

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 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, join us for coffee in the fellowship hall.

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 your audiologist. If you don't wear hearing aids, but need assistance, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

Please know, if you need to step out of the sanctuary for any reason, you can watch the service on *livestream* in the hospitality suite. Also if you can't make it to church, you can watch the 11:00 a.m. service *live* on our website - or later during the week at your convenience.

• 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 while remaining in worship.

• 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? The next new member class is **next Sunday, March 11**.

• Welcome New Baby!

Congratulations to parents, Katie Hart and Matt McCausey and grandparents, Linda and Graham Hart. On February 24, baby girl, Eleanor Hartley McCausey, was born.

• 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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• Presbyterian Women

The next PW Gathering and luncheon is **Tuesday, March 6** at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Jane Barr, an elder, will be speaking. Jane will be sharing with us wisdom from her recent book *Wise Woman Leadership: Your Key to Leading with Ease, Grace and Integrity*. Please bring your favorite salad to share. Drinks, dessert and bread will be provided. You may also pay \$10 in cash or check at the door to purchase a salad. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women FPC. Make your reservation by calling Mary Webb at (941) 758-6035 or the church office at (941) 955-8119 by noon on Monday, March 5. Please mention whether you will bring a salad or pay at the door.

At PW Lite on February 6, Cindie Moore gave us an update on the Mam women of Guatemala, letting us know there is still a need for safe cooking stoves. The cost of a stove is \$160 with each woman paying \$40 and the remainder paid for by donations. If you want to contribute to this worthy project, please make your check out to Presbyterian Women FPC and designate it for Guatemalan cook stoves. Give your donation to Mary Webb or leave it in her mailbox at the church office by Monday, March 6. Any amount helps. The names of contributors will be placed in a drawing and one lucky person will receive a beautiful, handmade Mam apron.

Please consider donating an item or cash for the gift basket to be auctioned at the Peace River PW spring retreat. The theme of the basket is "hands." Please bring items to the church office no later than Friday, March 9. Some examples for the basket are new hand towels, hand lotion and nail polish.

Bible study led by Jean Luker will meet on **Tuesday, March 20**, in room 203 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us as we continue our study of Hebrews. Note, this is a change in date this month.

• Invest in Children



Save your Box Tops for Education! Support our partnership with Brentwood Elementary School by placing them in the special containers at the church. Questions? Call Jinny and Ron Miller (941) 924-9494.

• Floral Dedications

If you would like to sign up for particular dates in 2018, you can sign up on the flower calendar located in the sanctuary narthex or call Connie Waymer at (941) 924-7847. 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.

• GriefShare Topic This Week: Why?

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. This program meets on **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in room 203 and is open to the community. You are welcome to begin attending at any session, so don't be discouraged if you can't attend all 13 weeks. The cost of the workbook is \$20. For more information, contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse (941) 320-3828.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
March 4, 2018

• New Member Class

If you are considering membership in this dynamic congregation, come to the new member class **next Sunday, March 11**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 225. We will worship from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then enjoy lunch together. Please call the church office to RSVP (941) 955-8119.

• Don't Get Fooled...

The health and wholeness ministry presents "Don't Get Fooled... Avoid Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft" presented by Kathleen Houseweart, Executive Director of Lutheran Services, **Thursday, March 8**, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, March 5 (941) 955-8119.

• New Book Club Opportunity

Do you care about race relations in our community, but don't know what to do or who to reach out to? How about enrolling in a brand-new inter-racial book club! This idea was germinated as Dr. Paul Roberts, Faith Focus Weekend keynote speaker, provided a reading list about race relations. Janet Olshewsky and Dr. Vicki Wacksman are forming an inter-racial book club, hoping many will participate. An organizational meeting will be held at FPC **next Sunday, March 11**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the parlor. Please contact Janet at janetolshewsky@verizon.net or (941) 351-6912, or Vicki at wacksman@aol.com or (941) 355-5580.

• International Guitar Night Moved to Fogartyville Community Center

Please note that this excellent concert on **Sunday, March 11** at 7:00 p.m., will be held at **Fogartyville Community Center**. We encourage you to experience four of the world's finest finger-style guitarists in this intimate listening room, with its cafe tables, food trucks, and beverages available for purchase. The Fogartyville venue, located at 525 Kumquat Court, is just 1.4 miles from the church.*

Today is the last day for discount tickets! **FPC members and friends may purchase tickets for just \$20 each**, with regular tickets going for \$30 online and \$35 at the door. FPC ticket holders will also get premium seating until 20 minutes prior to start time. **Visit our table in the courtyard immediately following today's services.**

*Directions to Fogartyville Community Center: Go north on Washington Blvd, turn left onto Fruitville, turn right onto North Lemon, turn right onto Kumquat.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Youth Are Hitting the Road!

