



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

May 12, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Sacrament of Baptism

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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

"Vruechten/Easter Carol" (This Joyful Eastertide,  
hymn 244)

Alan Bullard  
(b. 1947)

Jack Rain, organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

**We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to them.**



When we love one another, God's love is perfected in us.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE HYMN 441 v.1**

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

NETTLETON

**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: Psalm 22:25-31

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 616)

Second Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 154)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

"Unless Someone Guides Me"

Dr. Dawn Conti

**RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (see insert)

**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.

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY**

“Down to the River to Pray”  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg  
(b. 1955)

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way! O, sisters, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way! O, brothers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray. O, sinners, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.

**\*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**SENDING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 488**

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

WATERLIFE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Vruechten” (This Joyful Eastertide, hymn 244)

Keith Kolander

## 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.

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

**The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the blessings of God through our mothers by AI May.**



**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 Mauer, 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.* If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

## INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then why not invite them to worship? FPC business cards are available at the Welcome Desk with the Sunday worship times printed on the back. Feel free to take one and invite someone you know to worship next Sunday!

**Wear a nametag**—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

**Hearing assists are available for use during worship** in the sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please contact an usher, who will help you.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY?



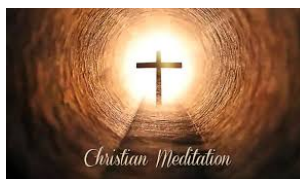
We have a place for you here at First Presbyterian Church! For more information, call the church office at 822-2031 or e-mail Diedra Flora ([diedraflora@aol.com](mailto:diedraflora@aol.com)).

## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS

**Large Print**

See an usher if you need a large-print bulletin or hymns. Each week we have large print copies of the bulletin and hymns available at the back of the church.

## 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, May 14, 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.

## 8:15 WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

May 26 is the final 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship Service until October. We hope to see regular 8:15 service attendees at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service whenever you are in town.

## FOOD FOR THE FREE CLINIC

An easy way to help families and children in need of food in our community is to bring a food donation every Sunday to leave in the collection boxes located in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary (under the sound system). What kinds of items should you bring? Peanut butter is always helpful, as well as canned meats (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, pasta, hearty soups or the grocery store's special 2-for-1. As our church mission states, we encourage you to bring gifts of food to be distributed as part of the ministry at the Free Clinic.

## HAPPY NURSES WEEK TO OUR FPC NURSES



Thank you, Corinna Harshaw, Barbara Holden, Jarryd Lunger, Jessie Bardin Sereda, Adrienne Wilson and Joan Lamb for your hard work, support and encouragement not just for our church, and community but for the many who need you in times of

medical need. We continue to pray for you.

## JUST ONE MORE BUS DRIVER NEEDED



We are in need of one additional driver to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Blanche in the office at 822-2031 or [bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)

## GOOD BYE TO MANY OF YOU FOR THE SUMMER



Remember, you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You don't have to think about it while you enjoy your travels. If you don't use a computer, 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.

*Happy Mother's Day*

Carnations are available for all women after each service today.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

#### BAPTISM SUNDAY

<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	
<b>Classic Worship with choir</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123

### MONDAY MAY 13

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 6	10:00 AM	S-100
All Committee Meeting		
Gathering	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
All Committees Meetings	7:00 PM	Campus
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Children's Chapel	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	S-100
Grief Share group	10:00 AM	Chapel
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218

Day School Advisory		
Council Meeting	4:00 PM	Day School
Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
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-123

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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-123

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room

### FRIDAY MAY 17

Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Day School KPREP		
Graduation	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
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 Elwood, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Amy Grossenbacher, Admin. Asst ♦ 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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