

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 parlor.

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, March 10**.

• Our Condolences

Our extend our deepest sympathies to Twila White and family upon her husband, Raymond White's recent death. Please surround this family with prayers and support.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jeremy Johnson in memory of his precious wife, Kathleen McCourt Johnson.

• 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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• Musica Sacra Presents Stabat Mater by Karl Jenkins Co-Sponsored by FPC

Don't miss this concert on **Monday, February 25**, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This program is a part of our Sanctuary Concert Series.

A limited number of discount tickets are available for \$20 in the church office for FPC members and friends. Please make your check out to Musica Sacra. Tickets online and at the door will be \$25.

• Library News

Have you ever been in the Cowden-Smith Library on the second floor of the education/administration building? When the door is closed (with no meeting going on) just go in, turn on the lights and treat yourself to a look around! There are dozens of new books under the "New Books" signs and many other treasures to be found on the other shelves. Sign-out is easy and there's no due date! Just return when you're finished with the book(s).

• 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.

• Wear Your Name Tag

Please remember to wear your name tag each Sunday. It is especially helpful to worship guests, new members, and seasonal residents. 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.

• 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.



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
February 10, 2019

• Faith Focus Weekend

We are excited that **Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission Initiative, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**, is preaching today at the 8:15, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Please give him 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 share their faith journeys. We have planned a special panel discussion event for adults and youth **this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the forum** with our guest pastors.

• Fresh Bouquets for Valentine's Day - Today!

Share love with those special people in your life! Our youth will have a selection of fresh flowers you can choose from **today** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the north courtyard. A small bouquet is \$10 and a large bouquet is \$20. You can also sponsor a bouquet to be delivered to one of our homebound members. Donations will help youth attend Summer Adventures.

• Are You A Seasonal Resident? This Invitation Is Just For You!

If you're an FPC seasonal resident, only here for a few months each year, please accept this invitation to a luncheon **next Sunday, February 17** after the 11:00 a.m. service in our fellowship hall courtyard (weather permitting). Come make new friends with the other "snowbirds" in our congregation and find out about the activities taking place at FPC. Reservations are needed. If you plan to attend, call the church office (941) 955-8119 no later than Wednesday, February 13.

• Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you so much for your donations for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The youth received \$1,590.21 last week. You can still donate to the Souper Bowl of Caring to help support our meal-packing event at First Presbyteiran Church on **Sunday, April 7**. Look for more information in the coming weeks. The "Souper Bowl" is a grassroots effort to collect donations to feed the hungry.

• **“The Church Has Left the Building”**
Cedarkirk Family Mission Retreat May 3-5

The Family Mission Retreat provides a spring getaway for our whole church family to serve, grow and relax together. Come for the weekend or Saturday only. This retreat is for the whole family of God - people who are parents, those who are single, those who consider themselves young adults, and those who were young adults decades ago. This is truly an intergenerational event. Our time together will be enriched because we are different from each other, and yet all God’s beloved children. Participants who join the fun will...

- Spend the weekend at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
- Perform mission projects around the camp such as cleaning, painting and repairs
- Enjoy activities like the climbing wall, hiking, campfires, games and evening devotions

Adults of all ages, as well as children and youth accompanied by an adult, are welcome!

Register at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/TH4H1goReIRCXOuY2>

• **Faith Focus Weekend Featured Book**

Please make sure to buy a copy of *Doing Good...Says Who?* This book is beneficial for all volunteers, donors, churches and other non-profits. The cost of the book is \$15 and is available at the Fair Trade Kiosk.

• **SURE Rally!**

Mark **Monday, February 25**, at 6:00 p.m. on your calendar to attend this significant SURE event. The 19 congregations of SURE will gather at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, (1031 South Euclid, Sarasota) to hear updates regarding affordable housing and restorative justice (out-of-school suspensions). We’ll be energized learning how we definitely make a difference when we fill the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. for the annual SURE Nehemiah Assembly. Rally with us when, in unison, we enthusiastically answer the First Presbyterian roll call!

The church bus will be available for transport to the Rally and Nehemiah Assembly. Please call the church office (941) 955-8119 to make a reservation; space is limited.

• **Mission and Justice Committee**

The moderators of the mission and justice committee would like to invite the church community to join their committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in room 225. On Tuesday, February 12, a guest speaker will share how we can become involved with Children First, the Sarasota Head Start program that meets on our campus.

• **Fellowship Hall Renovations**

The renovations, so far, look wonderful! *During the construction time the New Song service is worshiping in the sanctuary and coffee fellowship is in the parlor.* Thanks to all those who have given generously and continue to give to our capital campaign.

• **The Annual Congregational Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held **Sunday, February 24**, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary. We will receive reports of the session, deacons, and other organizations of the church and elect one elder and two deacons for the class of 2021. We will also transact any business of the church corporation, and review and approve changes in the pastors’ terms of call.

• **Presbyterian Women**



Please join us for Bible study lead by Jean Luker in room 203 **this Tuesday, February 12** at 10:30 a.m. The study guide is not required to attend; everyone is welcome. Deborah circle will meet in the parlor following Bible study at approximately 11:30 a.m.

• **Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian**

We will be hosting the regional presbytery meeting on **Thursday, February 28**, and celebrating the retirement of the general presbyter, Graham Hart. Graham and Linda Hart worship regularly with us; we are their church home. We will welcome individuals from congregations from Bradenton to Naples. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119. Please plan to come at 1:00 p.m. and enjoy a worship service and a reception for Graham.

• **Invest in Children**



Come and bring your friends to the second annual Brentwood Elementary School Art Show in our forum from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., **next Sunday February 17**. There will be a beautiful display of art work created by the Brentwood students and an opportunity to meet some of the young artists!

Continue saving your Box Tops for Education!

Look for the small coupon on cereal boxes, Ziploc products, Green Giant veggies, Nature Valley snacks, Scott tissue, and others. Clip the coupons and put them in the bright containers in the narthex, chapel or church office. Someone at Brentwood will submit all the coupons to earn cash for the school. Thank you!



• **CPR Class**

Tomorrow, February 11, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. the CPR class will be meeting in room 203. Don’t forget your \$25 cash or check. The 6:00-8:00 p.m. class **has been cancelled** due to low enrollment.



• **Fair Trade Kiosk**

During the renovation of the fellowship hall the kiosk will be located in the north courtyard, between the sanctuary and the parlor. Please be sure to come by and pick up the book, *Doing Good...Says Who?*



• **Of a Peacemaking Persuasion**
I am with you always. - Matthew 28:20



• **Stewardship Thought**
Hearts that beat to the tune of kindness can change the rhythm of the world. - Deepak Chopra

• **Week At a Glance**

Sunday 10-Feb	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	PDS Pastors Q & A	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 5	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 11-Feb	CPR Training	9:00 AM
Tuesday 12-Feb	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
Wednesday 13-Feb	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Interracial Book Group	1:00 PM
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thursday 14-Feb	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 16-Feb	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
Sunday 17-Feb	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Parenting Class	10:00 AM
	Spiritual and Moral Issues	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12	10:00 AM
	Brentwood Elementary Art Show	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Seasonal Residents Luncheon	12:00 PM	
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM

• **Adult Education Classes**

• **Classes Continue Next Week**

Spiritual and Moral Issues in Modern Fiction

Sundays, February 3 (except February 10) - March 31

10:00 a.m. in room 203

Our course leader, Dr. John G. Parks, always has an interesting class. As serious literature, good stories offer what Mathew Arnold called a "criticism of life." As such, stories invite readers to a reflection upon our condition in the world. This often entails grappling with spiritual and moral issues such as innocence and guilt, loyalty and betrayal, choice and fate, meaning and emptiness, hope and despair. Our exploration will be prompted by reading stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Albert Camus, ZZ Packer, Ottessa Moshfegh, T.C. Boyle, and Elizabeth Tallent. We may find that these stories offer a diagnosis of our condition and a challenge to our beliefs. Copies of stories to be studied will be available as class hand-outs or available to students via email.

Parenting Class

Sundays in February (except February 10)

10:00 a.m. in the loft

Parents of teens and parents who are eager to learn more about parenting a teen are welcome to this class. Children and youth should sit this one out.

We will watch clips from the movie *8th Grade* discussing the struggles of the lead character and how we can faithfully parent through many of the same issues our teens will encounter. This film has been nominated for many awards and will provide much for us to discuss.

There will be no preparation required for attending class each week. We'll start each class with a brief introduction of the day's topics before watching designated clips and diving into the parenting issue.

• **Coping with Grief and Loss**

Join Vic Ford, D.Min., MFT, parish associate, for this six-week bereavement support group beginning **Thursday, February 21**. It will meet in the parlor from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This group will offer you support, encouragement, and the beginning of your healing journey in a safe, confidential environment. This group will be in place of GriefShare. Contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse to sign up and for more information, (941) 320-3828.

• **The Language of Racism and Intolerance**

Racism continues to overshadow much of the progress that is being made in the United States and in the world.

On **Thursday, February 21**, at 6:30 p.m. the Boxser Diversity Initiative will bring together leading national experts to discuss this at the New College of Florida, Mildred Sainer Hall (5313 Bayshore Road, Sarasota).

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 February 6-10



**Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, February 6-10, 2019
Faith Focus Weekend Keynote Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell became the director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative in 2017. WMI hosts many conferences and workshops and welcomes many global mission guests. It also provides seminary students with faith-stretching and ministry-shaping global mission experiences.

Prior to coming to the seminary, Hunter was the director of World Mission for the PC (USA), overseeing strategic direction and partnerships. He has served as a Presbyterian mission co-worker in Congo and Peru, organizing an international network of churches, non-profit organizations, and universities to address issues of poverty and justice, health, development, evangelism, education, and theological education.

Hunter attended Pontificia Universidad Católica (doctor of anthropology), École Pratique des Hautes (post-graduate diploma), Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv), and University of Texas, Austin (BA).



**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 deepening relationships with our PDS pastors during their returning seminar.

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, Associate Pastor
Covenant Presbyterian, Malvern 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 associate pastor of Covenant Presbyterian, Malvern, PA. He has previously served at Langcliffe Presbyterian Church, Avoca, PA, 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.

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 early this 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. Ashley believes 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.)

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.

• 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.

• Welcome New Members

Have you met some of the seventeen new members who were recognized at worship on Sunday, February 3? Please look for their brief biographies in an upcoming issue of the *Cross Connections*, our church newsletter, and offer them a very warm welcome to our congregation!