

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**.

• 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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• SURE Update

Last week, Sarasota County commission voted to reduce mobility fees for smaller, more affordable units. SURE has encouraged this shift for two years, and was present to voice their support and other actions to create affordable housing. Elder Barbara

Chase spoke before the commissioners, asking them to “serve on behalf of the 15,000 families on the verge of homelessness.” This zoning change is a step in the right direction, but it is only one step of others needed.

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.

• Calling All Deacons! The Vigil Volunteer Program

The Pines of Sarasota Rehabilitation & Senior Care Community has introduced a new program of vigils for the dying in their care. They need volunteers to sit with dying persons for two-hour periods, so they may have the comfort of a caring person to read to them or just hold their hands. There are brief training periods and deacons would be on call as needed and available. For more information, or to sign up, email Chaplain Bob Griffith at chaplain@pinesofsarasota.org. Once a deacon, always a deacon.

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

• 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
May 6, 2018

• Easter Life

In this season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, we are considering 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?

• Brentwood Elementary Art Show/Reception

Today at 12:30 p.m. we are hosting a show featuring artwork from many of the children who attend Brentwood Elementary School, 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.

• Bible Presentation

Next 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.

• Mother's Day Reception

On Mother's Day **next Sunday, May 13**, you are invited to a light reception in the south courtyard after each service to honor all women for their dedication to nurturing and guiding us.

• 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).

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Youth Summer Adventure Preparation and Book Study

Today from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Calling all youth and interested adults! We will be having a quick gathering this Sunday afternoon to do some final preparation for our summer adventures. Even if you are not going on a trip you are welcome to meet in the fellowship hall for a little fun and a little business. We will ponder questions (If God were throwing a party, would everyone be invited?) as we start a book study, *Love Wins For Teens*.

DON'T FORGET \$100 DEPOSIT FOR SUMMER TRIPS ARE DUE!

• 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.

• Graduate Sunday, June 3

We will recognize graduating seniors from high school and college at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on **Sunday, June 3**.

Please email Kelly Fitzgerald (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org) with the name of graduate, school, and type of degree obtained by Sunday, May 20.



• Presbyterian Women

Today we celebrate our Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering which supports worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. 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.

Please use the envelope provided in the announcements and make your check payable to Presbyterian Women with Birthday Offering in the memo line.

Join us for Bible study led by Jean Luker on **Tuesday, May 8**, in room 203 at 10:30 a.m. Our study of Hebrews concludes with lesson 9. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bible study will be on break during the summer and resume in September. Deborah Circle meets in the parlor following Bible study.

• Meal-Packing Event

A big thank-you goes to all the helping hands that put together **12,096 meals** last Sunday, April 29, with Rise Against Hunger. We are grateful to the youth who contributed the funds from the congregation's Souper Bowl of Caring donations.

• Summer Is Coming . . .

And So Is Our Summer Worship Schedule

This will be our schedule for worship from Sunday, May 27 through August 12:

New Song Contemporary Worship
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

We look forward to seeing you at one of these two services!

• 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 church campus will be completely closed during this time.** Please help us work to remove all food products from any classroom or meeting space you may utilize before this date!

• SRQ Revue - Friday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

A Lighthearted Look at Our Beloved Hometown

Come out for a fun, fast-paced variety show featuring show tunes, pop/rock songs, Americana, comedy and jazz! Performers include the amazing Joe Bruno on trumpet and singer Synia Carroll, and many others including the FPC Choir, Ted Eastmoore and the Band. Admission is 5 cents to \$500 or anything in between. Proceeds will go to our Friends of Music Ministry fund which supports local musical artists in performance at First Presbyterian Church. Posters and flyers are available at the front doors today. Please help us distribute them and invite your friends for a feel-good evening!

Please note: The jazz concert scheduled for late-May has been postponed. Watch for details.

• 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.

• 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.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
- 1 Corinthians 15:58



• Stewardship Thought

The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away.
- Pablo Picasso

• Week At a Glance

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| Sunday | Chapel Service | 8:15 AM | |
| 6-May | Worship Service | 9:00 AM | |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | |
| | Coffee + Conversation | 10:00 AM | |
| | Gospel of Mark | 10:00 AM | |
| | Sunday School Pre-K - 12th | 10:00 AM | |
| | Worship Service | 11:00 AM | |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 12:00 PM | |
| Tuesday | 8-May | Mixed Level Yoga | 9:00 AM |
| | PW Bible Study | 10:30 AM | |
| | Staff Meeting | 10:30 AM | |
| | Deborah Circle | 11:30 AM | |
| | Lydia Circle | 11:30 AM | |
| Committee Meetings | 5:30 PM | | |
| Wednesday | 9-May | Sisters of the Road | 10:30 AM |
| | Bible Study | 12:00 PM | |
| | Preschool Board Meeting | 12:30 PM | |
| Choir Practice | 7:00 PM | | |
| Thursday | 10-May | Mixed Level Yoga | 9:00 AM |
| | Vinyasa Yoga Class | 5:30 PM | |
| | Stephen Minister Supervision Meeting | 6:30 PM | |
| New Song Rehearsal | 7:00 PM | | |
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| | Worship Service | 9:00 AM | |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | |
| | Coffee + Conversation | 10:00 AM | |
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