

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**.

• Our Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to Kevin Stearn's family and friends. Kevin died on Monday, December 17. The memorial service will be at Venice Presbyterian Church and a date and time have yet to be determined.

• 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
January 6, 2019

• 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! Beginning **Monday, January 14**, we will start restroom renovation, followed by stage construction.

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

• Epiphany Sunday Today

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 today with stars and light and a special appearance of the magi.

• OakStreet Stage Event

On **Thursday, January 10**, come and enjoy the Maharajah 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. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. come early to enjoy great food for purchase from JR's Old Packinghouse Café. The concert is free with voluntary donation.

• Help the Worship Committee Today

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

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• Summer Trips

As your family begins to make plans for the summer, please consider the following dates. We will also be adding a mission experience for youth!

- June 16-21
West Virginia Work Camp (high school)
- July 16-20
Presbyterian Youth Triennium (high school)
- July 16-22
Montreat Middle School Conference
- July 21-27
Montreat Youth Conference
- July 29-August 2
FPC/Cedarkirk Day Camp

• Youth Group - Today

Let's gather to blow off some steam, reconnect with God and each other, and recharge for the week ahead. Come play some games, join with other church members in learning some lifehacks and, most importantly, fellowship with God and friends. We will meet **today** in the fellowship hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

• Adult Education Classes

• 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. For more information about our book club google: manasota-interracial-book-club.

Mark as a First Century Sermon Sundays, January 13, 20, and 27, February 3, 17, & 24 (No Class February 10) 10:00 a.m. in Room 203

Dr. Maurice Luker takes us once again deeper into the gospel of Mark - this time as an understanding of the text as a first century sermon. When the writer of the text commences with the words, "The beginning of the good news," it is obvious that he is writing about something which is more than interesting. It is news that he thinks will benefit people and from which he has benefited. Mark is speaking about "good news" and tells us how it all began. This class will delve a little into the original Greek text! You will experience Mark as the earliest hearers of the gospel message did.

• Preschool Sunday

On Sunday, January 27, we will recognize our award-winning preschool teachers and staff 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.



• 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.

• 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.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. . . .
You show me the path of life.* - Psalm 16:1, 11



• Stewardship Thought

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. - Robert Brault

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 6-Jan	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
	Youth Group	4:00 PM
Tuesday 8-Jan	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	PW Lite	10:30 AM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
Wednesday 9-Jan	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Manasota Interracial Book Group A	1:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thursday 10-Jan	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyassa Yoga	5:30 PM
	Maharajah Flamenco Trio	7:00 PM
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