

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 **Sunday, November 4**.

• Our Condolences

Our deepest sympathies are with Rollie Woods and friends of Nancy Elswick. Nancy died Friday, September 14. The memorial service will be this Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a reception in the fellowship hall following the service.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by John Fisher in loving memory of his parents, brothers, and sister.

• 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.

• GriefShare Topic This Week: The Journey of Grief - Part 2

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.

• 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 the 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 30, 2018

• 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 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 a dynamic worship experience. Members from the congregation at *Beth-El Farmworker Ministry* in Wimauma will join us in worship. Please 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.

Please make plans to stay after worship and join us for our 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 to know God in Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to others.

• Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness 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.

• Hurricane Florence - Hurricane Relief

We will be making gifts in the weeks ahead both to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and specific congregations in the affected area. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence. The full scope of the damage will not be completely known for months. We will be grateful for your over and above generosity to help these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors. If you wish to participate in disaster relief, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and put "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line.



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Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Making the College Choice - Today

This family conversation at 12:00 noon in the loft is open to all and will include an admissions counselor from Eastern Mennonite University, member Kim Cain, and parish associate Vic Ford.

• Youth Group

On **Sunday, October 7**, all 6-12th graders are welcome to meet in the loft from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Our time will be filled with important life lessons, reflection, prayer and lots of fun and games!

• Sunday Classes for All

Next Sunday, October 7, there will be no classes as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Academy of Christian Discipleship

Coffee and Conversation - room 225 This course imaginatively explores central topics of the Christian faith.

Experiencing the Psalms - room 223 This course focuses on psalms of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation, culminating with a "share your own psalm."

Sunday School Pre-K - 12th

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

YOUNGER ELEMENTARY (K-2nd Grade) room 217

OLDER ELEMENTARY (3rd-5th grade) room 221

YOUTH room 222

• Many Gifts, One Spirit



We are grateful to the stewardship ministry team for planning our fall emphasis *Many Gifts, One Spirit*. We are excited about our hopes and dreams for the new year. *Commitment Sunday* will be *October 14*. Please bring your completed pledge card with you on *Commitment Sunday*. However, if you have mailed it in beforehand you will be provided a blank card that Sunday for the opportunity to bring a pledge card forward during worship.

• An Evening With Ibram X. Kendi

The Manasota Interracial Book Club invites the congregation for a group trip to hear Ibram X. Kendi, author of the award-winning book, *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. Dr. Kendi will speak on the topic of "How to Be an Antiracist." The event will take place on **Thursday, October 25** at Eckerd College's Fox Hall in St. Petersburg, FL. The evening will start with a reception with Dr. Kendi at 6:00 p.m. followed by his lecture at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission fee for the reception or lecture.

First Presbyterian Church has scheduled bus transportation and refreshments for the first 55 registrants. Call the church office (941) 955-8119 to make your reservation. The bus fee is \$10. The round trip will depart from First Presbyterian Church at 4:45 p.m.

• 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 do 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.

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

Our keynote speaker for Faith Focus Weekend, **October 19-21**, is 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 today and October 7 and 14 during the 10:00-11:00 a.m. hour in the fellowship hall for \$13.*



• SURE Community Problems Assembly

SURE continues to hear the cries and needs of children and families. SURE members are working vigilantly to address affordable housing issues and out-of-school suspensions. Because of SURE's involvement with statewide groups, now all Florida circuit courts are mandated to have civil citation in practice. Our voices need to be heard. SURE is asking our churches the question, "How has the lack of affordable housing or restorative strategies negatively affected you or a loved one?" Be with SURE at the Community Problems Assembly, Monday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Bible Church (1680 18th St, Sarasota). Please contact Dorothy Murphy (941) 485-3518 with stories and inquiries.

• Invest In Children

Volunteers are welcome to join the ranks of our dedicated First Presbyterian members who are serving at Brentwood Elementary School. According to Principal John Weida and Assistant Principal Holly Brody, "You have made a tremendous impact on our Brentwood community. Our students, their families and staff are better for all that you've given and all that you've done." The *Invest in Children* initiative brings amazing rewards to the volunteers as well! As a volunteer, you can serve for an hour a week - or even more if you have the time. For more information, call Jinny and Ron Miller at (941) 924-9494.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*
- Galatians 6:2

• Mission Trip to Cuba

Please keep this mission sponsored by Peace River Presbytery in your prayers. Those going will visit the Matanzas area in central Cuba September 26 - October 3. Participants from our church are Linda and Graham Hart, Jean Luker, and Jean Martin.



• Presbyterian Women

PW Lite meets **Tuesday, October 2** at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Cheryl Track, our faith community nurse, will educate us on the "Model for Healthy Living." All are welcome; invite a friend, spouse, neighbor or fellow church member to join you!



