

## 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 Jane Nicholl in memory of Tony Nicholl.

### • 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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### • Academy of Christian Discipleship

Led by Dr. Maurice Luker, **The Gospel of Mark class continues and runs through May 13** in room 203. Our classes on Mark treat this 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 continues and runs through May 13** in room 225. *Animate* is an adult education course that explores central topics of Christianity. We will watch a video lecture from a contemporary theologian and then together discuss what it means for our lives. All are welcome - all ages, all stages.

### • Church Office Volunteer Needed

The office needs volunteer receptionists for Tuesday and Thursday (1st and 3rd week) afternoons 1:00-5:00 p.m. Also, you can sign-up to be on our "sub" list, and we will contact you when we need occasional office help. Please contact Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119.

### Cedarkirk Summer Camp Open House

On **Saturday, May 12**, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Cedarkirk invites you to a free afternoon of camp fun. There will be tours, hayrides, s'mores, archery, zip-lining, and a raffle for great prizes (including summer camp gift certificates)! This is also an opportunity to learn about their summer programs, see some of the facilities and activities used during summer camp, and get a feel for what your child will experience. Find out more information at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

### Invest in Children



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

Are you looking for a way to be involved in ministry this summer? Consider helping 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 can 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.



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.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
April 29, 2018

### • Youth Sunday - Easter Life: God is Love

We are very excited about the leadership of our young people in worship as we continue to consider how the promise of Easter in our hearts. Your presence today is an encouragement and support as they use their gifts in service to God and our congregation. Please pray for each of them as they continue to grow in grace and faith.

We will collect a special offering today to help our children and youth go on their summer adventures - Montreat youth conferences for middle and high school, a mission trip to Raleigh, North Carolina, and Cedarkirk Day Camp right here at FPC! Consider an above-and-beyond gift to help these young disciples grow in love.

### • Today!

#### 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 today* beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will pack over 12,000 meals together in just two hours. The more people we have, the more meals we can pack!

### • Brentwood Elementary Art Show/Reception

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

### • 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: [givingpartnerchallenge.org/](http://givingpartnerchallenge.org/).

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • 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) Plans are being finalized now, but we still have room for *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.

### • Bible Presentation

On **Sunday, May 13**, Bibles will be presented to our emerging readers from 3rd-5th grades. These children read a story from the Bible each time they are in Sunday school and we would like to encourage the practice of daily reading and reflection at home as well.

Although Kelly Fitzgerald has a list of students in this age range, please confirm that your child is on this list. Also, please include their 3 initials for a monogram. (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org) The Bible will be a NRSV leather-bound Bible - just like the grown-ups use - so they can use it for a lifetime!



### • 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.

### • Pentecost Sunday - May 20

At our 8:15, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services we will rejoice and give thanks for our church growth in the past year. Wear red and join the celebration of the Holy Spirit at work among us!

You are also invited to a 10:00 a.m. **church-wide potluck brunch** in the fellowship hall in honor of our new members.



We will be receiving the annual Pentecost Offering **Sunday, May 20**. This unique offering allows congregations to direct 40 percent of what they receive for ministries to benefit vulnerable children, youth and young adults. The remaining 60 percent supports various Presbyterian Church (USA) missions through child advocacy (10 percent), youth ministry (25 percent), and young adult volunteer opportunities (25 percent).

### • 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*.

### • 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.



### • SURE Update

As SURE moves from its Nehemiah Action event into the summer, we have a lot to celebrate:

- On March 19 nearly 1,000 people came to the Nehemiah Assembly seeking community justice.
- We were able to influence the county to take

Affordable Housing more seriously by taking steps toward a Housing Opportunity Fund.

- The school board is working on a plan to expand a program that will cut out-of-school suspensions.
- Along with nine other organizations, SURE is working for the passage of a bill that will save 7,500 children from an arrest record.
- SURE is growing in strength and numbers to help bring about greater cooperation, responsibility and equity in Sarasota.

Our work is not yet done. While we follow-up with our officials to ensure their promises are met, we are also working to increase support through our Investment Drive. Over the course of the next two months we will meet with 40 business owners in Sarasota to invite them to invest in a better Sarasota.

If you have contacts with any local businesses that you recommend SURE meet with, please contact Will Newton, Executive Director of SURE, at suresarasota@gmail.com or (941)323-4221.

### • National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3, is National Day of Prayer. Join with the Sarasota Ministerial Association for a Prayer Unity service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Payne Park, (2050 Adams Lane, Sarasota).



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.*

- 1 Peter 3:10



### • Stewardship Thought

*Remember to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone.*

- Titus 3:1-2

### • Week At a Glance

Sunday 29-Apr	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	10:00 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
Tuesday 1-May	Meal Packing Event	3:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Presbyterian Women Gathering	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Stephen Leaders Meeting	3:30 PM
Wednesday 2-May	Church Officer Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Safety and Security Team	6:00 PM
Thursday 3-May	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Book Club - Group C	10:30 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
Sunday 6-May	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	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
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