

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 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, 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 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 Sunday, June 10.

• Our Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fran Cook and family. Jim Cook died on March 21. The small memorial service for the family was held on Saturday, March 24.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

Thank-you to the many who provided for the beautiful Easter lilies and hydrangeas given to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones; please see the separate insert for the full listing.

• 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
April 1, 2018



Opportunities for Children and Youth

Butterfly Sunday, April 8

We will celebrate this promise of new life with a butterfly release, a remembrance of those who have died. Join us **next Sunday, April 8**, at 10:00 a.m. in the labyrinth as we continue to celebrate Easter. There will be crafts and stories you can share with your family.

There will be no church school for children and youth on Sunday, April 8.

• FPC Day Camp

Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

The day camp program for campers who will 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 (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.

Registration has begun!



• One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) to share God's love with people experiencing need worldwide. 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. **Today** we will be receiving the OGHS offering.

• Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible study will not be meeting this week Wednesday, April 4.

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

Led by Dr. Maurice Luker, *The Gospel of Mark* class will begin **next Sunday, April 8** and run through May 13.

In an age when transmission of all information was "published" orally, the Gospel of Mark was written as a sermon script to be enacted to a congregation. Our classes on Mark will treat this first gospel not as an analysis of what really happened, but as a study of how Mark was constructed theologically to affect the first century listener—and how we might listen to it today.

• 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. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

April 11 - Cedarkirk Night
April 25

• Blood Drive

The SunCoast Bloodmobile will be at First Presbyterian **next Sunday, April 8**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call the office to reserve your spot on the bus (941) 955-8119.

• 20th Annual Fellowship Theatre / Dinner Evening

On Saturday, April 21, the Sarasota Visual Performing Arts Center at Booker High School presents the musical *Hello, Dolly!*

We will meet for an early dinner at El Greco Mediterranean Restaurant on the corner of Main Street/Orange Avenue at 4:45 p.m. Theatre curtain is at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, and \$5 youth/students. For reservations or information, contact Wendy Miller at (941) 379-0464 or towmiller@yahoo.com.

• 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.



• Presbyterian Women

PW Lite will be on **Tuesday, April 3** at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Diane Coles, an award-winning trainer from Dog World Training Academy, and her canine friend will join us. Diane will tell us how she trains dogs for dog therapy. Come learn about therapy dogs and see one in action.

Save the date: The next PW gathering is **Tuesday, May 1** at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will collect the annual birthday offering at that time.

If you have an interest in attending the church-wide Presbyterian Women gathering in Louisville, KY August 2-5, please contact Flossie Paul at (941) 536-0974 or Pamela Lamb at (941) 210-7478. Both Flossie and Pamela are attending. There is also information at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

• Invest in Children



Calling all runners - children/youth/adults! Join us in the McInWood 5K or 1-mile Fun Run Saturday, May 12! This annual event supports Brentwood Elementary School, McIntosh Middle School and All Faiths Food Bank. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall foyer, the sanctuary narthex and the church office.



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



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.
- Psalm 95:1



• Stewardship Thought

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 1-Apr	Worship Service	8:15 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
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Tuesday 3-Apr	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	PW Lite	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 4-Apr	Stephen Leaders Meeting	3:30 PM
	Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Thursday 5-Apr	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
Friday 06-Apr	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	GriefShare - Lessons of Grief Part 1	10:30 AM
Sunday 8-Apr	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Blood Drive	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Butterfly Sunday	10:00 AM
	Gospel of Mark	10:00 AM
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Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	