

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 Drew & Maryann Stuart in celebration of their 47th anniversary.

• 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.

• Installation Service at Northminster Presbyterian Church

The Northminster Presbyterian Church joyfully invites you to attend the installation service of their new pastor, the Rev. Wally Johnson.

This celebration will take place at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, July 23**, in their sanctuary (3131 61st Street, Sarasota). There will be a reception in the fellowship hall following the service. Our pastor, Rev. Glen Bell, will be preaching.



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>.

• Floral Dedications

If you would like to sign up for particular dates in 2017, you can send an email to Tish Goodale (ladywbirds@verizon.net) or sign up on the flower calendar located near the church office. Please give a contact phone number, the name(s) of the honorees and the occasion of the dedication. The price for a single arrangement is \$35 and for two arrangements it is \$70. **Several Sundays in July, August, September, and October are available.**

• Pastoral Care

There have been major changes at some of our local hospitals. When you or a loved one is hospitalized, it is imperative that you contact the church or one of the pastors to inform us directly **and** inform the hospital that you are a member of our congregation and would welcome a visit by one of our pastors. Hospitals will not contact the church. We have also discovered that some will no longer even list a patient as our church member on their internal records unless the patient is careful to note their relationship with our congregation. Thank you for your assistance.

Staff	Email	955-8119 Ext.
Glen Bell	GBell@FirstPresSarasota.org	108
Kelly Fitzgerald	KFitzgerald@FirstPresSarasota.org	106
Steven Phillips	SPhillips@FirstPresSarasota.org	124
Rachel Martin	RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org	102
Lisa Garcia	LGarcia@FirstPresSarasota.org	101
Pam Schweizer	PSchweizer@FirstPresSarasota.org	111
Mary Mozelle	MMozelle@FirstPresSarasota.org	NA
Clare Carter	CCarter@FirstPresSarasota.org	120
Cheryl Track	4tracks@comcast.net	113
Floyd Churn	fjchurn@gmail.com	NA



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
July 16, 2017

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Day Camp

We would be delighted to welcome a few more elementary-aged children to round out our summer camp program. Please share with classmates and neighbors about a full-day opportunity for their children **July 31 through August 4 at FPC.**



Please register at www.vbspro.events/p/events/fpcsrq

• How Can I Help With Day Camp?

I can help a few days a week; what do you need? Sign up to help with morning registration or bring in healthy snacks for the kids (peanut-free, please).

I can help in the mornings! Sign up to be a preschool leader and team up to help our youngest friends learn more about God's love through Bible lessons, crafts and activities.

I can be there all day! I don't want to miss out! Sign up to be an assistant group leader and so I can work with our elementary age kids and help a Cedarkirk counselor throughout the day.

I really can't be around during the week. Make a special snack to share with the leaders, volunteers, and Cedarkirk staff who will be staying at the church all week. We will value your prayers!

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

• Montreat Youth Conference

Please pray for our senior high youth as they prepare to participate in the Montreat Youth Conference in NC July 22 - 29.

• Come Join Us!

Children and Youth Sunday will be August 6. Everyone is invited to a **potluck brunch** at 10:00 a.m. Bring a favorite brunch-type dish (egg casserole, fruit, pastries, bacon, etc.) to the fellowship hall. Children and youth will share from their summer experiences at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.



First Presbyterian Church

2050 Oak Street Sarasota, FL 34237

(941) 955-8119 www.firstpressarasota.org



Thank you for your contributions made to our summer fundraiser, *Moving Mountains*; we have raised \$4266. We would greatly welcome any additional support to meet our remaining expenses.

Our 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. These life-changing experiences for our youth couldn't happen without you!

• **Invest in Children With School Supplies**



This year our supplies will go to Brentwood Elementary School where we've been in partnership. So let's go 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 need: headphones for the computers, flash drives, glue sticks, zip-lock baggies, tissues.

Place your donations in the special containers at the church now though August 6. The items you have gathered and your contributions (marked Invest in Children supplies) will be received with joy!

• **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.

• **Sarasota Statement**

In early 2017, eight Presbyterian leaders from across the eastern United States gathered here at our church to write a statement of faith for this time of difficulty and discord. NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation sponsored the work, and Glen Bell and Jessica Tate served as hosts. The group turned to the biblical and theological roots of our Christian faith to say anew what we believe. Today's affirmation of faith at our 11:00 a.m. worship service is a small portion of the Sarasota Statement.

• **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.

• **Come Learn About Our New Hearing Loop!**

First Presbyterian has added a hearing loop in the sanctuary, which sends the voice of the speaker from their microphone directly into a hearing aid or cochlear implant. The system provides the clearest, cleanest sound imaginable and does not require a headset, as it works with the T-Coil or Telecoil in most hearing aids.

A T-Coil is a tiny wireless receiver inside hearing aids. It is accessible via the programming button or switch on your hearing aid. If you have never used your T-Coil, it is recommended that you consult your audiologist to confirm it has been activated and to learn how to access it. If you cannot access your T-Coil or do not have hearing aids, please ask the usher for a loop receiver. You will be amazed at how much more you can hear and understand, given the clarity of sound!

Jim Scott, the owner of Complete Hearing Solutions, will be conducting an information session here on **Sunday, July 30**, 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Come and learn how you can benefit from this new system.

• **The Foundation for First Presbyterian Church Create Your Legacy With a Commitment to Giving**

The Foundation was established to provide a more permanent vehicle to expand the ongoing ministry of our church through planned and memorial giving. The Foundation for The First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Inc. operates as a Florida not for profit 501(c)3 corporation and is managed by a board of directors comprised of seven active members of First Presbyterian Church.

The Covenant Society was established to recognize those individuals and families who have or plan to support the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota with a planned gift. Today there are more than 50 members, each providing a vision for the future of our church. Ways you can give include making a current gift of cash, stock, or real estate to the church or its foundation. You may also give at your death by naming The Foundation to receive a gift through your will or trust agreement, as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account, or as the charitable recipient through a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.

• **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.**

• **Batter Up!**

We hope that everyone going to the Tampa Bay Rays game this Friday, July 21, has a wonderful time. We are grateful for this opportunity of fun and fellowship, and we appreciate our membership committee for organizing this special event.

• **Academy of Christian Discipleship**

We welcome Rabbi Jennifer Singer, the spiritual leader of of Congregation Kol HaNeshama. She will be teaching *Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom*, gleaned insights from the Hebrew Bible, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 203 for three Sundays (August 13, 20, and 27).



• **Of a Peacemaking Persuasion**

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. - Romans 12:15



• **Stewardship Thought**

It's not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it's because we do not dare that they are difficult. - Seneca

• **Week At a Glance**

Sunday 16-Jul	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nominating	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Tuesday 18-Jul	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 19-Jul	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
Thursday 20-Jul	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 21-Jul	Baseball Game / Tampa	
Sunday 23-Jul	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nominating	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM