

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 **today, March 10**.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sara Hurst Jenoure in memory of her mother, Antonia Hurst.

• In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Cindy Corell (Haiti)
Jhan Dotel and Ian Vellenga (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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• “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 repairing
 - 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>

• Fellowship Hall Renovations

The renovations look wonderful and the bathrooms are almost completed! *During the construction time the New Song service is worshiping in the sanctuary and the coffee hour will be in the parlor.* Thanks to all those who have given generously and continue to give to our capital campaign.

• Give Blood!

The SunCoast Bloodmobile will be at First Presbyterian, **Sunday, March 31**, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The blood bank has an urgent need for O-negative. Do you know your type? Patients in need of a blood transfusion require hospitals to have the right blood type at the right time to save their lives. Depending on your blood type, you are encouraged to give the type of donation that is best for the community. Please call the church office (941) 955-8119 to reserve your spot on the bus.

• Stop the Bleeding Class

The American College of Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma has a goal to train **every** American in basic bleeding control techniques. Take action, attend a free class at First Presbyterian, Thursday, April 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet in room 203. Call the church office to register, (941) 955-8119. To learn more about this nationwide initiative go to www.bleedingcontrol.org



• 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
March 10, 2019

• New Member Class

If you are considering membership in this dynamic congregation, please join us at the new member class **today** 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.

• Adult Education Classes

Spiritual and Moral Issues in Modern Fiction
Sundays, February 17 - March 31
10:00 a.m. in room 203

As serious literature, good stories offer what Mathew Arnold called a “criticism of life.” Dr. John Parks leads readers into stories that reflect upon our condition in the world. Copies of stories being studied are available as class hand-outs or available to students via email.

Embracing and Letting Go - Small Group Discussion
Sundays during Lent - March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7
10:00 a.m. in room 223

Use this time to come together to support your Lenten spiritual journey. Participants will be given a copy of “Cultivating and Letting Go” — a daily devotion for Lent. Come and share about your life balance - thinking about what needs to be held on to, and what may need to go. Resources like Marie Kondo, group art projects, and coloring will be utilized.

• Ordination and Installation of Officers

The following officers who were elected by the congregation are being ordained and installed **Sunday, March 24** in both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services:

ELDER	DEACONS
Class of 2021	Class of 2021
David Gulliver	James (Tom) Singleton
	Patricia (Patti) Wrobel

Please pray regularly for each of these new church officers.

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Day Camp July 29 - August 2

Save the date! Registration has begun. This event is great fun for the whole church family! Hope you can be a part of the excitement this year!

• Summer Youth Trips

As your family makes plans for the summer, please consider the following dates. We will also be adding a mission experience for youth! \$100 deposits per trip/per youth are due now.

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 (high school)

July 29-August 2 FPC/Cedarkirk Day Camp



• SURE Rally

SURE's 19 Sarasota faith congregations continue to make a difference in our community. Together, we have an opportunity to move the dial on affordable housing and discipline within our schools.

Please join us for the Nehemiah Assembly **Monday, March 25**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium (801 N. Tamiami Trail). The elected officials who will be present have received their questions in advance of the assembly. We do practice a strict protocol. When an elected official answers a SURE question in the affirmative, we'll clap and shout for joy. When the answer is no, there will be absolute silence. We pray you will be one of 1,000+ people in attendance. Remember: **Me/and Bring 3!**

If you would rather not drive to the auditorium, please call the church office (941) 955-8119 for a reservation on the church bus.

• Fellowship Event - Batter Up!

It's spring training in Sarasota! Mark your calendars for **Sunday afternoon, March 24**, at 1:00 p.m., when the Baltimore Orioles take on the Pittsburgh Pirates at Ed Smith Stadium. Reserve your tickets (\$20 each) in the north courtyard after both services (only a few are left). Join your church family and friends for a delightful afternoon of fun and baseball.

• Temporary Pastor - 2019 Sabbatical

The session is pleased to announce the selection of Rev. Bill Hull to serve as temporary pastor during Rev. Glen Bell's sabbatical mid-May through mid-August. Currently residing in St. Petersburg, Rev. Hull is a retired Presbyterian pastor with more than 40 years of experience. He will serve First Presbyterian from May 12 through August 13. We look forward to welcoming him in the spring.

EMBRACING & LETTING GO

• Season of Lent 2019

March 6 - April 20

Lent is a season of tending one's spirit, and of inviting God to uncover in us:

- what lies untouched
- what needs attention
- what needs to be released for newness to emerge

This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of embracing and letting go.

Use this time to discover new ways to engage with God. Lent is a time to encourage yourself to stretch your spiritual wings, to try new ways of praying, and to serve others in Jesus' name.



Symbols of Lent - Week 1

Common Christian symbols can be helpful in understanding the importance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The basin, pitcher, and towel references the story told in John 13. These symbols are usually used on Maundy Thursday and symbolize Jesus washing his disciples' feet. They are a sign of the humility of Christ's love and also symbolize hospitality.

