

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 Sunday, June 10.

• Congratulations

Saturday, April 14, Bob Scholten and Beverley Bovill will be married. We wish them many years of happiness.

• 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 fair trade kiosk will be closed **today** and **next Sunday, April 15**. We are grateful for the fair trade coffee, chocolate, and other items offered each week, which provide an important source of income for people in developing nations.

• Youth Sunday - April 29

Please mark your calendar for Youth Sunday. We are very excited about the leadership of our young people. There will be services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. **There will be no 8:15 a.m. service.** Your presence will be an encouragement and support as they use their gifts in service to God and our congregation.

• Meal-Packing Event: Rise Against Hunger

Mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030, *Rise Against Hunger* is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. *Everyone (adults, youth, and children) is invited to join FPC for a meal-packing event on Sunday, April 29* beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will pack over 10,000 meals together in just two hours. **Call the church office at (941) 955-8119 to sign up.** The more people we have, the more meals we can pack!

• First Roots Thursday, April 26

Join First Presbyterian preschool parents, past and present, for cocktails and tapas at Michael's Wine Cellar at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the preschool office for \$45 per person.

All proceeds from First Roots will benefit First Presbyterian Preschool and the Vicki Fry Memorial Scholarship Fund.



• 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.

• Pastoral Care

There have been major changes at our local hospitals. When you or a loved one is hospitalized, it is imperative that you contact the church or one of the pastors to inform us directly **and** inform the hospital that you are a member of our congregation and would welcome a visit by one of our pastors. *Hospitals will not contact the church.* We have also discovered that some will no longer even list a patient as our church member on their internal records unless the patient is careful to note their relationship with our congregation. Thank you for your assistance.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
April 8, 2018

• Easter Life

For the next several weeks in this season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, we will consider our lives as resurrection people. What does it mean to worship and serve our risen Lord? How do we carry Easter in our hearts every day?

• Butterfly Sunday, April 8

Today we will celebrate the promise of new life with a butterfly release, a remembrance of those who have died. Join us 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 friends and family.

There will be no church school for children and youth today.

• Blood Drive

The SunCoast Bloodmobile will be here **today** from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Come and give the gift of life!

• Academy of Christian Discipleship

Led by Dr. Maurice Luker, *The Gospel of Mark* class will begin **today 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 simply 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.

• 20th Annual Fellowship Dinner / Theatre 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.

• In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last Wednesday evening, April 4, we joined churches across the nation in tolling our bells to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We honor his legacy as a Christian leader - and his continuing call to work for fair housing and employment, economic empowerment for all people, and an end to discrimination.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Day Camp

Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

The day camp program for campers who will have completed grades K-5th continues 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 three by April 2018 and potty-trained) will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue to noon (no lunch). Half-day camp costs \$50.

Registration has begun!

• Preschool Security

To comply with the new State of Florida regulations for child care facilities that are used for any purpose unrelated to providing child care, **all** individuals who utilize any area that is subject to use by persons outside the program must comply by having a current background screening on file.

To fulfill this requirement, during preschool hours (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.), anyone volunteering or working on or around the campus must check in at the church office upon arrival and not go through the preschool areas unless accompanied by a screened staff member.

• Cedarkirk Joins Wednesday Nights at First

It's camp night at First Presbyterian Church! Our friends from Cedarkirk will be joining us for a night of camp fun! After a dinner featuring Cedarkirk's famous dinner rolls - we will learn about the highlights of summer camp. Adults will hear about Cedarkirk's plans for the future - new buildings and facilities so more can have access to the benefits of outdoor ministry. We will all come back together for a traditional campfire time to round out the night! 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 - Pajamas & Game Night

• Welcome New Members

Have you met some of the new members - twenty-nine adults and nine children and youth - who were recognized at worship on Sunday, January 28 and Sunday, March 18? Please look for their brief biographies in an upcoming issue of the *Cross Connections*, our church newsletter, and offer them a very warm welcome to our congregation!

• Trent@Montreat

We are proud of our pastor, Glen Bell, as he serves as one of the leaders for the Trent@Montreat Conference on April 16-19. There he will lead a three-day track in strategic planning and vision for fifteen young pastors. Check it out at www.montreat.org/trent.

• Sarasota Statement

In early 2017, eight Presbyterian leaders from across the eastern United States gathered here at our church to write a statement of faith for this time of national difficulty and discord. NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation sponsored the work. Glen Bell and Jessica Tate, our former Faith Focus Weekend speaker, served as hosts. The group turned to the biblical and theological roots of our Christian faith to say anew what we believe as Presbyterians. Today's affirmation of faith at our 11:00 a.m. worship service is a small portion of the Sarasota Statement.



• Presbyterian Women

Please join us for Bible study led by Jean Luker this **Tuesday, April 10**, in room 203 at 10:30 a.m. Our study of Hebrews continues with lesson eight. The workbook is not required to attend; everyone is welcome. Deborah Circle meets in the parlor following Bible study and Lydia Circle meets in room 203.

A thank-you to everyone who contributed to the purchase of sewing machines for the women of Pantasma in Nicaragua. If you would like to join this effort, checks may be made out to Presbyterian Women and given to Mary Webb. For more information, please see Jean Luker.

Invest in Children



• Brentwood Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

On Sunday, April 15, after the 11:00 a.m. service, we will be having an appreciation lunch for Brentwood Elementary School volunteers and steering committee in the fellowship hall. If you are considering joining the team, please come to learn more about the opportunities available. (Spouses are invited.) Please RSVP to the church office (941) 955-8119 by Monday, April 9.

• Spring is Here... Summer is Coming! An Ideal Time to Volunteer!

Are you looking for a way to be involved in ministry this summer? Would you like to make a difference? Consider helping with summer school at Brentwood Elementary School!

The summer school sessions for kindergarten and 1st grade classes run Monday through Thursday, June 4 through July 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers will serve at their availability - an hour (or more) a day (or days) of their choice. If you are interested in joining the team, please call the church office or contact Jinny and Ron Miller at (941) 924-9494 or email jinnyrn@verizon.net

McInWood Run

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.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all directly.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



• Stewardship Thought

Nothing is more endangered in the modern world than the powerful combination of hard work toward meaningful goals joined with an exuberant embrace of the present moment.

- Tom Morris

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 8-Apr	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Blood Drive	8:45 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Gospel of Mark	10:00 AM
	Butterfly Release	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	
Monday 9-Apr	Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
Tuesday 10-Apr	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	PW Bible study	10:30 AM
	Deborah Circle	11:30 AM
	Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
Wednesday 11-Apr	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Interracial Book Club - Group A	1:00 PM
	Wednesdays at First	5:30 PM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Choir Practice	7:00 PM	
Thursday 12-Apr	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 13-Apr	GriefShare: Lessons of Grief - Part 2	10:30 AM
Saturday 14-Apr	Wedding - Bob Scholten & Beverley Bovill	
Sunday 15-Apr	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Gospel of Mark	10:00 AM
	Coffee + Conversations	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	