

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.

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

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.

• 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**.

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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://firstpressarasota.org/stephen-ministry/>

• 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, 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.

• 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.

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/>

• 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.

• Online Giving

If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button, or scan the QR code below with your mobile device.

Simply set up a new account and start e-giving today.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
August 13, 2017

• Back-To-School Blessing

Today we will have a blessing for our students going back to school. May God be with our children as they begin a new school year, - and with their teachers, staff, and parents.

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

We welcome Rabbi Jennifer Singer, the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol HaNeshama. Join her **today** as she teaches *Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom*, gleanings insights from the Hebrew Bible, at 10:00 a.m. in room 203 today and the next two Sundays.

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 are exploring wisdom from the Hebrew Bible and other texts of the Jewish tradition, discussing hopes and fears about the future, and creating spiritual mission statements as we seek to make the most of the gift of aging.

Here are some of the questions we are addressing:

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?

Regular Worship Schedule

Starts Next 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

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Bread-Making Workshop

On **Sunday, September 3**, at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for children, youth, and their families begins with a bread-making workshop in the fellowship hall. Learn how to make bread from scratch! It's exciting to see the work that mixing, kneading, and rising does to make the perfect loaf! Bring a large mixing bowl so you can take home your rising dough to bake in your own oven! Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of baking ingredients.

Sunday School Teacher Interest Session

Sunday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m.

Calling all Sunday School teachers for the 2017-2018 school year!

Returning and new teachers are invited to attend our interest session **next Sunday afternoon** to review the new format and curriculum, divide into teaching teams, and assess classroom needs. Please meet us in the fellowship hall at 4:00 p.m. for iced tea and cookies. Child care will be available.

• 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. The last day to sign up is Sunday, August 27.

• 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.

• New Member Class

You are invited to a new member class on **Sunday, August 27** to learn more about the community of faith at FPC. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in room 225 for introductions. Then we will worship together at 11:00 a.m. Over lunch we will continue our discussion about the distinctives of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and present an opportunity to join FPC.

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

Start the school year with an adult education class beginning **Sunday, September 3: *Ending Poverty*** taught by Dr. Hendrick "Hal" Serrie. The next class will begin on **Sunday, October 29: *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*** taught by Dr. Maurice Luker.

Ending Poverty

This course is concerned with the invention of poverty, one of the scourges of humankind. We will examine how it developed in the Neolithic Period and morphed into permanent class and caste systems in all ancient and modern civilizations. We will discuss how poverty threatens the survival of Homo sapiens in the present. And we will explore some of the current attempts at ending poverty and creating a better future for every human being worldwide.

A Great Cloud Of Witnesses

Since we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we will study our ancestors in the faith: Paul, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox, Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and women witnesses.

• Wednesday Bible Study - Galatians

Join us at noon on Wednesdays starting **September 6**, as we gather in room 203 to reflect on the wisdom of God's Word. Glen Bell, Kelly Fitzgerald and other guest teachers guide our time together. We begin our Bible study with Galatians 3:1-14. All are welcome!

• Save the Dates for Wednesday Nights at First!

Give yourself a break from preparing a meal and come join your church family for food, fun, fellowship. Gather anytime between 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for games, homework help, or conversation. Buffet-style dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to dinner! We will do some intergenerational table discussion and singing to round out our meal together. LOGOS-style small groups for children, youth and adults will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 7:15 p.m. Nursery care for children of choir members can be arranged. Please contact Kelly to make arrangements. Registration forms will be available soon! (Wednesday Nights at First is the successor to our LOGOS program.)

Fall Dates

September 13	October 18
September 27	November 1
October 4	November 15

• Family Promise Dine-Out

The August Dine-Out in support of our ministry partner, Family Promise, is **tomorrow** 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.

• FPC Preschool

Our award-winning preschool starts its first official day on Tuesday, August 29, with a meet-your-teacher event on Monday, August 28. There are very few spots still available. For information on class availability, please call (941) 366-2000. We pray God will surround our preschoolers and dedicated teachers with joy and grace.

• Food, Fun, Gifts, and Crafts

The mission and justice committee will be holding a **mission fair on Sunday, October 1**, in the courtyard and fellowship hall. The fair will begin following the one combine World Communion Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.

• Mark Your Calendar

GriefShare is a 13-week 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.



• Stewardship Thought

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

- Theodore Roosevelt



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- Galatians 6:2

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 13-Aug	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 14-Aug	Family Promise Dine out at Surf Shack	5:00 PM
Tuesday 15-Aug	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 16-Aug	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday 17-Aug	Deacons' Meeting	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 19-Aug	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
Sunday 20-Aug	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM

• **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:



• **Family Promise - Board of Directors**

Family Promise, our ministry partner dedicated to the homeless families of Sarasota, is looking for a new board member who can serve as treasurer. The position requires about eight hours a month, including attendance at a monthly board meeting. The treasurer oversees the financial activities for Family Promise of Sarasota, which has an annual budget of roughly \$150,000, and chairs the finance committee. If you are interested in hearing more about this position, please call board member Joy Mayer at 941-444-0402 or email joy.m.mayer@gmail.com.