

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 prayer for the family of Beverley Lilly in her death on Saturday September 1. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

Our deepest sympathy is with the family of Barbara Corbett upon Barbara's death on Sunday, July 29. The memorial service is on Saturday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mac Room at The Glenridge (7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota).

• 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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• 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.

• 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.



**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>.

• Your SURE Input is Needed

The 19 congregations of SURE have persevered to put into practice Jesus' message of caring for each other. Together, we have brought change to Sarasota by implementing a civil citation program. We continue to work diligently regarding affordable housing and out-of-school suspensions. At the October 15 SURE Community Problems Assembly at Bethlehem Bible Church, we will be discussing and voting upon whether to continue with these two current issues solely as a focus for 2019 or add another research area. As a church, we need to make our voices heard. Please contact Dorothy Murphy, 941-485-3518 if you have community concerns you would like to see SURE address.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
September 9, 2018

• Welcome New Members and Families!

This morning we welcome our new members in the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. We are delighted they have joined the FPC family. Be sure to extend a friendly greeting to them!

Paul and Margaret Benini

Paul: Retired Electrical Engineer
Margaret: Homemaker

Geraldine "Jerry" Bernier

Spouse: Charles Bernier
Jerry: Retired U.S. Diplomat

Wayne Estes and Rita Estes

and daughters, Allison and Jennifer Estes
Wayne: Business President/General Manager
Rita: Respiratory Therapist

James Millikan and Dorothy "Dottie" Albright

James: Manager, Men's Sportswear Store, St. Armands Circle
Dottie: Marketing/Sales Associate, Luxury Homes

David Low and Sherry Storms

David: General Contractor
Sherry: Retired, Human Resources

Seth and Sunny Westerberg

and daughter **Chloe Westerberg** who will be baptized next Sunday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m. Chloe is the granddaughter of Deborah Thomas.

Seth: Realtor

Sunny: Interior Designer

• Installation of Officers

The following officers who were elected by the congregation August 5, are being installed **today** 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

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Today - Youth & Families Kick-Off

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!

• Youth Group

On Sunday, September 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. we are looking forward to some Payne Park Fun. Please meet in the fellowship hall.

• Sunday Classes for All - Begin Today

Academy of Christian Discipleship

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 focuses 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.

Sunday School Pre-K - 12th

Classes for children and youth begin today!

PRESCHOOL (3, 4, 5 year-olds, younger children welcome with a parent) Come have some fun as we begin to learn the stories and characters of the Bible. Parents are welcome to attend.

YOUNGER ELEMENTARY (K-2nd Grade)

Children hear a story from the Old Testament Lessons from Genesis through Jonah.

OLDER ELEMENTARY (3rd-5th grade) Time to open those Bibles! Students read and respond to a scripture lesson.

YOUTH Weekly lessons covering Old Testament characters in Genesis and beyond.

• Wednesday Bible Study - Acts

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. All are welcome!

• 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 William R. Clough, D.Min. Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy Training Coordinator from Samaritan Counseling Services. 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.

• Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting **next 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. **The biography booklet of nominees for elders, deacons and at-large members of the church officer nominating committee can be found in next week's bulletin.**

• 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.

• 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!

• Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawl Knitters will meet Saturday, Sept. 15 in the church parlor at 10:00 a.m. Come for fellowship, knitting and the blessing of shawls.



• 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.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- Psalm 16:1



• Stewardship Thought

*Seeing a miracle will inspire you,
but knowing you are a miracle will change you.*
- Deborah Brodie

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 9-Sep	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 AM
	Experiencing the Psalms	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Tuesday 11-Sep	Youth and Families Kick-Off	4:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	PW Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday 12-Sep	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
Thursday 13-Sep	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
Friday 14-Sep	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 14-Sep	Grief Share	10:00 AM
Saturday 15-Sep	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
Sunday 16-Sep	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 AM
	Experiencing the Psalms	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Congregational Meeting	12:00 PM	