• Stewardship Thought

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.
- Theodore Roosevelt

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 30-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 - College Choice	12:00 PM	
Monday 01-Oct	Officer Training	5:30 PM
Tuesday 2-Oct	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Presbyterian Women Lite	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 3-Oct	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thursday 4-Oct	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 05-Oct	Grief Share	10:00 AM
Sunday 7-Oct	World Communion Sunday One Combined Service	10:00 AM
	Mission Fair	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Youth Group	4:00 PM

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First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota Mission, Vision and Core Values

Our Mission

We believe we are called to faithfully serve the Lord Jesus Christ, giving glory to God.

Our Vision

We desire to be a leading, faithful, witnessing, diverse and growing community of God's people.

Our Core Values

Leading

We have an ongoing tradition of leadership in the community. We are committed to meeting the ever-changing spiritual and physical needs of our community.

Faithful

Our life together centers on vibrant worship and praise as we glorify God. We are a dynamic community of faith – reformed and always reforming. We strive to be faithful managers of the gifts that God has provided for us.

Witnessing

Through compassionate service and working for justice, we share the hope we have in Jesus Christ seeking to become spiritual partners with our neighbors.

Diverse

As a community of Jesus Christ, we unconditionally welcome all people, in the manner of our Lord and Savior.

Growing

We seek spiritual growth for children and adults through prayer, the teaching and study of Scripture, and the sharing of our faith's journey.

Pastoral Development Seminar Faith Focus Weekend October 17-21

• Faith Focus Weekend

This year's Faith Focus Weekend will be **Friday - Sunday, October 19-21**. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, vice president at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Everyone is encouraged to attend Chris's Saturday presentation, **October 20, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Her topic, "The Church's Witness in the World: Culture and Conflict," will lift up the importance of our witness in our divided world today. She will also be preaching at our morning services on Sunday, October 21. Please make plans to join us on both Saturday and Sunday!

• Pastoral Development Seminar

We look forward to our six new guest pastors with resource leader Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans, a Presbyterian/Methodist pastor. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church and currently serves as an associate pastor of congregational care in Tampa. *In the chapel on Thursday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and on Friday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m., show your support of these young leaders in the church by listening to their sermons and giving feedback.* Come and hear more about their faith journeys in the adult education presentation in the forum on **Sunday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m.**

• 2018-2019 Biographical Statements of FFW / PDS Leaders and Participants



Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian
 October 17-21, 2018
 Faith Focus Weekend Keynote Speaker

Rev. Christine Chakoian is the vice president at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She previously served as pastor/head of staff at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL, and Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills, IL. In the past 35 years, she also held positions at Presbyterian churches in Oregon, Ohio, and New York. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois (B.A.), Yale University Divinity School (M.Div.), and McCormick Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

Rev. Chakoian has written articles for *Christian Century* and *The Presbyterian Outlook*. She has served as the conference leader or preacher at events on such topics as the impact of globalization on the church and rekindling your call.

She has most recently written the book, *Cryptomnesia: How a Forgotten Memory Could Save the Church*. In her book, Chris persuasively encourages us to challenge the assumption that the church's faith is obsolete. She directs us toward the memory of 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 amazingly similar circumstances.



Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans
2018-2019 Pastoral Development Seminar Leader

Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans is a Presbyterian/Methodist pastor in Tampa. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church and currently serves as associate pastor of congregational care at Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Rev. Campbell-Evans has previously served other congregations in nurturing ministries. She shares her church's vision of "transforming lives, creating Christian community, and healing our city and the world." It is her desire to help people become Christians and grow as disciples of Christ. She looks forward to developing relationships with our PDS pastors this year.

Sally attended Florida Center for Theological Studies (DMin), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Presbyterian College (BS). She is married to Rev. Clarke Campbell-Evans, also a pastor. The couple has a daughter and twin sons.

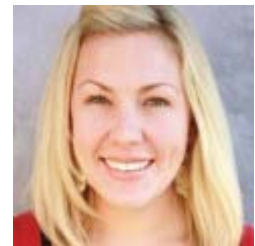


Rev. Alex Becker, Pastor
Langcliffe Presbyterian Church, Avoca, PA

Alex Becker grew up in Wooster, OH where he lived next door to and attended Wayne Presbyterian Church during his entire childhood. He graduated from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA with a degree in Biblical Studies and earned an M.Div. at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Alex is currently serving as the pastor of Langcliffe Presbyterian Church in Avoca, PA in his seventh year of pastoral ministry. He has previously served at the Henryville Community and Mount Lebanon Presbyterian Churches in Henryville, IN. He has also served as support for the Sweaty Sheep New Church Development and on staff at Churches Uniting in Christ. Beginning November 2018, Alex will be serving at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, PA.