Summer Trip Registration

Reserve your spot for our summer trips today so we can make plans. Parents - please register to help lead these trips as well! To register, email Kelly Fitzgerald at KFitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org

July 18-22 Middle School Montreat - Maryville College, Maryville TN

July 14-21 High School Montreat - Montreat, NC

July 22-27 Raleigh Youth Mission (Middle and High) - Raleigh, NC

• FPC Day Camp

Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

The day camp program for campers who have completed grades K-5 runs for a full day. Morning check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and campers can be picked up anytime between 4:15-5:30 p.m. Day camp costs \$100. Campers will need to bring their own lunch.

The half-day program for preschoolers (They must be 3 by April 2018 and potty-trained.) will start at 8:30 a.m. and run to noon (no lunch). Half-day camp costs \$50.

Parents who volunteer may use half-day nursery care for children who are not old enough for camp. Middle and high school youth are welcome to volunteer as co-counselors.

Registration has begun!

• Treasure Sale

Saturday, March 17



Now is the time to bring your treasures to the church! We are collecting goodies for our **Treasure Sale** to help support our children and youth summer adventures! We are looking for gently-used resale items (no clothes, please). You can bring your donations to church and place them in the basket in the fellowship hall entrance or the sanctuary narthex. If you would like to arrange a pick-up, email Kelly Fitzgerald (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org).

Set-up for the sale begins Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.

The treasure sale will be 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

• Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins Saturday night, March 10.

• Wednesday Nights at First

Claim one night for dinner with your church family. Gather any time after 5:00 p.m. for games, homework help, or conversation. Dinner will be served buffet-style at 5:45 p.m. Fun activities for all will round out our meal together. Small groups for children, youth, and adults run from 6:30-7:15 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

March 14 - Lenten Hymn Sing

March 28 - Upper Room

April 11

April 25

• Season of Lent Journeys of Love

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and concludes at midnight on Easter morning. It is a time of repentance, that is, of recognizing our sin and making changes to become more like what God created us to be.

This repentance is undertaken as preparation for Easter. The season lasts for forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays.

Use this time to find new ways to engage with God. Lent is a time to encourage yourself to stretch your spiritual wings, to try new ways of praying, and to serve others in Jesus' name.



• Lenten Organ Recital

First Presbyterian organist, Mary Mozelle, will perform a Lenten Organ Recital on **Wednesday March 7**, at 12:10 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, (222 S. Palm Ave.). The recital will include works by Bach, Brahms, Sowerby and Vierne and will last only 35 minutes. This event is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. All are welcome!

• SURE Nehemiah Assembly

SURE team members George and Merle Chorba share their 2017 Nehemiah Assembly memory, "It was so impressive to learn what can be done when we come together, some 900+ strong. In the words of the Psalmist: "How good and how pleasant it is when God's people dwell together in unity."

At this year's Nehemiah Assembly, 100 of us First Presbyterian members and friends, joining members and friends from 18 SURE congregations, will hear the outcomes from our elected officials regarding the commitments they made at last year's assembly. We will clap when they answer "SURE" in the affirmative, or remain silent when the answer is no.

Be part of the 1,000 gathered at the Nehemiah Assembly on **Monday, March 19**, 6:30 p.m. at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (801 N. Tamiami Trail). Together we continue to make a difference. Please call the church (941) 955-8119 if you desire to ride the church bus to the auditorium.

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

Beyond the Bird Bath - A Journey into Franciscan Spirituality with Rev. Floyd Churn in room 225 continues through March 25.

Spiritual Issues in Modern Fiction with Dr. John Parks in room 203 ends today.

Grace and Grief with Dr. Vic Ford, parish associate, in room 223 continues through March 25.

• Foster Care and Adoption Awareness Meeting

In the Sarasota-Bradenton area there are over 1,200 children in foster care. On **Tuesday, March 6**, at 7:00 p.m. at South Shore Community Church (1899 S. Tuttle) you can learn more about local foster care and how you can help.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:15

