

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 5, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

"O filii et filiæ" (O Sons and Daughters, hymn 235) Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God. Give thanks to God's holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day. Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat. Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

God sees and hears our weeping. God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing. Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

We have cried to you in our need, O God. We believe you are working to make us whole.

INTROIT "The Conversion of Saul" (excerpt) Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

Chancel Choir

Fall down on your knees, turn hatred into love. Turn darkness into light. Turn hatred into love. Bow down, Saul.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 772 "Live into Hope"

TRURO

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Roy Duttweiler

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend, and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the scales fall from your eyes. God has offered you new sight. Unplug your ears. God is claiming you as a beloved servant. Warm to the community that surrounds you. God has given you sisters and brothers to love. Reach out to feed and care and follow where Christ leads. You are forgiven and claimed and sent.

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.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 30 (pew Bible, Old Testament, page 621)
Second Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) (pew Bible, New Testament, page 154)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Opening Doors for Christ"

Dr. Dawn Conti

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...sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

LAND OF REST

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

"Open My Eyes" Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you. Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings with truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth both in public and private. Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. Amen.

***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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on *O filii et filiæ*" (hymn 235)

Lynnwood Farnam (1885–1930)

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: <u>www.fpcstpete.com</u>. 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 memory of Paula Duttweiler by her nephew Roy Duttweiler.



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; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2nd LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd 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).

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 822-2031 or e-mail Diedra Flora

(diedraflora@aol.com)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS



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

<u>simsjr@eckerd.edu</u>). 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Thank you who gave to OGHS offering. We collected \$2202 which will benefit those who have been involved in disasters all over the world.

BUNCO IS OFF AND "ROLLING"



Join us on Saturday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Any questions, call Ken or

Dot Young (727-290-6019).

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED TO MAKE CEDARKIRK HAPPEN THIS YEAR

Kathy Bardin, Lynn Kiehne, Leah Cutting and others came together to make sure the church retreat would take place, and those of us who attended are so appreciative. Lynn did a great job with the message on Saturday. Dave Aumack and his wife Kendra did a fantastic job working with the 14 youth who attended. The weekend was packed with interesting activities, great fellowship and very good food. If you haven't attended in a while, when it comes around again, make sure you make plans to stay at least one night.

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING



The first FPC security committee meeting will be

Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in room S-100. If you are interested in serving on this team please come to the meeting and see how you can help. If you are willing to serve or are at least curious, please contact Dick Luehrs at (727) 866-7965 or dicklu@windstream.net.

GIVE ONLINE SECURELY AND EASILY



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. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, MAY 5			Grief Share group	10:00 AM	Chapel
COMMUNION SUNDAY			PW Circle 4	1:00 PM	Off-site
Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel	Church Staff Meeting	2:30 PM	N-218
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'shp Hall	Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-218	Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100	Girl Scout Troop 465	6:30 PM	S-206
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202	Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-123
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123	WEDNESDAY, MAY 8		
FPC Bus-Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus	Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	S-103	Children's Chapel		F'shp Hall
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr	PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoas	t10:00 AM	Church Bus	AA for Women	7:00 PM	
FPC Bus-Presbyterian Towers	10:15 AM	Church Bus	Security Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	S-100
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus	.,		
Valet Parking	10:30 AM				
Classic Worship with choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary	THURSDAY, MAY 9		
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr	Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-123	Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
			BSF Women's Bible Study	6:55 PM	Youth Cntr
MONDAY MAY 6			Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care			
Presbyterian Women			FRIDAY MAY 10		
Coordinating Team	9:00 AM	S-100	Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Stephen Minister Meeting	5:00 PM	S-100	Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
PCAT	6:00 PM	N-123	Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 094	6:30 PM	S-206	Girl Scout Troop 560	6:00 PM	S-206
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TUESDAY, MAY 7			BUNCO Game Night	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care	Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	
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			



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 Grossenbacher, Admin.
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