

Welcome

We hope worship today will engage your mind, stir your soul, and touch your heart, preparing us to faithfully serve God in the world.

A special welcome goes to all worship guests — we are honored by your presence. We invite you to participate fully in the worship, program, and common life of our congregation, and hope you will feel at home among us. Please visit the hospitality booth to receive a special gift. If you have any questions about our church, please speak with a pastor or elder.

Ushers are available for assistance this morning. **Large-print bulletins** are on-hand — just ask an usher. For worshippers who struggle with their hearing, we have a hearing loop installed in the lower floor of the sanctuary. To receive the loop signal manually, activate your T-coil or the telephone setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. If you are unsure, please consult with your audiologist. If you don't wear hearing aids, but need assistance, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

After the service, join us for coffee in the fellowship hall courtyard.

• Children Are Welcome

We believe that worship is the response of the whole people of God, and that includes children! Families may sit together throughout the worship service. If you are interested, child care for newborns up to five years old is provided by a trained, caring staff each week in the nursery behind the sanctuary.

Parents, ask an usher for a **worship bag** for your children so they can engage in creative activities. We hope you will cherish their art created during the service and take it home as a reminder of worship together!

• Thinking of Membership?

Are you excited by the ministry of First Presbyterian Church? Would you like to know more about this vibrant congregation and the Presbyterian Church? Consider attending the next new member class on **Sunday, August 27**.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Demetri and Raynette Lignos in memory of their parents.

• In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Rev. Renee and Justin Sundberg (Nicaragua)

A complete list of members and friends who are in our prayers is available in the fellowship hall foyer and in the church office.



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• Everyone Needs a Summer Challenge!

Help the SunCoast Blood Bank meet its needed supply this summer while helping First Presbyterian reach its goal of recruiting the most blood donors!

Please ask your friends and co-workers to donate blood and vote for First Presbyterian today through Saturday, July 22, by calling 866-972-5663, or going to scbb.org to schedule online appointments. Platelet donors, call 855-977-5283.

If you donate blood by Saturday, July 22, you will be eligible to donate and vote again at the SunCoast Blood Drive held at **First Presbyterian Sunday, September 17**, making yourself eligible to win a one-week cruise for two! The last day to donate blood and vote will be Saturday, September 30. You may also donate at bloodmobile locations around town. Just ask for a voting card wherever you donate, fill it out, vote for *First Presbyterian Church* and hand it back to the SunCoast staff. Each time you donate blood or platelets, you are eligible to vote! Voting must be done at the time of donation. For any questions, contact Cheryl Track, RN, faith community nurse (941) 320-3828.

• Invest in Children With School Supplies



It is time to start gathering school supplies! This year our supplies will go to Brentwood Elementary School where we've been in partnership during the last school year. So let's start shopping! In addition to the usual supplies that each child needs, the Brentwood assistant principal, Dr. Patti Folino, has indicated that the following are items of particular needs:

- headphones for the computers
- flash drives
- glue sticks
- zip-lock baggies
- tissues

Please watch for sales and begin placing your donations in the special containers at the church. The items you have gathered and your contributions (marked Invest in Children supplies) will be received with joy!

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MINISTRY

Christ caring for people
through people.

SOMETIMES LIFE CAN BE A STRUGGLE

Loneliness...Loss...Divorce...Illness

Spiritual Emptiness...Depression

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

If you would like a Stephen Minister to call on you, please contact the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Pastor Glen Bell (x108) or Stephen Ministry Leader Steven Phillips (x124). Visit our link on the church website: <http://www.firstpressarasota.org/stephenministry.html>.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements

July 2, 2017



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• Presbyterian Women Activities

On **Tuesday, July 11**, there will be a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Sunnyside Village Retirement Community Building hosted by Jo-an Keep. It will be in the Chart Room and we will be ordering off the menu. Lunch is \$8; please bring cash to give to Jo-an on the day of the luncheon. Reservations must be received at the church office no later than July 5.

SAVE THE DATES:

On, **Tuesday, August 8**, 10:30 a.m. we will be crafting by making greeting cards hosted by Colleen Forristall. Materials will be provided to make the cards. Come join the fun!

On **Tuesday, September 12**, at 9:30 a.m. there will be a coordinating team (CT) meeting and at 10:30 a.m. there will be the women's Bible study.

On **Wednesday, September 13**, at 11:30 a.m. the PW Luncheon will be hosted by the Mary Martha Circle in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome.

For more information on any of these events, please call co-moderators Pamela Lamb (941-727-2685) or Flossie Paul (941-536-0974).



