

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 worship, our 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 November 4.

• Our Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to Caroline Kennedy's family and friends. Caroline died on Monday, August 27. The memorial service will be in the chapel on Tuesday, September 4 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception in the parlor following the service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Al McFadyen, Jr. and Beth Ann McFadyen-Boyer for the unexpected passing of their brother, David McFadyen, on Tuesday, June 5. David was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Ann McFadyen. The family had a lovely breakfast on the beach gathering to celebrate David's life.

• Online Giving

A growing number of members have chosen to use our convenient electronic payment option instead of writing a check for their weekly offering. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button, or scan the QR code below with your mobile device. Set up an account, schedule your contribution and apply the gifts to the General Fund. This will sync the payments to your pledge commitment. It's that easy! If you have any questions, contact Lisa Garcia in the church office (941) 955-8119 for assistance.



**SOMETIMES LIFE CAN BE
A STRUGGLE**

Loneliness...Loss...Divorce...Illness

Spiritual Emptiness...Depression

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

If you would like a Stephen Minister to call on you, please contact the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Pastor Glen Bell (x108), Pastor Kelly Fitzgerald (x106) or Stephen Ministry Leader Steven Phillips (x124). Visit our link on the church website: <http://www.firstpressarasota.org/stephenministry.html>.

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• 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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First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
September 2, 2018

• Installation of Officers

The following officers who were elected by the congregation August 5, are being installed **next Sunday, September 9**, in both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. We are grateful for their leadership.

Deacons, Class of 2020
Bette Lou Cookson and Jennifer Hall

• Sunday Classes for All Begin Next Sunday, September 9

Coffee and Conversation - room 225

This course imaginatively explores central topics of the Christian faith. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the conversation. All ages are welcome - from high school and beyond!

Experiencing the Psalms - room 223

This course will focus on psalms of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation, culminating with a "share your own psalm." Taught by Rev. Mary Beth McSwain, a gifted member of our presbytery who lives in Bradenton.

• Wednesday Bible Study - Acts

Starting this **Wednesday, September 5**, join us at noon on Wednesdays, in room 203 to reflect on the wisdom of God's Word. Rev. Glen Bell, Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald and other guest teachers will guide our time together. We will continue our study with a consideration of Acts 11:1-18. All are welcome!

• A Thank-You From Glen Bell

"I appreciate all your expressions of affirmation and gratitude last Sunday. Serving as your pastor is a privilege and pleasure. Here's to the years ahead!"

• FPC Choir Open Enrollment

Now is the time to join us for a wonderful fall season of choir, culminating in the exciting two-night performance of *A Celtic Christmas* on December 13-14. This season will bring us everything — Handel, Mendelssohn, and other great masters. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. in the forum. Call music director Steven Phillips at the church office (941) 955-8119 to sign up, or just come out and give us a try. We are growing together!

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Calling All Teachers!

Our Sunday Morning Classes Need You!

We are currently looking for volunteers who want to connect with the young people of our church. Could you help lead a short lesson and activity on Sunday mornings for a class of children and youth in our church? We have several age groups from preschool all the way through older youth. Can you help? Contact Kelly (941) 955-8119 to have a conversation about our exciting Sunday School program!

• Youth & Families Kick-Off

Next Sunday, September 9

All youth and their families are invited to a Kick-Off Picnic at the Alsums' home (4080 Mink Road) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Exciting things are happening! We have a full schedule of events planned for the fall!

• FPC Preschool

What a great first week of preschool! We pray God will surround our preschoolers and dedicated teachers with joy and grace throughout the school year.



• Mothers Helping Mothers Service Blitz

Saturday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a great "hands on" opportunity for our church family to serve together. Mothers Helping Mothers will be bringing a SCAT bus full of donations that will need to be sorted and repackaged for distribution.

We will work inside fellowship hall with music, energy and a sweet treat to follow! Helpers of all ages are welcome. Friends from Concordia Lutheran will also be joining us. Stay for an hour or until the job is done - however you are able to give of your time.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. - Joshua 24:15

• Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, September 16**, at noon, for the purpose of electing church officers for the class of 2021. Please plan to attend this brief but important meeting.

• Recognizing and Responding to Someone in Emotional Distress

Join the safety, security, emergency preparedness and response ministry team (SSEP&R) on **Wednesday, September 12** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a program called "Recognizing and Responding to Someone in Emotional Distress" presented by Leah Petrucci, registered mental health intern from Samaritan Counseling. This is an example of the hard work the SSEP&R team is doing to make our church a safer place.

• GriefShare

GriefShare resumes **Friday, September 14**, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in room 203. Please arrive at 9:45 a.m. for the first session.

GriefShare support group is for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. This program is open to the community, so please invite anyone you know that may be in need of support. You are welcome to begin attending at any session, so don't be discouraged if you can't attend all 13 weeks. Each week is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and hope whenever you begin.

Please call the church office, (941) 955-8119, to reserve your space and \$20 workbook, or register online at griefshare.org. If you already have a workbook from a previous session, there is no cost. For more information, please contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse (941) 320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net.



• Fair Trade Kiosk

The Fair Trade kiosk will reopen Sunday, October 7. If you need to order something before it reopens please call Carolyn Simmons (941) 924-0215.



• Presbyterian Women

PW Bible study begins again on **Tuesday, September 11** at 10:30 a.m. in room 203. Jean Luker will lead us in discussion based on the *Horizons* Bible study guide by Amy Poling Sutherland titled *God's Promise: I Am With You*. The study guide is not required to attend. Please bring your favorite Bible. All women are welcome.

PW Lite meets **Tuesday, October 2** at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Cheryl Track, our faith community nurse, will join us.

• Invest in Children



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.



• Preschool Security Updates

Now that our fall preschool program has begun, we want to remind you of the new State of Florida regulations for child care facilities. All individuals who utilize any area of the building that is subject to use by the preschool program must comply by having a current background screening on file.

What does this mean for you?

If you are volunteering or working on or around the church campus during preschool hours of operation (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.), you must first check in at the church office. Remember not to go through the preschool area unless accompanied by a staff member. This includes the fellowship hall.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*The Lord is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer.* - 2 Samuel 22:2



• Stewardship Thought

The only time you should ever look back is to see just how far you've come. - Author Unknown

• Week At a Glance

Sunday	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
2-Sep	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 03-Sep	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Tuesday	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	4-Sep Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday	5-Sep Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	FFW/PDS Steering Committee	5:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thursday	6-Sep Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 08-Sep	Mothers Helpings Mothers	1:30 PM
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	Worship Service	9:00 AM
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