

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 new member class is **today at 10:00 a.m.**

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sara Jenoure in memory of Antonia Hurst.

• 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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First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota Mission, Vision and Core Values

Our Mission

We believe we are called to faithfully serve the Lord Jesus Christ, giving glory to God.

Our Vision

We desire to be a leading, faithful, witnessing, diverse and growing community of God's people.

Our Core Values

Leading

We have an ongoing tradition of leadership in the community. We are committed to meeting the ever-changing spiritual and physical needs of our community.

Faithful

Our life together centers on vibrant worship and praise as we glorify God.
We are a dynamic community of faith - reformed and always reforming.
We strive to be faithful managers of the gifts that God has provided for us.

Witnessing

Through compassionate service and working for justice, we share the hope we have in Jesus Christ seeking to become spiritual partners with our neighbors.

Diverse

As a community of Jesus Christ, we unconditionally welcome all people, in the manner of our Lord and Savior.

Growing

We seek spiritual growth for children and adults through prayer, the teaching and study of Scripture, and the sharing of our faith's journey.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
March 11, 2018

• New Member Class - Today

If you are considering membership in this dynamic congregation, come to the new member class **today** 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.

• 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 **today** 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.

• Treasure Sale Saturday, March 17



We would love for the whole congregation to get involved in order to host a great Treasure Sale for the community on **Saturday, March 17**. Please sign up to help work that day or come the week prior to help price and stage - any amount of help would be appreciated! Read below for the times and jobs that would be most helpful:

Set-up Day!

Today starting at 10:00 a.m. until we're done! Join us for 15 minutes or 5 hours - we will be moving items from the loft and setting up in the fellowship hall. Less physical jobs like sorting and pricing will be available as well. We will order lunch at noon!

Drop Off Donations

Today through Friday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. bring your items to the fellowship hall. Collect items from your neighbors. Stay for a bit to help price, stage, and organize!

Final Set-Up Day

Calling all children, youth, and adults! Join us on **Friday, March 16** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for our final day for sale prep. Come work all morning so we are ready to go on Saturday Morning!

SALE DAY Saturday, March 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.!

Please dress in green! Come early and help sell! Come mid-morning and help sell! Bake a treat for the bake sale! Come clean-up in the afternoon! There are many jobs for all ages and stages!

if you are able to help in any way, call the church office or email Kelly Fitzgerald at kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• 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!

• 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!

• Real Parenting

The welcome is wide for all parents to join in an open conversation about the joys and struggles of raising children and finding grace and encouragement in our honesty! We will gather on **Monday, March 12**, at 10:30 a.m. in the hospitality suite.

• International Guitar Night

Moved to Fogartyville Community Center

Please note that this excellent concert **today** 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.*

Tickets are \$35 at the door. FPC ticket holders will also get premium seating until 20 minutes prior to start time.

*Directions to Fogartyville Community Center from FPC: Go north on Washington Blvd, turn left onto Fruitville, turn right onto Orange, turn left on 4th, and turn right onto Kumquat Ct.

• SURE Nehemiah Assembly

Please join us at the Nehemiah Assembly, **Monday, March 19**, 6:30 p.m., at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (801 N. Tamiami Trail). There are three ways to register for free tickets: on-line at suresarasota.org; receive a blue ticket from one of the SURE team members; or sign in when you arrive at the assembly. Call the church office to reserve a seat on the church bus (941) 955-8119.

The elected officials who are present have received their questions in advance of the assembly. Our protocol is to clap when an elected official answers a question in the affirmative. When the answer is no there is silence. We hope you will be one of the 1,000 people in attendance.

• 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.



• Wednesday Nights at First - Lenten Hymn Sing

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. In addition to a Wednesday night of good food and fellowship, join us for a Lenten hymn sing. Sing traditional and favorite hymns of the Lenten season while enjoying coffee and sweet treats! The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

March 14 - Lenten Hymn Sing April 11 - Cedarkirk Night
March 28 - Upper Room April 25

• ECHO's Global Food and Farm Festival

On **Saturday, March 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., take a trip to North Fort Myers (17391 Durrance Road) to taste, experience and explore with special tours, workshops, and demonstrations. ECHO's mission is to follow Jesus by reducing hunger and improving lives worldwide! Admission is \$5 per person in advance and \$7 on day of the event; children 8 and under are free. To find out more about ECHO or purchase advance tickets, visit www.echonet.org.



• Presbyterian Women

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. Deborah circle will meet after Bible study. Note, this is a change in date this month.

• 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.

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

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

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



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. - 2 Timothy 2:22

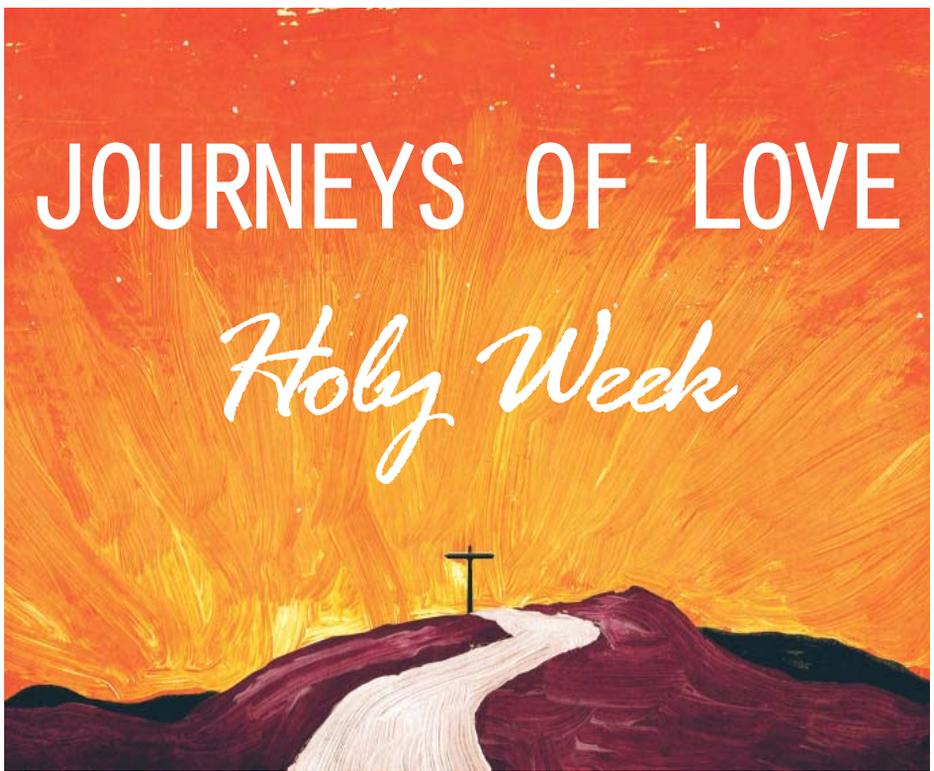


• Stewardship Thought

We have to do the best we can. This is our sacred human responsibility. - Albert Einstein

• Week At a Glance

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 Organizational Book Club	2:00 PM
Monday 12-Mar	Real Parenting	10:30 AM
Tuesday 13-Mar	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
Wednesday 14-Mar	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Wednesdays at First	5:30 PM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday 15-Mar	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 16-Mar	GriefShare	10:30 AM
Saturday 16-Mar	Treasure Sale	8:00 AM
Sunday 18-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
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 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***

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• ***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**.