Thank you for your contributions made to our summer trip fundraiser, *Moving Mountains*; we raised \$4,266. We would greatly welcome any additional support you might be able to offer. Families are encouraged to pay what they are able for their youth to go on these trips, but the costs are insurmountable without your help. For example, the cost for the middle school trip to Cedarkirk, *Challenge to Change*, is \$360 per person. The Montreat youth conference registration fee for each participant is \$275; the one-week house rental for the group is \$2,695, plus meals and transportation costs. These life-changing experiences for our youth couldn't happen without you! We appreciate your support of these valuable ministries.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Day Camp

We are thrilled to partner with Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center to bring an exciting week of day camp from **July 31 through August 4 at FPC.**

Please register your kids and share the link with some friends! We only have 20 spaces left for day campers. If you are planning to attend, please let us know by June 30. Share with a friend and register now!

Full-Day Program for K-5

(9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Half-Day Program for Preschool (9:00 a.m.-noon)

The cost of the camp is \$35 (full or half day). Please register at vbspro.events/p/events/fpcsrq.

• How Can I Help With Day Camp?

First Presbyterian is partnering with Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center to bring an exciting week of day camp to our community July 31 - August 4. As the host church there are plenty of ways we can help support the counselors to ensure a meaningful experience for the campers.

We are in need of **assistant group leaders** (full-day), **preschool leaders** (half-day), and **volunteers** to help with snacks and meals. If you would like to be a part of day camp, but are not sure what you would like to do, email Kelly at kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org.

Save the Date: There will be a volunteer meet-and-greet with Cedarkirk counselors on **Sunday, July 30**, at 5:00 p.m. We will review the plans for the week, tour the spaces, and welcome the counselors for their week in Sarasota. Dinner will be served.

If you are not able to be a part of the camp but would like to help, consider a donation to help support campers. We will also accept donations of snacks during the week (peanut-free, please). Drop off chips, crackers, fresh fruit, cookies, veggies.... the healthier the better!

• Summer Sundays for the Whole Family!

Today and next Sunday we have set aside some time for your family to have a little fun together at church. Everyone is welcome to Summer Sunday School! Meet in the 4/5 Sunday school classroom (room 221) at 10:00 a.m.

• Office Holiday

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day. We appreciate our dedicated staff and are glad they can enjoy the holidays.



• Lights, Camera, Action!

Now that we have moved back into the sanctuary, we need to build our team of technicians to help with the lights, audio, and camera equipment. We are excited to have new, improved technology that will enhance the entire worship service. Is this something that you have always wanted to try or something you are interested in learning more about? For more information, please contact Steven Phillips or Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119.

• Last Day to Buy Baseball Tickets

Today is the last day to purchase tickets through FPC if you want to attend the Tampa Bay Rays vs Texas Rangers baseball game on July 21 at Tropicana Field. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Seats are \$24 per person for the game and an additional \$5 per person if you wish to ride on the church van. There are still a few van seats available, but not for long.



Today, you'll find Jane Nicholl selling tickets outside of fellowship hall from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and directly outside the front doors of the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. service. Don't wait until it's too late. Buy your tickets with cash or check today!

• College/Continuing Education/Technical School Scholarships 2017-18

Scholarship money is available for the upcoming school year. Interested students and families should pick up an application from the church office and return it by July 15. Transcripts, including those from the spring 2017 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as they are available. Returning applicants need only to update their grades and contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.



• Capital Campaign Update

With the final touches being completed in the sanctuary, we are continuing with some renovations of the administration and education building. The demolition of the reception area in the church office and the stairs has been completed. Construction work has begun in the reception area and new stairs will be installed soon. The ramp demolition is complete. We apologize for any inconvenience while these improvements are finished. *During construction from June - August there may be times when the church office will be closed or hours will be abbreviated.*

• Meditation Website for July

The Upper Room is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. You are probably familiar with their monthly devotional booklet that has been published for many years. Now you can access their daily entries from their website and have a meditation sent directly to a phone or a laptop.

Go to the site daily.upperroom.org. Click on the "About" option on the menu bar at the top of the page. Then explore the "How to use Daily Reflections." In addition to the daily reflection, there is an opportunity to practice Lectio Divina or join in prayer with other Christians. Explore and see if this site suits you and subscribe to receive the daily reflections.

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• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to advice. - Proverbs 12:15



• Stewardship Thought

The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a small step.
- Chinese Proverb

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 2-Jul	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nominating	10:00 AM
	Summer Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 03-Jul	Office Closed	
Tuesday 04-Jul	Office Closed	
Wednesday 05-Jul	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
Thursday 6-Jul	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sunday 9-Jul	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nominating	10:00 AM
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