

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 John Matta in memory of his friend from Pittsburgh, PA; Joseph J. Kennedy III.

• 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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• 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. Thanks to those who have recently signed up to volunteer! Please contact Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119 to help fill one of the remaining positions.

• Calling All Deacons! The Vigil Volunteer Program

The Pines of Sarasota Rehabilitation and 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.

• 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. Prices are \$35 for a single arrangement and \$70 for two arrangements.

• 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.

• 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.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
May 27, 2018

• 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.

• Tenting for Termites - This Week

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 today!

• 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 **next Sunday, June 3**.

Mariah Martin will be commissioned as our presbytery's young adult advisory delegate (YAAD) for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She will be travelling to St. Louis, MO and will be attending the General Assembly from June 16-23.

• Ending to a Great Year

Friday, May 18, was the last day of preschool. We are so grateful for the teachers and staff of our preschool, the very best in Sarasota.

• 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 trumpeter Joe Bruno, singer Synia Carroll, and many others including the FPC Choir, Ted Eastmoore and New Song musicians. 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!

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Youth Group

PLEASE 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.

We are excited to have so many children registered for FPC Day Camp this summer - **we need your help!** There are many ways to lend your support. Check-in and greet each morning, donate food items, work with preschool aged children.... and much more! Please contact Kelly Fitzgerald (KFitzgerald@FirstPresSarasota.org).

• College/Continuing Education/Technical School Scholarships 2018-19

Scholarship money from several endowment funds of the FPC Foundation is available for the upcoming school year. Interested students and families should pick up an application from the church office and return it by July 15. Transcripts, including those from the spring 2018 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to update their grades and contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.



• Presbyterian Women

PW Lite meets **Tuesday, June 5**, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Flossie Paul will tell us about her mission trip to Cambodia in January. Read *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright for an insight into her experience.

Save these dates for our summer activities:

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

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

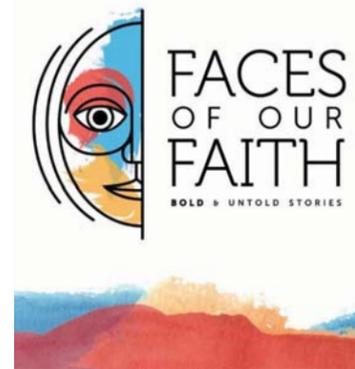
For any questions about Presbyterian Women, please contact co-moderators Flossie Paul at (941) 536-0974 or Pamela Lamb at (941) 210-7478.



Today and throughout June you will find the **Fair Trade kiosk** inside the fellowship hall. 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.

• Summer Study Journal

There are many heroes of faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith - those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. This summer, we'll dig deep into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace.



Email Kelly (KFitzgerald@FirstPresSarasota.org) or call the church office (941) 955-8119 to request a copy today. We will send you a bundle in the mail.

• Intergenerational Sunday Class at 10:00 a.m.

As the Academy of Christian Discipleship takes a short break over the summer, **all** are welcome to come to Intergenerational Sunday class! This one-room school house model will give us a chance to be together as a church family and grow together in faith.

This summer we will explore together what General Assembly is all about. How are things done in the Presbyterian form of government? How are changes made? What is challenging for the church? This will be interesting for disciples of **all ages and stages!**

Come for one or come for all of the six-sessions: **June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1, and July 8.**

• Pastors' Bible Study

We will be breaking for summer until Wednesday, September 5 when we resume our study with Acts 11. Continue the practice of daily reading and study until then!



• 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 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.

Invest in Children



Thanks and Prayers

A special thank-you goes to the FPC volunteers who have given of their time at Brentwood Elementary School and other public schools during the 2017-2018 school year. They have touched the lives of many children and, in the process, have been blessed themselves. As one BES volunteer reports, "I loved being with the children. I used to be a teacher and love every minute at Brentwood!" Thanks, too, to all who have supported the *Invest in Children* initiative through prayer, helping hands, and financial gifts. As summer school begins, please pray for the children, teachers and volunteers involved in this vital program from June 4 until July 16.



Save your Box Tops for Education and support our partnership with Brentwood Elementary School. Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of items, such as cereal, cleaning products, snacks and paper products. Look for the small coupon on the product, clip it

and deposit the box tops in the bright containers in the sanctuary narthex, the fellowship hall entry, or the church office. Questions? Call Jinny and Ron Miller (941) 924-9494.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.* - Psalm 119:105



• Stewardship Thought

It costs nothing to tell someone how much they mean to you and to put a smile on their face. -Anonymous

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 27-May	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 28-May	Memorial Day - Office Closed	
Tuesday 29-May	Campus Closed - Tenting	
Wednesday 30-May	Campus Closed - Tenting	
Thursday 31-May	Campus Closed - Tenting	
Sunday 3-Jun	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Intergenerational Sunday Class	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM