



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

March 31, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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

Partita on *Jesu, meine Freude* (Jesus, My Joy) Johann Gottfried Walther  
Chorale and variations 1–5 (hymn 830) (1684–1748)  
Jack Rain, organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us from the valley of dry bones. Come listen for a word from our God.

**We hear God calling us in a far distant voice. We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones. God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**Our souls wait for refreshment God offers. Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

Christ came as a light to all the world. Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**We hear the teacher calling for us. Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.**

**INTROIT**

“Savior, Mine Forever”

Swedish Folk Tune

Chancel Choir

Savior, thou art mine forever, dearer far than all to me; neither life nor death can sever all the ties that bind to thee.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 839**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus In Mine!”

ASSURANCE

**PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Ken Young

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel’s time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus says to us, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in us and among us. We are not slaves to the flesh. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love, who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God!

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

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with those sitting around you.

## **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.)*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"O God, Have Mercy"

François Joseph Fétis

Ann Adair, bassoon; Jack Rain, piano

(1784–1871)

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Psalm 130

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 705)

Second Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 987)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SERMON**

"Re-remembered"

Dr. Dawn Conti

### **PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

## RESPONSE

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY**      “Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort” arr. Mack Wilberg  
Jack Rain, organ; Ann Adair, piano

Death shall not destroy my comfort, Christ shall guide me through the gloom. Down he'll send some heav'nly convoy to escort my spirit home. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Oh, hallelujah! That I do. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Mourners, you may love him, too. Jordan's stream shall not o'erflow me while my Savior's by my side. Canaan, Canaan lies before me! Soon I'll cross the swelling tide. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Oh, hallelujah! That I do; Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Mourners, you may love him, too. See the happy spirits waiting on the banks beyond the stream! Sweet responses still repeating, "Jesus! Jesus!" is their theme. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Oh, hallelujah! That I do. Hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Mourners, you may love him, too. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Oh, hallelujah! That I do. Oh, hallelujah! How I love my Savior! Mourners, you may love him, too!

**\*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 825**      “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”      SWING LOW

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Partita on *Jesu, meine Freude* (variation 8)      Johann Gottfried Walther

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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 memory of Norma Holmes, a great friend by John & Nancy Ogden.**



**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, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Mark Estes, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane

Heath, Claire Hoel, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Sam Kent, Richard Kirsch, Michael Liguori, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Reed, Lil Reid, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Jill Whelpley and Rev. Alice Winters.

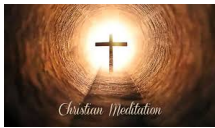
**Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:** James Loeblein, USN; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry for Easter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

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the Malone family on the death of Joyce Hemphill Miller, sister of JoAnne Malone. Joyce died Saturday, March 23.

### **PALM SUNDAY ONLY ONE SERVICE**

Sunday April 14 there will be one combined service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The children from the day school will sing.

### **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, April 2, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (867-4032, or [simsjr@eckerd.edu](mailto:simsjr@eckerd.edu)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

### **WELCOME PASTOR DAWN'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AMY GROSSENBACHER**



Amy was born in Houston, Texas, but grew up in rural Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay. She graduated from

the College of William & Mary (Go, Tribe!) in 2001 with a double major in Psychology and Elementary Education. Having a lifelong aversion to snow and cold, Amy has been proud to call the Tampa Bay area home since 2004. For 11 of the 15 years she has been in Florida, Amy has served on staff at several local churches in both administrative and office manager roles. In her free time, Amy enjoys photography, reading, home renovations, and spending time with her parents (who reside in Punta Gorda). One of Amy's passions is travel, having visited 19 countries so far (and counting!).

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM APRIL 3**

Join us for children's choir, Messy Church, Bible Study, Financial Peace and a home-cooked meal. *See insert for additional information and to sign up.*

### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY**



This year's work day is Saturday, April 6. *See insert for details for work day.*

**EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

This year’s eggstravaganza is Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. We are blessed to serve a lot of children and families through this church outreach. Your donations of individually wrapped candy are appreciated. There are containers in both services ready to receive your donations.

