

## 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 Judy and Tom Melly in memory of Mary Hershey.

### • 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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### • Presbyterian Women

Save these dates for our summer activities:

June 5 - Flossie Paul will tell us about her recent mission trip to Cambodia. Read *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright for an insight into her experience.

July 17 - Join us for lunch at Bay Village hosted by Pat Woody.

August 7 - Colleen Forristall and Marilyn Tschirgi will lead us in some fun craft time.

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

### • Brentwood Elementary Art Show

We are hosting a show featuring artwork from many of the children who attend Brentwood Elementary School, our *Invest in Children* partner. The exhibit will be in the *forum* today from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



### • SURE Update

The 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](mailto:suresarasota@gmail.com) or (941)323-4221.



### • Thank You, Stephen Ministry A Care Receiver's Experience

*"I was one of the most fortunate recipients of our church's Stephen Ministry care just over a year ago. My caregiver's faithful visits, calls, prayers, encouraging words, and confidential chats meant so much to me during my recovery following surgery. It was a truly blessed experience. Thank you, First Presbyterian and Stephen Ministry leaders and Stephen Ministers."*

If you would like a Stephen Minister to call on you, a loved one, or a friend, please contact Pastors Glen Bell or Kelly Fitzgerald or Steven Phillips.

To learn more about the Stephen Ministry program, go to [firstpressarasota.org](http://firstpressarasota.org) and find the "Stephen Ministry" category in the linear menu. Click on it to learn about this important confidential, one-on-one ministry that is available to you.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
May 13, 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?

### • Bible Presentation

Today 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

Today 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!

### • Church-Wide Brunch Potluck Next Sunday, May 20 10:00 a.m.

The membership committee invites everyone to celebrate the new members who have joined our church in the last twelve months by attending our church-wide Pentecost/New Members Celebration Potluck Brunch **next Sunday, May 20**, between the services at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Plan to bring a dish and join us as we recognize and celebrate our growing fellowship in Christ. A face painter for all ages will join our festivities!



We will be receiving the annual Pentecost Offering **next 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 Group

Next Sunday, May 20 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

We are going to have a night of fun and recreation... brought to us by the dads! Come ready to play!

DON'T FORGET \$100 DEPOSITS 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 have turned 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 next Sunday, May 20.



### • 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!

For Sunday, June 3 announcements, please send them to Lisa Garcia (LGarcia@FirstPressarasota.org) by Tuesday, May 22.

### • 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!

### • New Member Class

If you are considering membership in this dynamic congregation, come to the new member class **Sunday, June 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 225. We will worship from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then enjoy lunch together. Please call the church office to RSVP (941) 955-8119.

### • 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.

### • 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.

### • Floral Dedications

If you would like to provide flower arrangements 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.

### • 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.



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it is not proud. - 1 Corinthians 13:4



### • Stewardship Thought

Seek joy in what you give,  
not in what you get. - Anonymous

### • Week At a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> 13-May	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 AM
	Gospel of Mark	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
<b>Monday</b> 14-May	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Church Officer Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b> 15-May	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Interracial Book Club - Group C	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b> 16-May	Mary-Martha Circle	10:00 AM
	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
	Interracial Book Club - Group Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b> 17-May	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Deacons' Meeting	5:30 PM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b> 20-May	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church-Wide Potluck Brunch	10:00 AM
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