

## 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.

### • The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bette Lou Cookson in memory of Ruth Mathis Rabold.

### • 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.



### • Presbyterian Women

The next PW gathering will be held **Tuesday, May 1**, in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. Our featured speaker is Kelsang Sangzin, a Buddhist nun from the Kadampa Meditation Center in Sarasota. She will speak to us about loving, kindness and meditation, and how she became a Buddhist nun. This gathering also celebrates the annual Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering which supports worthwhile programs. Here are this year's recipients:

- Cottage Village, a tiny-house community for low-income residents of Cottage Grove, Oregon
- Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health, a retreat center managed by Presbyterian Women in Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- The Dwelling Place, an organization in Minneapolis and St Paul, Minnesota providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10. To make reservations, please call Mary Webb at (941) 758-6035 or the church office at (941) 955-8119. The deadline to make your reservation is noon on Monday, April 30. Payment may be made in cash or check on the day of the luncheon at the door. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.

For any questions about Presbyterian Women, please contact co-moderators Flossie Paul at (941) 536-0974 or Pamela Lamb at (941) 210-7478.

### Invest in Children



#### • Brentwood Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

**Today** 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 [jinnyron@verizon.net](mailto:jinnyron@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.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
April 15, 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?

### • Welcome Will Newton

This morning we are delighted to welcome Will Newton, the director of SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility & Equity). He coordinates the community justice initiatives of 19 congregations, including our own. The most recent gathering included almost 1,000 participants witnessing for affordable housing and restorative justice locally.

### • Academy of Christian Discipleship

Led by Dr. Maurice Luker, **The Gospel of Mark class continues and runs through May 13** in room 203. 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 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.

Led by Kelly Fitzgerald and Mike Frandsen, **Coffee + Conversation begins today and will run through May 13** in room 225. Animate is an adult education course that explores central topics of Christianity. Animate brings together leading voices to create an accessible, captivating exploration of big questions of the Christian faith that's designed to spark conversation. We will watch a video lecture from a contemporary theologian and then discuss what it means for our life together. All are welcome - all ages, all stages.

### • 20th Annual Fellowship Dinner / Theatre Evening

**This 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](mailto:towmiller@yahoo.com).



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## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • Youth Sunday

All middle and high school youth are encouraged to participate in Youth Sunday. We will be meeting **today** and **next Sunday, April 22** at 4:00 p.m. in the middle school classroom room 221.

### • Summer Adventures

Last call for summer adventures! (Montreat Middle School Conference, July 18-22; Montreat High School Conference, July 14-21; and All Youth Raleigh Mission, July 22-27) Final plans are being worked out now - but we can always include you! Especially if you want to chaperone. Contact Kelly Fitzgerald (941) 955-8119.

### • Register Today for FPC Day Camp Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

The day camp program for campers who will have completed grades K-5th will be 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.

### • 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 25 - Pajamas & Game Night*

### • Passing the Peace

We are grateful for the caring and enthusiastic way that you share the peace during our 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services with a handshake or a hug. At the same time, some in our church may be recovering from an illness; please do not be surprised if you are greeted with an invitation to *bump your fist* with these individuals. Also, some of us may be in the midst of chemotherapy or other significant medical treatments. If this is true for you, please simply *cross your arms* over your chest. This will be an invitation to others to pass the peace verbally.

### • Brentwood Elementary Art Show

On Sunday, May 6, at 12:30 p.m. we will be hosting a show featuring artwork from many of the children that attend Brentwood Elementary, our *Invest in Children* partner. Stop by the grand opening and enjoy the works of art and reception! The show will be in the forum through May 15.

### • Trent@Montreat

We are proud of our pastor, Glen Bell, as he serves as one of the leaders for the Trent@Montreat Conference 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](http://www.montreat.org/trent).

### • 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., both 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 12,000 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.

### • NEXT Church Event - Telling Stories: A Conference of Fatih and Art

Hosted by Eckerd College and Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, this is free conference at Eckerd College **April 19-April 22** will employ discussions, poetry readings, presentations, visual arts, and theater to allow people to tell their own stories and explore new ways of talking about God, faith, and social responsibility. Two of the presenters include poet and member of the Gila River Indian Tribe, Natalie Diaz and *New York Times* best-selling author and Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor. The conference is designed for anyone interested in the imaginative and prophetic intersection of faith and the arts.

