

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 are welcome to 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**.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the balcony gang in celebration of Hal and Pat Davidson's 71st wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 25.

• 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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• Please Wear Your Name Tag

Please remember to wear your name tag each Sunday. It is especially helpful to worship guests, new members, and returning snowbirds. Replacements may be ordered by calling the church office at (941) 955-8119. The cost is \$5 for a pin or \$7 for a magnet.

• Did You Receive Your Flu Shot?

Thank you for getting your flu shot at church! We offer it as a convenience for you. 21 people were vaccinated and many shared they had already received their flu shot, which makes your faith community nurse happy! The CDC recommends the flu vaccine as the best way to protect people against the flu and prevent its spread.

• Invest in Children

The number of faithful FPC  volunteers at Brentwood Elementary School continues to grow, but, according to staff there, more are needed! A retired educator who recently became one of the volunteers sent her thanks and praise as she urged "broad participation in this great program."

You can make a difference in the lives of the children at this Title 1 school, one of FPC's most active Mission Partners! 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.

• iTN SunCoast Offers Free Rides

Free rides will be offered to a variety of community programs and opportunities:

- The polls, Monday October 22 - Saturday November 3
- Hearing Tech Fair, October 27
- Life Learning Expo, November 15
- *Does Life Continue After Death?* lecture, October 25, 6-8:30 p.m.
- *Inner Voices: Sex, Intimacy and Aging* lecture, November 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Need help with Medicare open enrollment period, free ride to SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)
- For season subscribers, free rides to performances at Florida Studio Theater, Sarasota Concert Association, Sarasota Choral Artists, and Jazz Club of Sarasota

Contact iTN at 941-364-7530 for more information or visit their website itsuncoast.org to see all the fun things you can be doing in the community! More questions? Contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse, (941) 320-3828.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
October 21, 2018

• Faith Focus Weekend

We are excited that **Rev. Christine Chakoian, Vice President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**, is preaching today at the 8:15, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Please give her a warm welcome!

• Pastoral Development Seminar

You are invited to support the participants in our Pastoral Development Seminar who are with us. Come and listen as they respond to questions about their faith journeys. We have planned a special education event for adults and youth **this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the forum** with our guest pastors.



• Many Gifts, One Spirit

Thanks to those of you who have already turned in your 2019 commitment card. If you have not yet pledged, please submit your pledge card to the church office or place it in the offering at a Sunday service.

Cards are available in the sanctuary and chapel pews and in the foyer of the fellowship hall.

• Hurricane Michael - Hurricane Relief

We are making gifts both to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and specific congregations in the affected area. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Michael. 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.

• New Member Class

If you are considering membership in this dynamic congregation, come to the new member class **Sunday, November 4**, 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 with continued discussion. Please call the church office to RSVP (941) 955-8119.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Youth Group

Today from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Mike Frandsen & Kelly Fitzgerald's house (4823 Stone Ridge Trail) all youth and families are welcome to our fall family gathering. Come for an afternoon of pumpkins and "Jesus Loves You" tag with lasers and a few lifehacks on outdoor survival!

• Bible Workshop

Next Sunday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m.

We would love for your family to read the Bible together. Let's talk about how you might introduce a daily practice of reading and reflection into your family time. Disciples of all ages are encouraged to bring their Bibles for a time of fun and learning together! Please meet in the loft at 10:00 a.m.

• 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 **this 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.

• Save the Date

Join the health and wholeness ministry team as they welcome Rebecca Henson, dietician, for two interactive educational sessions that will meet in the fellowship hall:

How the Food God Created Keeps Us Well

This Thursday, October 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (941) 955-8119 by Monday, October 22.

Is This Good For Me? How to Read Food Labels

Thursday, November 1, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (941) 955-8119 by Monday, October 29.

• Did You Hear? All Ears Hearing Services Coming to First Presbyterian!

Have tinnitus or other hearing concerns? Do your family members tell you to turn down the television? Come meet Mark Selis, **Sunday, November 4**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a complimentary hearing screening. Get your questions and concerns addressed. Look for the All Ears Hearing mobile van in the church parking lot.



• Could You Be a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministry: Gifted to Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them?

If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following— faith, mercy, compassion, or encouragement —consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for!