**BRING FLOWERS TO ADORN OUR EASTER CROSS ON EASTER MORNING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE!!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. is the annual Easter eggstravaganza and we need volunteers to help with the fun activities. We attract a nice crowd and we need friendly, smiling helpers. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please contact **Carol Riley** at [criley@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:criley@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3974

**FPC DAY SCHOOL’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



We are excited to announce the celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Day School’s 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary. Please find in your bulletins a flier with more information

about this fun event scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special service in the sanctuary to recognize current and past staff members, an opportunity for guests to tour original and new classrooms as well as the annual Art Show, a chance to take fun pictures in a 1968 VW Photo Booth Bus, and guests will top the night off with an After Party at the Vinoy. An evite will be posted soon so that you can RSVP to attend. We hope you can join us to commemorate 50 wonderful years as a preschool sharing God’s love with the children in our community!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CEDARKIRK CHURCHWIDE RETREAT APRIL 27 & 28 ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Cedarkirk** A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.  
**CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**GIVE ONLINE FOR THOSE TIMES WHEN YOU AREN’T ABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH**

In April there are two Sundays that we will have only one service and some of you will not attend service.. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can help you set up auto debit or help you give online one time.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

|                              |                |                   |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Communion Worship</b>     | <b>8:15 AM</b> | <b>Chapel</b>     |
| <b>Contemporary Worship</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>F'shp Hall</b> |
| 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 Towers  | 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

|                      |         |             |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| Yoga with Adam       | 3:00 PM | F'ship Hall |
| G2 Committee Meeting | 4:30 PM | N-123       |
| PNC Meeting          | 4:30 PM | Pastors Sty |
| Youth Group          | 5:00 PM | Youth Cntr  |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | 8:00 PM | N-123       |

### MONDAY APRIL 1

|                          |         |            |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Parents' Morning Out     | 9:00 AM | Child Care |
| Presbyterian Women       |         |            |
| Coordinating Team        | 9:00 AM | S-100      |
| Stephen Minister Meeting | 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, APRIL 2

|                               |          |             |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Parents' Morning Out          | 9:00 AM  | Child Care  |
| Children's Chapel             | 9:15 AM  | F'ship Hall |
| Faith Development Bible Study | 10:00 AM | N-123       |
| GriefShare group              | 10:00 AM | Chapel      |
| PW Circle 4                   | 1:00 PM  | Off-site    |
| Church Staff Meeting          | 2:30 PM  | N-218       |
| Praise Band Rehearsal         | 6:00 PM  | F'ship Hall |

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|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| G2 Committee Meeting | 6:00 PM | Pastor's Sty |
| Girl Scout Troop 465 | 6:30 PM | S-206        |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | 7:30 PM | N-123        |

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

|                                  |         |             |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Parents' Morning Out             | 9:00 AM | Child Care  |
| Children's Chapel                | 9:15 AM | F'ship Hall |
| MOPS                             | 9:15 AM | Youth Cntr  |
| Children's Music with Mrs. Carol | 5:00 PM | Choir room  |
| WNL Dinner                       | 5:30 PM | F'ship Hall |
| Financial Peace                  | 6:00 PM | Chapel      |
| Bible Study                      | 6:00 PM | F'ship Hall |
| AA for Women                     | 7:00 PM | N-123       |

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

|                         |          |             |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Parents' Morning Out    | 9:00 AM  | Child Care  |
| PW Bible Moderators     | 11:00 AM | S-100       |
| BSF Women's Bible Study | 5:45 PM  | F'ship Hall |
| Chancel Bells Rehearsal | 6:00 PM  | Choir Room  |
| Girl Scout Troop 560    | 6:00 PM  | S-206       |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 PM  | Choir Room  |

### FRIDAY APRIL 5

|                           |          |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Men's Sunrise Bible Study | 7:30 AM  | N-123      |
| Parents' Morning Out      | 9:00 AM  | Child Care |
| Bible Study Lunch Bunch   | 12:00 PM | Off-site   |
| Verser/Brauer             |          |            |
| Wedding Rehearsal         | 5:00 PM  | Sanctuary  |
| Girl Scout Troop 560      | 6:00 PM  | S-206      |

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

|                                  |                |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Churchwide Work Day              | 8:00 AM        | Campus         |
| Verser/Brauer Wedding            | 4:00 PM        | Sanctuary      |
| <b>New Hope Christian F'ship</b> | <b>5:30 PM</b> | <b>Offsite</b> |
| Al-Anon Family Group             | 7:00 PM        | N-123          |



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 ♦ Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Amy Grossenberger, Admin Asst. ♦ 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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