you are unable to come for specific dates). If you have any questions, please contact April Hussung: 420-1758 or Marie Huber: 515-8355.

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE  
DISTRIBUTIONS**

Have you ever considered making a charitable gift from your IRA? If you are over the age of 70 1/2, perhaps you should! Here is a tax-savvy

strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your traditional IRA directly to qualified charities, such as your church. If you are 70½, it is tax smart to fund your charitable gifts by Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). These reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which may also reduce your Federal taxes, and surcharges on Medicare and Part D Drug Plans. Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and reduces the taxable amount of your traditional IRA distribution. If you are over age 70 1/2, consider taking advantage of the QCD.

**PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE**



Remember you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.



## SUNDAY, January 6

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-218
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123
FPC Bus-Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	S-103
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoast	10:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Presbyterian Tower	10:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	10:30 AM	
Classic Worship with choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Kids' Fun Day	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
Presbyterian Women		
Coordinating Team	9:00 AM	S-100
Stephen Ministers	5:00 PM	S-100
PCAT	6:00 PM	N-123
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206
Faith and Fiction	7:30 PM	N-123

## TUESDAY, January 8

Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Children's Chapel	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
Faith Development Bible Study	10:00 AM	N-123
PW Circle 4	1:00 PM	Off-site

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts ♦ Jonathan Rine,

Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦

Susan Key, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator ♦ Stacey Ramirez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian

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Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Day School Advisory Council Meeting	4:00 PM	Day School
FFIM Board Meeting	5:00 PM	N-123
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Meditation for Christians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

## WEDNESDAY, January 9

Children's Chapel	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
MOPS	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	Off-site
AA for Women	7:00 PM	N-121
Praise Band Rehearsal	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall

## THURSDAY, January 10

Chancel Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	F'ship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

## FRIDAY, January 11

Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

## SATURDAY, January 12

Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
New Hope Christian F'ship	5:30 PM	Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-123