

## 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 main 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 your 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 Karen Olson in loving memory of her parents, LaVerne and Oscar Olson.

### • 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 narthex and fellowship hall foyer.



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](mailto:ladywbirds@verizon.net)) or sign up on the flower calendar located in the fellowship hall or in the courtyard on Sundays. 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 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.

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## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements

July 23, 2017

### Opportunities for Children and Youth

#### • FPC Day Camp

We are still able to welcome a few more elementary-aged children to our summer camp program. Please share with classmates and neighbors about the full-day opportunity for their children **July 31 through August 4 at FPC.**



Please register at [www.vbspro.events/p/events/fpcsqr](http://www.vbspro.events/p/events/fpcsqr)

#### • 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 to 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 in the fellowship hall **next 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 enjoy their week at the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina 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.



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Thank you for your contributions made to our summer fundraiser, *Moving Mountains*; we have raised \$4,266. 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. **Tax-free weekend starts Friday, August 4.** 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 Sunday, August 6. The items you have gathered and your contributions (marked Invest in Children supplies) will be received with joy!

• **Academy of Christian Discipleship**

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

There's a saying about aging: Getting old is not for the faint of heart. We face many challenges as we age - physical, mental, and spiritual. Making the most of the time we have remaining can be a challenge, but it can also be exciting and rewarding.

In this three-part class we will explore wisdom from the Hebrew Bible and other texts of the Jewish tradition, discuss hopes and fears about the future, and create spiritual mission statements as we seek to make the most of the gift of aging.

Here are some of the questions we will address:  
*How can I make the most of my life today and tomorrow?*  
*How do I want to be remembered?*  
*What is still ahead for me to accomplish?*

• **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 **next 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. For more information, please email Betsy Marshall at BMarshall@WilliamsParker.com

• **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 until the end of August there may be times when the church office will be closed or hours will be abbreviated.***

• **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. **today** 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.



• **Of a Peacemaking Persuasion**

*How good is a timely word.* - Proverbs 15:23



• **Stewardship Thought**

*The only time you should ever look back is to see just how far you've come.*  
- Author Unknown

• **Week At a Glance**

<b>Sunday</b> 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
<b>Tuesday</b> 25-Jul	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Session	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b> 26-Jul	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
<b>Thursday</b> 27-Jul	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b> 30-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
	Day Camp Volunteer Training	5:00 PM