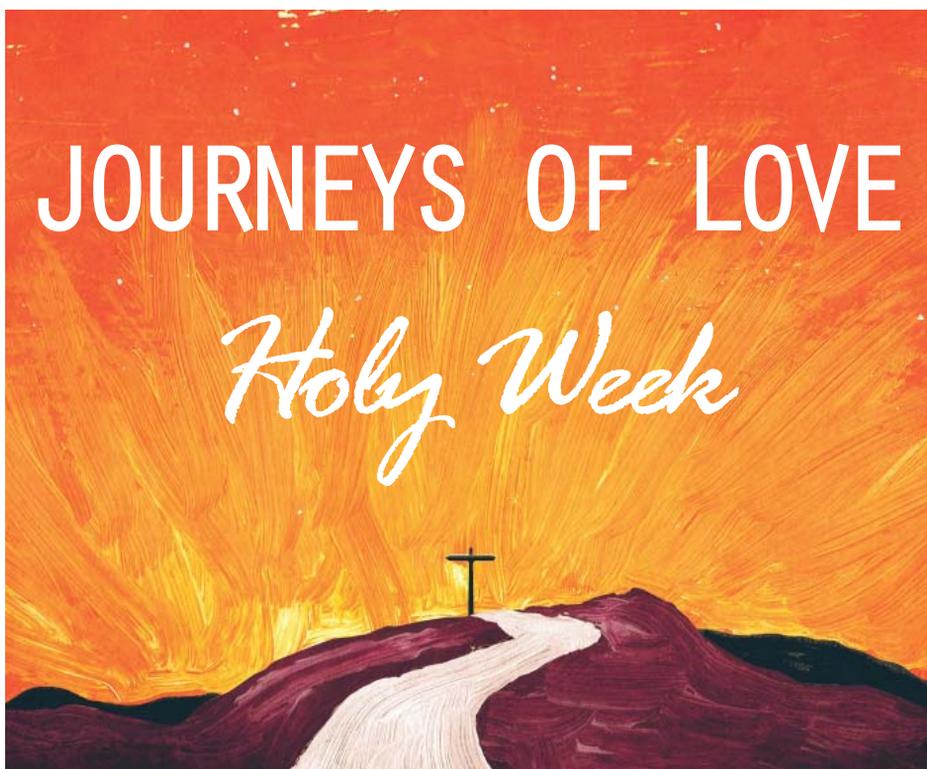


• Stewardship Thought

Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.
- Eckhart Tolle

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 4-Mar	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Beyond the Bird Bath	10:00 AM
	Grief and Grace	10:00 AM
	Modern Fiction	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Tuesday 6-Mar	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Presbyterian Women Gathering	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 7-Mar	Stephen Leaders Meeting	3:30 PM
	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Foundation Board	5:00 PM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday 8-Mar	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Lunch and Learn	10:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	Steven Minister Supervision Meeting	6:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 09-Mar	GriefShare	10:30 AM
Saturday 10-Mar	Baseball Game	1:05 PM
Sunday 11-Mar	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Beyond the Bird Bath	10:00 AM
	Grief and Grace	10:00 AM
	New Members Class	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Inter-Racial Book Club Meeting	2:00 PM	



JOURNEYS OF LOVE

Holy Week

March 14 | Wednesday Nights at First
5:45 p.m. Meal served (fellowship hall)
6:30 p.m. Program: Lenten Hymn Sing (fellowship hall)

March 25 | Palm Sunday

8:15 a.m. Worship (chapel)
9:00 a.m. New Song Worship (fellowship hall)
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (labyrinth)
11:00 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)

March 28 | The Upper Room

5:45 p.m. Meal and Program (fellowship hall)

March 29 | Maundy Thursday

7p.m. Worship (sanctuary)

March 30 | Good Friday

12 noon Worship (sanctuary)

April 1 | Easter

8:15 a.m. Worship (**sanctuary**)
9:30 a.m. New Song Worship (fellowship hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)

• **Holy Week**

During Holy Week, our church is busy with members, family, and friends from the community preparing to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. The week starts on Palm Sunday with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It continues on Maundy Thursday with a retelling of the story of the Last Supper, and Jesus' betrayal by a disciple. On Good Friday, the church gathers to remember Jesus' death on the cross. And on Easter, we proclaim the Resurrection, and celebrate the assurance that not even death can separate us from God's grace.

• **Easter Egg Hunt**

All are welcome on **Sunday, March 25**, to our church-wide egg hunt! You don't want to miss the celebration. Bring a dozen stuffed eggs (non-candy) to share by 9:00 a.m. that morning. There will be bounce houses and a cake walk fundraiser to round out the fun!

• **Wednesday Nights at First - Upper Room**

On **Wednesday, March 28**, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, come live the Last Supper with your church family during our Wednesday Nights at First program. There will be intergenerational activities for all - foot washing, prayer stations, and banquet-style dinner. Biblical dress is encouraged. This will be a meaningful (and not scary) way for young families to observe the events of Holy Week.

• **Good Friday Pilgrimage**

Everyone is invited to join our sisters and brothers from a wide variety of Christian congregations for our Good Friday Pilgrimage. We will gather at 7:15 a.m. in front of the Hollywood 11 Theater at the corner of Main Street and Washington Boulevard on **Good Friday, March 30**. We will walk together, 500 strong, through downtown Sarasota, remembering the final journey of Jesus to the cross. The pilgrimage will end at Church of the Redeemer, 222 South Palm Avenue, around 8:30 a.m.



• **Offering**

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. We will be receiving for **OGHS** on **Easter, April 1**.