To register visit <https://tellingstories-faithandart.eventbrite.com>

### • 2018 Giving Challenge

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County will be having their annual Giving Challenge from **noon to noon May 1-2**. This year the Patterson Foundation will make a 1:1 match for all donations, up to \$100 per donor, per organization. Many of our mission partners participate in the Giving Challenge.

### • Tenting for Termites

We have a beautiful church and campus with a large amount of wood. Our buildings do not have a significant problem, but do need to be tented. The tenting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday, May 31.



The fair trade kiosk will be closed **today**. 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.



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.* - 1 John 4:7



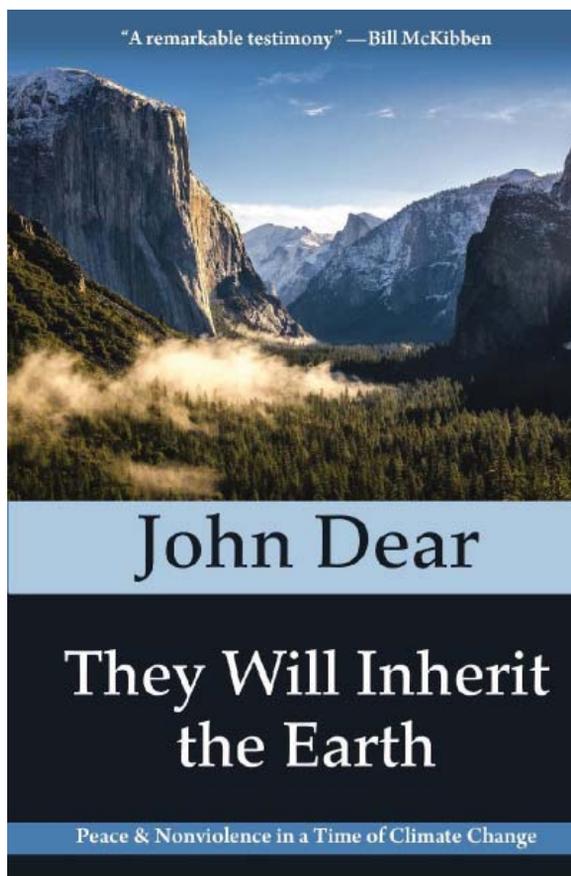
### • Stewardship Thought

*We take care of the future best by taking care of the present now.*

- Jon Kabat-Ziinn

### • Week At a Glance

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 + Conversation	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Invest in Children Volunteer Lunch	12:00 PM
Tuesday 17-Apr	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Interracial Book Club - Group C	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 18-Apr	Mary-Martha Circle	10:00 AM
	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday 19-Apr	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Deacons' Meeting	5:30 PM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	Family Promise Organizational Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday 20-Apr	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 20-Apr	GriefShare - Heaven	10:30 AM
Saturday 21-Apr	Booker Play / Fellowship	4:30 PM
Sunday 22-Apr	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Gospel of Mark	10:00 AM
	Coffee + Conversation	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	



### • ***They Will Inherit the Earth***

Rev John Dear will be speaking **this Friday, April 20**, at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ (1031 S. Euclid Avenue). Rev. Dear will present his new book, *They Will Inherit the Earth*; as well as discuss and promote Campaign Nonviolence (see [www.campaignnonviolence.org](http://www.campaignnonviolence.org)); encouraging people to renew their commitment to nonviolence and solidarity with creation. After the presentation, over refreshments, he will take questions and sign copies of his book.

He is a long time peace activist, lecturer and teacher, and is the author of 35 books including *Thomas Merton Peacemaker*; *Lazarus Come Forth!*; *Living Peace*; *The Nonviolent Life*; and *The Beatitudes of Peace*. He has been nominated many times for the Nobel Peace Prize, including by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He works with [CampaignNonviolence.org](http://CampaignNonviolence.org) and the Vatican Nonviolence Initiative.



# ***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.