Alex and his wife, Corinna, have been married nine years. They live with their two dogs, three cats, and one rabbit. They take a lot of joy in their little zoo of a house, and if they are not there they are likely to be out playing board games with friends, reading books at a park, or taking a hike. They have two fun-loving nephews and are expecting three new nephews or nieces to join their extended family by the beginning of next year.



Rev. Ashley Cheek, Family Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC

Ashley Cheek serves as Pastor of Family Life at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. Her husband, Nick, is the senior pastor at the same church. He participated in our Pastoral Development Seminar last year. Ashley and Nick have three children, Lydia, Nicholas and Ada.

She describes her husband and children as her first call and the reason she feels so blessed to serve as Pastor of Family Life. It is Ashley's belief that family ministry is essential to a healthy church. "It is the church that empowers the family to radically love the world,

serve the community and proclaim the gospel in real and tangible ways."

As a family, Ashley and Nick and their children enjoy any adventure, especially hiking, impromptu dance parties, bikes, and traveling wherever their beloved minivan takes them.



Rev. British Hyrams, Associate Pastor
Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

British Hyrams is from Chicago, IL and the surrounding suburbs. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and holds two master's degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary - a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and a Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.).

In her early career, British worked with Andersen Consulting and later as an IT project manager for various healthcare organizations. After deciding to leave the corporate world to raise her three children with her husband, she accepted a position as an adjunct college math instructor. During her seminary education, British was appointed as the seminary's student representative to the Trustee Board and completed several internships. British has served at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian church for four years - originally as the Director of Christian Ministries and currently as Associate Pastor. She is a cancer survivor with a zest for new experiences and a passion for lifelong learning. She seeks opportunities to build bridges with people of varying perspectives as an integral part of her Christian service and witness.

British is married to her college sweetheart, Kevin. Jamal, Akilah, and Aman are their young adult children who continue to bring them blessings.



Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Associate Pastor
Clemmons Presbyterian Church, Clemmons, NC

Patrick McElwaine grew up outside of Roanoke, VA. He earned his M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, a B.A. in English from Roanoke College, and received Clinical Pastoral Education training at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Patrick is the Associate Pastor of Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC. He is a "generalist" associate with ministry focus in the areas of congregational care, fellowship, worship, and youth. Patrick and his family joined CPC to journey together as Jesus' disciples in July 2016. Patrick was selected to participate in the 2018 Kittye Susan Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers at Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, VA as well as the Vital Church Institute's two-year Barnabas Leadership Group.

Patrick met his wife and best friend, Allyson, while studying together at Roanoke College. They have two children: Malachi (2 1/2) and Bridget (1). In addition to serving Christ's Church, Patrick enjoys being with his family, reading, getting outside, and trying new things - new food, new places, and new adventures!



Rev. Allysen Schaaf, Associate Pastor
Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA

Allyson Schaaf was born and raised in Lincoln, NE. She spent her teenage and college years in NC. She was ordained as an elder at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, High Point, NC. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she studied Exercise and Sport Science. Her involvement and leadership in Presbyterian Campus Ministry led her to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, where she earned a dual degree (M.Div. and M.A.C.E.)

Allyson is in her fifth year as the Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at Decatur Presbyterian Church. She has a leadership role in supporting youth pastors and bringing together youth of the presbytery. Allyson is passionate about bringing creativity and new life into worship and faith exploration. In seminary, she spent several months with the Presbyterian church in Ghana and found a love for connecting with others of different backgrounds and cultures.

She and her husband, Nathan, have an energetic beagle, Milo. Together, they enjoy cooking and baking, exploring the North Georgia mountains, kayaking and camping. Allyson also likes to read by the water while Nathan is fishing.



Rev. Kelly Staples, Associate Pastor
NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX

Kelly Staples is originally from Shreveport, LA, where she lived until college. Her dream of being a music publisher led her to Middle Tennessee State University with studies in Recording Industry Management. She worked on Music Row in Nashville for a year and a half after college. At that time, she felt God's call on her life, leading her to study at Austin Presbyterian

Theological Seminary.

Kelly married and moved to Fort Worth, where she took a part-time job as a youth director at NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Dallas. Seven years and five positions later, she is still at the church where she started out with her current focus on youth ministry. Kelly is passionate about what youth ministry looks like in the current over-scheduled, over-competitive youth environment. She is developing an interest in communications and how we can use the digital world to do ministry and connect with others.

Kelly and her husband, Garrett, their two daughters and the family's two cats live in Arlington, TX. Kelly has a 45-minute commute to work every day. She enjoys trying new foods and listening to podcasts on her long daily drive in the Dallas/Ft. Worth traffic.