

## 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 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.

### • 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 new member class **today starting at 10:00 a.m. in the loft.**

### • The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the life of Andy Wright by Chip and Bev Wright.

### • 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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### • GriefShare Resumes Friday, September 8

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. This program is open to the community, so please invite anyone you know who may be in need of support. You are welcome to begin attending at any session, so don't be discouraged if you can't attend all 13 weeks. You will find encouragement and hope whenever you begin. The cost of the workbook is \$20. Please call the church office, (941) 955-8119, to reserve your space and workbook.

### • Mark Your Calendar

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

### • Bravo - Mary Mozelle

We are proud of and grateful for the strong witness of our organist, Mary Mozelle. Mary has been invited to offer an organ recital at National City Christian Church, the national congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located in Washington, DC at 12:15 pm on Friday, September 15.

National City Christian Church has one of the finest organs and acoustical spaces in the nation's capital. Their chancel organ has 141 ranks, nine divisions, and 7,592 pipes, making it the third largest pipe organ in Washington D.C. — and the only one with a five-manual console.

Please affirm Mary Mozelle for this wonderful recognition and opportunity.

### • 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/>



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/>



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
August 27, 2017

### • New Member Class

You are invited to a new member class **today** to learn more about this vibrant congregation. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the loft 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 First Presbyterian Church.

### • 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. **Today is the last day to sign up!**

### • Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Please join farmworkers and their families for a boycott of Wendy's in Sarasota **today**. CIW's Fair Food Program is a unique partnership among farmers, farmworkers, and retail food companies that insures humane wages and working conditions for our neighbors who pick fruits and vegetables. Wendy's is the final fast food hold out, resisting the invitation to participate. As the tomato harvest has made its way northwards the Fair Food Nation has continued to grow the pressure on the final fast food holdout, Wendy's. Here in Florida, faith leaders embarked upon a month-long rolling fast last month as a call to Wendy's to respect farmworkers' human rights. Join CIW for a one-hour Wendy's boycott (1627 N. Washington Blvd.) at 2:00 pm. Please do not park in the Wendy's lot. FPC will then host a meal from 3:15-4:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall for the workers and their families before they return to Immokalee.

### • Family Promise Hosting Week

From **next Sunday, September 3 through Sunday, September 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 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.

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • Bread-Making Workshop

Next 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.

### • 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.

### • Academy of Christian Discipleship

#### Fall Session 1

*Ending Poverty:* September 3 - October 15

*Cold Brew + Conversations:* September 10 - October 15

(no classes on October 1)

#### Ending Poverty

This course, led by Dr. Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, focuses on 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.

#### Cold Brew + Conversations

This adult education course, led by Kelly Fitzgerald and Mike Frandsen, imaginatively explores central topics of Christianity. Grab a cup of coffee and sit at the feet of some of the 21st century's most fascinating scholars and practitioners of the Christian faith through *Animate: Faith Curriculum*. In each session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. In the first session you will meet Brian McLaren. Brian is one of the unofficial founders of what has become the Emerging Church. The first class will address the question, "How have you embarked on a journey of seeking God and keeping the spiritual quest alive?" All ages are welcome - from high school and beyond!

### • 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 will 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! 5:30-7:15 p.m.

Give yourself a break from preparing a meal and come join your church family for food, fun, and fellowship. Gather anytime between 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for games, homework help, or conversation. A 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.)

<b>Fall Dates</b>	October 18
September 13	November 1
September 27	November 15
October 4	

### • Pack the Choir Loft Sundays September 3 and 10

Ever wanted to experience the worship service from a different angle? Steven Phillips and the choir invite you to join them in packing our choir loft on the first two Sundays of September. Come one or both times. No experience is necessary; everyone is welcome, and there's no ongoing commitment. Families can sit together in the choir loft, and children and students are very welcome. Anyone of any age is invited! Just show up in the sanctuary for a 10:00 a.m. practice on September 3 and/or September 10. The music will be fun and easy to sing.

Check it out:

- **September 3** - *Down to the River to Pray*  
a folk hymn from the movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*
- **September 10** - *Somebody's Calling My Name*  
a swinging spiritual with upright bass

Let's pack the choir loft and make a memorable September!



### • Food, Fun, Gifts, and Crafts - Mission Fair

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-combined *World Communion Sunday* service at 10:00 a.m. If you've ever wondered about the many programs the church supports, don't miss this fair! Learn about international, national, and local missions and maybe find new opportunities to serve.

You will find fun, easy, and tasty ways to participate at the fair. Look for our familiar Fair Trade booth selling coffee, tea, olive oil, and chocolate. Also, we will display Pal Craft Aid's beautiful hand-embroidered crafts from Bethlehem and olive wood carvings from the West Bank. They will be available for purchase and so will a limited number of designer dresses for children. For the youth, there will be a bingo game with prizes! Booths will have activities for younger kids too. Because no church activity is complete without nourishment, food trucks will be on hand. (All sales cash only!)

### • Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 17, at noon, for the purpose of electing church officers for the class of 2020. Please plan to attend this brief but important meeting.

### • SunCoast Bloodmobile Comes to First Presbyterian

As we continue our summer challenge with SunCoast Blood Bank to recruit the most blood donors in our community, please call the church office, (941) 955-8119, to schedule a time slot to donate blood while the bloodmobile is at First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, September 17, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Thank you to all who have donated so far. You are making a difference!



### • Stewardship Thought

*Each new day is God's gift to you.  
What you do with it is your gift to God.*  
- Leo Buscaglia



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*We are God's workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.*  
- Ephesians 2:10

### • Week At a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> 27-Aug	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	New Member Class	10:00 AM
	Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom	10:00 AM
	Bread Making Workshop	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b> 29-Aug	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Session	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b> 30-Aug	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
<b>Thursday</b> 31-Aug	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b> 3-Sep	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Ending Poverty	10:00 AM
	Cold Brew + Conversations	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM