

## 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 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 a member of our church in honor of our gifted and dedicated church staff.

### • 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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### • Family Promise Hosting Week

The week of **September 3 - 10** we will be hosting our friends in need through Family Promise. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful facility for hosting our guests. Won't you come and be a part of caring for those in our community as Christ has called us to do? We need dinner hosts and volunteers to stay overnight. The sign-up board will be in the fellowship hall courtyard. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Chase at (941) 953-5092.

Presbyterian Women will supply desserts. For information about bringing desserts, please call Barbara Chase.

### • Meditation Website for August

The spiritual formation ministry team identifies internet website resources to help us meditate and contemplate the sacred presence of the Spirit. These sites offer moments of quiet and prayer, sometimes with music, sometimes with scripture, sometimes with directed prayer. If you are presently utilizing a site for the enrichment of your spiritual life, please share it with Ellen Forbes, co-moderator at [forbesej@comcast.net](mailto:forbesej@comcast.net).

**PAYG (Pray As You Go)** is a daily session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly while travelling to and from work, study, etc. A new session is produced each day, lasting between 10-13 minutes. It contains music, scripture, and questions for reflection. Download the app and check in on it daily. <http://pray-as-you-go.org/>

### • 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](mailto:BMarshall@WilliamsParker.com)

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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  
August 6, 2017

### • Children and Youth Sunday

**Today** everyone is invited to join us for a **potluck brunch** at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The children and youth will share their summer experiences at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

### • Invest in Children With School Supplies

This year our supplies will go to Brentwood Elementary School where we've been in partnership.



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

**Today** is the last day for collecting school supplies. Place your donations in the special containers at the church. The items you have gathered and your contributions (marked *Invest in Children* supplies) are received with joy!

### • Back-To-School Blessing

**Next Sunday, August 13**, we will have a blessing for our students heading back to school on Monday, August 14. We will also be praying for students, educators, parents, and volunteers of all kinds.

### • Academy of Christian Discipleship

**Next Sunday** 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?*

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • FPC Day Camp

We are so grateful for the counselors from Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, our presbytery camp. The kids had a fabulous time!

We are especially grateful for our volunteers this past week:

Maggie Alsum	Jake Martin
Barbara Chase	Jane Nicholl
Lydia Chapledain	Sue Pantling
Abby Clissold	Carol Papa
Rebecca Clissold	Kate Schwab
Jennifer Hall	Lauren Van Nostrand
Betty Hastings	Sarah Van Nostrand
Jodilyn Khuu	

and countless others who supported camp with prayer and snacks!

### • Presbyterian Women Activities

**This Tuesday, August 8**, come join hostess Colleen Forristall in the fellowship hall at 10:30 a.m. Materials will be provided to make greeting cards. No skills are needed. The finished cards may be used in car care kits. (Many members have car care kits in their vehicles to give to those in need at a moment's notice.) Come join the fun!

#### SAVE THE DATES:

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

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

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

### Regular Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, August 20

- Traditional Worship - 8:15 a.m. in the chapel
- New Song Contemporary Service - 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall
- Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 a.m.
  - Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with choir

### • Mark Your Calendar

GriefShare is a faith-based program for anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend and will be starting on **Friday, September 8**, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Sarasota Health Care Services will be providing a flu vaccination clinic at First Presbyterian, **Sunday, September 24**, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### • Be a Brentwood Elementary School Volunteer

You may still sign up to be a **volunteer** at Brentwood Elementary School! Fill out the form below and place it in the small lunch bag marked "Invest in Children." You'll be glad you did!



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer being contacted by  email  phone

Please check all areas of interest:

- Walking with children to and from bus
- Sorting papers for teachers
- Reading to class / child
- Tutoring
- Assisting with computers
- Helping wherever needed

Relevant expertise to share with Brentwood students and staff:

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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, September 30, by calling 866-972-5663, or going to scbb.org to schedule an online appointment. Platelet donors, call 855-977-5283. You may also donate at bloodmobile locations around town. The bloodmobile will be at First Presbyterian Church, **Sunday, September 17**, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call the church office, (941) 955-8119 to sign up. Ask for a voting card wherever you donate, fill it out, vote for First Presbyterian Church and hand it back to the SunCoast staff. Voting must be done at the time of donation. For any questions, contact Cheryl Track, RN-BC, faith community nurse (941) 320-3828.

### • Salt Shakers

Joining Salt Shakers is a wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other. Groups of 6-8 people (singles or couples) meet once a month from September through November or December. Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant, have a picnic or brunch...be creative! Sign-up forms are in the foyer of the fellowship hall and the narthex of the sanctuary.

### • Family Promise Dine-Out

The August Dine-Out is in support of our ministry partner, Family Promise, on **Monday, August 14**, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. A percentage of the cost of your meal will benefit Family Promise. This month we will be dining at Surf Shack (326 John Ringling Blvd, St Armands Circle, Sarasota). Please call Surf Shack to make your reservation (844) 983-7722.



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the Lord.* - Psalm 31:24



### • Stewardship Thought

*Experience is a hard teacher because it gives the test first, the lesson afterward.*  
- Ancient Proverb

### • Week At a Glance

<b>Sunday 6-Aug</b>	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Church Officer Nom. Committee	10:00 AM
	Potluck Brunch	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
<b>Tuesday 8-Aug</b>	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday 09-Aug</b>	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
<b>Thursday 10-Aug</b>	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday 13-Aug</b>	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM