

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 **January 27**.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sara Jenoure in memory of Edgar Hurst and Everett Jenoure.

• In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Cindy Corell (Haiti)

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
December 30, 2018

• Fellowship Hall Renovations

Now that we are all settled into our beautiful new sanctuary space, refurbished offices and updated classrooms - it's time for the fellowship hall! We anticipate the renovations of the space to begin **Monday, January 14**.

Thanks to all those who have given generously and continue to give to our capital campaign.

• Epiphany Sunday, January 6 - All Services

Are we done with Christmas yet? If we think of Christmas as the understanding that God is with us, then, no - we are never really done with Christmas. The church's celebration of Epiphany marks the time when Christ was made known to the world through the magis' visit to the Christ child. We will celebrate with stars and light and a special appearance of the magi in worship.

• OakStreet Stage Event

On **Thursday, January 10**, come and enjoy the Majorajah Flamenco Trio, the first OakStreet Stage concert of the year, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall!

Maharajah Flamenco Trio (MFT) is an energy-charged act that features guitarist Silviu Ciulei, bassist David Cobb and percussionist Ramin Yazdanpanah. Their sound blends the flavor of Spain, African, the Middle East, the Caribbean and more. MFT has performed nationwide from Florida to Harlem, on NPR and on television. Come early to enjoy great food from JR's Old Packinghouse Café. The concert is free with voluntary donation.

• Help the Worship Committee

The Christmas greens will be removed **next Sunday, January 6** after the 11:00 a.m. service. We'd love to have some help, so please join us. Many hands make the work light.

• Contributions for 2018

The end of 2018 is one day away. The last day to receive contributions to be credited towards this year is **Monday, December 31**. Please bring your donations to the church office by 1:00 p.m. or put them in the mail; they must be postmarked December 31.

• **Waking Up To Race**
Sundays, January 13, 20, 27
10:00 a.m. in Room 223

Participants in the Manasota Interracial Book Club will host three discussion-based classes to share what resources they have found helpful in their own experiences in confronting racism. This is a great introduction to the conversation of race and privilege. No preparation is necessary. Just bring an open mind and a willingness to discern in community.

• **Brentwood Blessing Trees**



Thank you, First Presbyterian family, for the generous outpouring of gifts you provided for some grateful families at Brentwood Elementary School! At the joyful celebration dinner on Sunday, December 16, 180 gifts were presented to the families along with funds to provide new library books for the refurbished media center at the school. You were, and continue to be, a blessing!

• **Salt Shakers**

Joining Salt Shakers is a wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other. Groups of 6-8 people (singles or couples) meet once a month from February through April or May. Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant, have a picnic or brunch. Be creative! Sign up forms are in the foyer of the fellowship hall and the narthex of the sanctuary.

• **Preschool Sunday**

On Sunday, January 27, we will recognize our award-winning preschool teachers in the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. We look forward to showing our appreciation and support to all who participate in our preschool program.

• **Office Closed**

The office will close at 1:00 p.m. on New Year Eve, Monday, January 31 and will remain closed New Years Day Tuesday, January 1.



• **Presbyterian Women**

The annual PW Peace River Presbytery gathering is on **Saturday, February 2** at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers. The keynote speaker is Rev. Brenda S. Lindsey Harcourt, an ordained pastor who has been a mission co-worker for over 10 years, teaching leadership development in Ghana and Kenya and has also taught at Presbyterian University of East Africa. The cost of \$12 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is served from 12:00-1:30 p.m. The registration deadline is Monday, January 14. Call the church office (941) 955-8119 or Mary Webb at (941) 758-6035 to register. Please pay Mary before the deadline. When making your registration, please indicate if you would like to carpool from church.

PW Lite meets at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 8** in the forum. Jean Luker and Jean Martin, who visited Cuba in October, will tell us of their experience and share photos. Also during our time together, we will address birthday cards to PW members for the entire year. Donations of stamps are appreciated. **Note the change in date;** because New Year's Day falls on the first Tuesday, PW Lite will meet on the second Tuesday and Bible study will meet on the third Tuesday in January. Anyone who can't attend the January meeting but wishes to donate stamps can leave them in the church office. For more information about any PW activity, call Pamela Lamb at (941) 210-7478 or Flossie Paul at (941) 536-0974.

• **Floral Dedications**

If you would like to provide sanctuary floral arrangement(s) for particular dates in 2019 you can sign up on the flower calendar located in the sanctuary narthex or call Connie Waymer at (941) 924-7847. Please give your contact phone number, the name(s) of the honorees and the occasion of the dedication. The price for a single arrangement is \$35 and two arrangements are \$70.

• **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 will 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.

• **Text Giving**

Are you interested in the convenience of contributing by text message? Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.



• **Fair Trade Kiosk**

The kiosk is closed today; it will reopen next Sunday, January 6.



• **Of a Peacemaking Persuasion**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
 - John 14:27



• **Stewardship Thought**

Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

• **Week At a Glance**

Sunday 30-Dec	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 31-Dec	Office Closes 1:00 PM	
Tuesday 01-Jan	Happy New Year - Office Closed	
Wednesday 2-Jan	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thursday 03-Jan	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sunday 6-Jan	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
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