

## 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 on Sunday, November 5.

### • The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ardis Rea in gratitude for our staff, and in memory of Bob Rea.

### • Our Condolences

Our deepest sympathies are with mother Jane Bertolett and the family of Dave Bertolett upon Dave's death on Monday, August 28. There was a memorial service Wednesday, August 30.

### • 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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### • The People of Texas Need Our Help

Unprecedented floods resulting from Hurricane Harvey have created a critical need for blood and platelets in Texas. SunCoast Blood Bank shipped 150 units to the region last week and more will be needed. SunCoast is asking all eligible individuals to donate blood and platelets as they can to continue to assist hospitals in Texas until their local blood banks can resume operations.

Scott Bush, CEO of SCBB emphasizes the importance of sharing resources as long as local needs are fulfilled first. "It is our duty to help these blood banks during the recovery effort in Texas. As Floridians, we are especially aware that we could face the same situation during hurricane season and it is important to support one another," he said. Fortunately SCBB's blood supply was adequate enough to offer immediate assistance.

**Sunday, September 17, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the SunCoast Blood Mobile will be at First Presbyterian. You can sign up in the courtyard today! Don't forget to vote for First Presbyterian as you donate, supporting our Summer Challenge and the victims of Hurricane Harvey at the same time. To find an SCBB donor center or bloodmobile in your area, visit [scbb.org](http://scbb.org).**



A 50-hour training class of new Stephen ministers is underway this fall at FPC as more of our members become involved in the high-quality, distinctively Christian care of the Stephen Ministry program. Participants will learn valuable interpersonal communication skills and techniques that will equip them to serve as Stephen Ministers, putting their Christian faith into action in their own lives and in the lives of others. Please hold them in your hearts and prayers as they begin this great adventure.

If you need us, we want to be there for you, as Christ would want us to be. Need a Christian friend to talk to? That would be a Stephen Minister! To learn more, please contact pastors Glen Bell or Kelly Fitzgerald.

### • Presbyterian Women Bible Study

PW Bible Study led by Jean Luker begins on the second Tuesday of September (Tuesday, September 12) continuing the second Tuesday of each month through May, 2018. The study is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Bible Study meets in room 203 at 10:30 a.m.

### • Family Promise Dine-Out

The September Dine-Out in support of our ministry partner, Family Promise, is **Wednesday, September 6**, at Captain Brian's (8421 N. Tamiami Trail) from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. A percentage of the cost of your meal will benefit Family Promise. Advance reservations are recommended (941) 351-4492.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
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### • Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Harvey

Our church is sending a gift to PDA to assist with disaster relief efforts for those effected by Hurricane Harvey. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors. We would invite you to participate in disaster relief; please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and put "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line. We will add your gift to the funds to be remitted.

### • Academy of Christian Discipleship

#### Fall Session 1

**Ending Poverty: Today** - October 15

**Cold Brew + Conversations:** September 10 - October 15  
(no classes on October 1)

#### Ending Poverty - room 203

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 - the loft

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. All ages - from high school and beyond - are welcome!

### • 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!

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • Bread-Making Workshop

Today 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 classes for children and youth begin September 10.

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

Ever want to experience the worship service from a different angle? 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 today 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!

### • GriefShare Topic This Week: *Is this Normal?*

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. GriefShare resumes this **Friday, September 8**, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Meet in room 203. Please call the church office, (941) 955-8119, to reserve your space and workbook.

### • 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.



### • Presbyterian Women Activities

On **Wednesday, September 13**, at **12:00 p.m. (note time change)** the PW Luncheon will be hosted by the Mary Martha Circle at Der Dutchman Restaurant (3713 Bahia Vista Street). Reservations must be received by Marti Clapp (941) 359-8097 or the church office (941) 955-8119 no later than Monday, September 11. We will order off the menu "dutch treat." All women are welcome.

For more information, please call co-moderators Pamela Lamb (941) 727-2685 or Flossie Paul (941) 536-0974.

### • 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.)

#### Fall Dates

September 13	October 25
September 27	November 8
October 11	

### • 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, D.C. at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, September 15. Please affirm Mary Mozelle for this wonderful recognition and opportunity.

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.



### • Mission Fair Offers Food, Fun, Crafts, and Learning

Make it your mission to attend the October 1 Mission Fair right after the 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 in the courtyard and the fellowship hall. The mission and justice committee will spotlight some of these programs in the next few Sunday bulletins.

A Beth-El Farmworker Ministry representative will be on hand to explain their ministry in Hillsborough County, which includes "hunger relief, education, healthcare, and spiritual growth "Beth-El's Mission Statement." Learn about the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and its Good Shepherd Nursery, Primary and Secondary School. And what about the Fair Trade booth you see in the courtyard October through May? It will be there with its trademark rich coffees, teas, and chocolates. Along with all the learning and coffee, you will be able to buy Pal Craft Aid's hand-embroidered crafts from Bethlehem. There will be games with prizes for the youth and food trucks! (All sales cash only.)

With all that the fair offers, you may even find new ways to serve. You are invited to join the mission and justice committee on the second Tuesday of the month, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### • Family Promise

A huge thank-you goes to all who will be helping this week with Family Promise: dinner hosts, overnight and weekend hosts, and the Presbyterian Women for making the desserts. With your help, these families have hope for a new start.

### • 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.



### • Stewardship Thought

*Your purpose is always about giving, loving, and serving in some capacity.*  
- Dr. Wayne Dyer



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with Thanksgiving.*  
- Colossians 4:2

### • Week At a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> <b>3-Sep</b>	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Ending Poverty	10:00 AM
	Bread Making Workshop	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5-Sep</b>	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6-Sep</b>	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Pastors' Book Group	1:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7-Sep</b>	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10-Sep</b>	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Ending Poverty	10:00 AM
	Cold Brew C + Conversations	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	