• Rise Against Hunger - Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, April 7, First Presbyterian will be packaging 12,000 meals on behalf of Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and aid around the world. These meals are highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. They are used to support school feeding programs in developing countries. Your help is needed!



• April 14 Palm Sunday Festival

On Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. all children, youth, and their families (and anyone else who wants to experience the excitement) are invited to join us for the Palm Sunday Festival! There will be an egg hunt, pony rides, bounce houses and brunch on the front lawn.

• Eye Rides - Now Free Both Ways with iTN

Thanks to additional funding recently provided by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, iTN is now able to provide free rides to and from eye appointments. Just let iTN know when you call in your ride request that you are going to an eye appointment 941-364-7530.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast. - Psalm 63:5



• Stewardship Thought

We have to do the best we can.

This is our sacred human responsibility.

- Albert Einstein

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 10-Mar	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	New Member Class	10:00 AM
	Spiritual and Moral Issues Modern Fiction	10:00 AM
	Embracing and Letting Go Class	10:00 AM
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
Tuesday 12-Mar	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
Wednesday 13-Mar	Committee Meetings	5:30 PM
	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
Thursday 14-Mar	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
Saturday 16-Mar	Coping with Grief and Loss	5:30 PM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sunday 17-Mar	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
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• **Invest in Children**



Our partnership with Brentwood Elementary School continues to flourish with over 25 volunteers serving on the Brentwood campus each week, plus an active steering committee of visionary members who coordinate the FPC involvement. You can add to that number by contacting Jinny and Ron Miller at 941-924-9494 or jinnyron@verizon.net to learn more about this exciting chance to serve. This is a mission opportunity right here in Sarasota, making an impact on children who need support and love.

Volunteers

Sylvia Auton	Ed Johnston
Bob Bittner	Jean Johnston
Diane Bittner	Fran Lawrence
Wes Burquest	Marvin Miller
George Chorba	Steven Moore
Floyd Churn	Cynde Mutryn
Janet Churn	Alan Nelson
Ken Fischl	Jack O'Neill
Marsha Fischl	Diane Price
Jennifer Hall	Susan Root
Linda Hildebrandt	Susan Sanderson
Harriette Humphreys	Drew Stuart
Phil Humphreys	Deborah Thomas
	Jackie Wright

Rachel Martin and Sue Nurczyk are available to volunteer for Odyssey of the Mind if Brentwood participates. Those who have retired from the team for health reasons are: Bette Lou Cookson and Betty Hastings.

Steering Committee

Coordinators - Jinny and Ron Miller	
Kay Dunn	Alan and Linda Nelson
Lorraine Foltz	Sandi Soper
Bob Forbes	Drew Stuart
Mary Elle Hunter	

• **Oak Street Stage - Big Daddy & Red Hot Java**

We are back on **Friday, March 29** with astoundingly good talent in an informal cafe setting. This time it's high energy blues from one of the best bands in the business.

Big Daddy & Red Hot Java is celebrating 20 years of making great music, 57 overseas tours to 28 countries, 5 CD releases, and thousands of dedicated fans. They bring their high octane ministry of blues peppered with soul, jazz, rock, and world beat to our neck of the woods, performing on our newly renovated fellowship hall stage. Plenty of food and beverages will be on hand for purchase from JR's Old Packinghouse Cafe. Admission is by voluntary donation, suggested \$5 to \$25, but everyone is welcome with or without donation. Leave your troubles at the door and let the good times roll. Come alone or with friends, but don't miss this show!



• ***Presbyterian Women***

Please join us for Bible study led by Jean Luker in room 203 **this Tuesday, March 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.

The Peace River PW spring retreat is **Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2** at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, Ellenton, FL. Participants may stay overnight or attend one or both days as a commuter. The theme of the retreat is "Rise and Shine, Let God's Light Shine." Each participant must submit her own registration. Forms are available in the church office and must be submitted no later than this Saturday, March 16. Funds are being made available from the former Mary-Alice Murphy trust to cover expenses if you attend. Submit a copy of your registration form to co-moderators Pamela Lamb or Flossie Paul and you will be reimbursed for your registration fee and meals.

There will be no PW Lite in April so all may attend the spring retreat at the DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center.

Mary Webb is collecting donations for the gift basket that will be auctioned at the spring retreat. Please give your donation to her or leave in the church office no later than Monday, March 25.

• ***Library News***

The Cowden-Smith Library has now expanded to downstairs with a couple of shelves in the parlor and a selection in the hospitality suite. There is a good variety from which to choose including children's books. Please just sign your name and the title of the book in the check-out notebook. Remember there are hundreds more books at the top of the stairs in the education/administration building!

• ***Church Office Volunteer***

We are looking for volunteers to join our office receptionist team. The office receptionist greets guests, answers the phone and directs calls, and responds to questions about the church and its programs. This is a weekly position from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119.

• ***Wear Your Name Tag***

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

• ***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.