

## 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

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rollie Woods and friends of Nancy Elswick. Nancy died Friday, September 14. Memorial service plans are forthcoming.

Our deepest sympathy is with the family of Catherine Adams upon Catherine's death on Saturday, August 11. The memorial service is on Thursday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel with a reception in the parlor following the service.

### • The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Elswick in memory of the Elswick girls.

### • 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.



### • Your SARE Input is Needed

The 19 congregations of SARE 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 SARE 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 SARE address.

### • Save the Date - Flu Shots

Sarasota Health Care Services will be providing flu shots, **Sunday, October 14**, from 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the hospitality suite located next to the narthex. Please bring your Medicare card or other primary insurance card. Cash and credit card payments are available. In order for Sarasota Health Care Services to continue to be able to provide this service to our church, we will need to have good attendance.

### • Stop the Bleed, Save a Life

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma is leading the effort to save lives by teaching the civilian population to provide vital initial response to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations. On **Wednesday, October 10**, a presentation titled, "Stop the Bleed, Save a Life" is planned from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. You never know when you may have to save a life! **Please call church office to sign up so we have enough instructors, (941) 955-8119.**

### • First Presbyterian Church and iTNSunCoast Transportation

For many, getting a ride to church and around town is a challenge! That is why First Presbyterian partners with iTNSunCoast to help you get to church and the other important places you need to go. iTNSunCoast is a dependable, local non-profit that provides rides using volunteer and paid drivers who use their own cars. Rides are available seven days a week.

The cost of coming to church is only one-way! First Presbyterian will pay the other way and we also pay for the \$50 annual membership fee for our church members for 2018. If you are being picked-up, the charge is \$3 with a mileage charge of \$1.90 per mile, and \$2.50 for each additional person.

If using iTN for non-church related rides, you will be responsible to pay the cost both ways. Rides to and from eye appointments are complimentary at this time. For more information or to become an iTN member, call (941) 364-7530 and tell them you are a member of First Presbyterian Church. More questions? Contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse, (941) 320-3828.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
September 16, 2018

### • Baptism

**Today** at 11:00 a.m. we will celebrate the baptism of Chloe Westerberg, daughter of Sunny and Seth Westerberg, and granddaughter of Deborah Thomas. Please surround this family with your affirmations and support.

### • Congregational Meeting Today

The congregational meeting at noon will be 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 today's bulletin.**

### • Hurricane Relief - Harvey, Irma, and Maria

Thanks to your generosity at the end of 2017 and beginning of this year, we have been able to make many gifts to our mission partners in response to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Churches and other ministries in Texas, Southwest Florida, and Puerto Rico have been blessed by your gifts.

We are making our final payment this month to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to again bless ministries and congregations in Puerto Rico, Houston, and here in Southwest Florida. Thank you so very much for your vision and faithfulness.

### • Faith Focus Weekend Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian - Book for Sale

Our keynote speaker for Faith Focus Weekend, October 19-21, 2018 will be Rev. Christine Chakoian, vice president at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She has most recently written the book, *Cryptomnesia: How a Forgotten Memory Could Save the Church*. In her book, Chris challenges the assumption that the church's faith is obsolete. She directs us toward who and Whose we are—a memory we may have forgotten in our information-saturated culture—with the promise that the church was born into similar circumstances. *Cryptomnesia* is a must-read for all who yearn to see our world in the way that God does. This book will be available for purchase Sundays, September 23 and 30 and October 7 and 14 during the 10:00-11:00 a.m. hour in the fellowship hall for \$13.

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • Youth Group

Next 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.

### • Making the College Choice

This family conversation on Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 noon in the loft will include an admissions counselor from Eastern Mennonite University, member Kim Cain, and parish associate Vic Ford. Lunch will be provided. Open to all. So we can get a count for lunch, please RSVP to Kelly (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org).

### • Fusion / Fall Youth Retreat November 30 - December 2

This event at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center is open to both middle- and high-school youth (and adult friends) and will incorporate large-group worship, small-group breakouts, and plenty of your favorite camp activities. Accommodations are in the rustic cabins so bring your flannel and Christmas lights for ambiance.

The program concludes after lunch on Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$75 and covers the two nights and meals. **Let Kelly Fitzgerald know by September 28 if you want to go (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org).**

### • Sunday Classes for All

#### 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." It is being 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

PRESCHOOL (3, 4, 5 year-olds, younger children welcome with a parent) room 215 - 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) room 217

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

OLDER ELEMENTARY (3rd-5th grade) room 221 -Time to open those Bibles! Students read and respond to a scripture lesson.

YOUTH room 222 - Weekly lessons cover 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!

### • GriefShare Topic This Week: Challenges of Grief

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. This program meets on **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in room 203 and is open to the community, so please invite anyone you know who 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. You will find encouragement and hope whenever you begin. The cost of the workbook is \$20. Please call the church office, (941) 955-8119, to reserve your space and workbook.

### • World Communion Sunday, Mission Fair and Beans and Rice Meal - October 7

With great excitement, we will join together in **one-combined World Communion Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. on October 7.** The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our unity in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We will celebrate our oneness in Christ with engaging world music and dynamic worship experiences. Members from the congregation at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry will join us in worship. Bring a non-perishable food donation to share with the Beth-El community. Your items will be used to enhance our worship space. When you arrive that morning, place your donations around the table at the front of the sanctuary.

Make plans to stay after worship and join us for a mission fair and global meal in the fellowship hall. Beans and rice with chicken accompanied by an assortment of fruit will be served.

We hope our ministry partners will inspire you to use your gifts in a way to know God in Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to others.

### • Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering (formerly the Peacemaking Offering) supports the efforts of the church at every level and provides witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering are divided in the following manner: 25 percent retained by First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota for support of our own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

**We will receive this special offering World Communion Sunday, October 7.** We hope everyone can participate in this important sharing of our treasure.



### • Presbyterian Women

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



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? - Luke 12:25



### • Stewardship Thought

Your purpose is always about giving, loving, and serving in some capacity. - Dr. Wayne Dyer

### • Week At a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> 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
<b>Tuesday</b> 18-Sep	Congregational Meeting	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Interracial Book Club - Group C	10:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b> 19-Sep	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Mary-Martha Circle	10:00 AM
	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Interracial Book Club - Group A	1:00 PM
	FPC Foundation Board	5:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b> 20-Sep	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Deacons' Meeting	5:30 PM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
<b>Friday 21-Sep</b>	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Grief Share	10:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b> 23-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
Youth Group	4:00 PM	