Next Sunday, October 28, our Stephen Ministers and Leaders will host an informational gathering immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service. To register, please call Pat Higgins (941) 921-1839 or Janet Olszewsky (941) 351-6912.

Come join us in the forum and explore the possibility! Come see and hear how Stephen Ministry can make a difference in the lives of others and can also make a real difference in your life.



• Presbyterian Women

Monday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m. PW will gather in the fellowship hall for a luncheon followed by guest speaker William McKeever, director of The Academy at Glengary which provides support, education and job training for adults with mental health issues. One of the participants will come and share their story. Tom Andrews will play the piano during social time and lunch. **Please bring canned food to be donated.** We will also collect the annual Thank Offering. To make a reservation for lunch, please contact either Mary Webb (941) 758-6035 or the church office (941) 955-8119. The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 2. The cost of lunch is \$10 and will be collected at the door in cash or check. Everyone is welcome! If you can't join us for lunch, come at 1:00 p.m. to hear our guest speaker.

• Help at Our Homeless Thanksgiving Luncheon

Caregivers will tell you that the greatest need for people experiencing homelessness is friendship and family. Thanksgiving can be a depressing time, reminding many suffering with homelessness that they may not be with their family. Give the gift of your friendship for 90 minutes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving by caring for Sarasota's homeless.

Table hospitality host volunteers are needed at the **Wednesday, November 21**, Thanksgiving Sarasota Ministerial Association Luncheon for those experiencing homelessness. This, the 18th annual, family-style-all-the-trimmings Thanksgiving luncheon and program, will be at First Baptist Church (1661 Main Street, Sarasota). Volunteers will need to arrive between 11:00-11:15 a.m. and help until 1:00 pm. Comfortable, casual attire is appropriate.

To volunteer or for more information, e-mail Chaplain Tom Pfaff at tompfaff@verizon.net or call Chaplain Tom's assistant, Carolyn, at (941) 549-9650.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7

• Stewardship Thought

Stewardship is a work of heart!

-Anonymous

• Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday Evening, November 11

Please save the date for our annual thanksgiving service at 5:30 p.m. in our sanctuary with Christians, Muslims and Jews, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Child care will be provided. The worship and fellowship are always a joy!

• Fall Back!

Saturday night, November 3, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends.

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 21-Oct	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	PDS Panel Discussion - Forum	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Tuesday 23-Oct	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
Wednesday 24-Oct	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
Thursday 25-Oct	Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
Friday 26-Oct	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sunday 28-Oct	Grief Share - Guilt and Anger	10:00 AM
	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Mark	9:00 AM
	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12th	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM

• **Thanksgiving Potluck Brunch**
Sunday, November 18

Join your church family at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall to give thanks for our blessings and praise God as the giver of all good gifts! Bring a brunch dish to share!

• **Caring for the Earth:**
An Interfaith Dialogue Event

You are invited on **Sunday, October 21** at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ (1031 Euclid Avenue, Sarasota) to hear speaker Dr. Waleed El-Ansary, expert on Islam and the environment. He holds a Ph.D. in Islamic and Religious Studies from George Washington University and a M.A. in Economics from the University of Maryland. His research focuses on the intersection of religion, science, and economics.

• **Islam 101 - Demystifying Islam**

On **Saturday, November 3** from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton (4350 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota) the Islamic community will welcome us and all the community for a quick introduction to Islam. Please bring your questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

• **Yoga at First Presbyterian**

We offer three yoga classes a week. Come join yoga instructor Annie each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. The cost of the class is \$10 (cash or credit card). The other class meets on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and is taught by Maria. The cost of this class is \$10 (cash only). All classes meet in the forum (on the 2nd floor of the administration/education building). For your first class please come 15 minutes ahead of time to register. Bring your own yoga mat, blocks, towel, water bottle and a friend!

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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.

Faith Focus Weekend
Pastoral Development Seminar
This Week, October 17-21

• **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. 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 (MDiv), 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**

Allysen 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.)

Allysen 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. Allysen 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. Allysen 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.

• Too Many to Count!

There are so many to thank for the Faith Focus Weekend/Pastor Development Seminar. We are grateful for the planning, hosting, helping, feeding, transporting, listening, reflecting and praying! Thank you each and all for your hospitality.