

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, June 2**.

• In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Cindy Corell (Haiti)
Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga 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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• 21st Annual Fellowship Dinner/Theatre Evening

On Saturday, April 13, the Sarasota Visual Performing Arts Center at Booker High School is presenting the musical *Children of Eden*. We anticipate it being another exceptional performance.

We will meet for an early dinner at El Greco Mediterranean Restaurant on the corner of Main Street/Orange Avenue at 4:45 p.m. Theatre curtain is at 7:00 p.m. All tickets for the show are \$16 (special rate). For reservations or information, please contact Wendy Miller at (941) 379-0464 or towmiller@yahoo.com.

• iTN SunCoast Offers Free Rides

Staying engaged and connected is an important part of staying healthy! iTN SunCoast partners with other local organizations and provides free rides to their events. Currently, free rides are available to the following events for anyone 60+ and adults of any age with vision impairments. Call iTN to make a ride request at (941) 364-7530.

- Jewish Film Festival - Mar 17
- Cinematheque - Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.
- Sarasota Film Festival - April 5 to 14
- Parkinson's Expo - April 13, Bradenton Convention Center

Season subscribers to:

- Florida Studio Theatre
- Sarasota Concert Association
- Sarasota Choral Artists
- Jazz Club of Sarasota

• 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 17, 2019

• Welcome New Members and Families!

This morning we welcome our new members in the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. We are delighted they have joined the FPC family. Be sure to extend a friendly greeting to them!

Rick and Lorraine Foltz

Dick - business coach at the Alternative Board
Lorraine - telecommunications engineer and life-time volunteer

David and Lisa Dunlap

David - university professor
Lisa - communication manager/designer

Tim and Lynne Goslee

Tim - ophthalmologist, Venice Friendship Center
Lynne - interior designer, retired

Jack and Trisha Senterfitt

Jack - lawyer, retired; Santa Claus
Trisha - PC(USA) clergy, retired

Rama Nilsen

- also has home in Newland, NC

Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler

Dent - pastor; faculty, Columbia Theological Seminary, retired
Mary - professor, University of Tennessee, retired

• Ordination and Installation of Officers

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

ELDER

Class of 2021

David Gulliver

DEACONS

Class of 2021

James (Tom) Singleton

Patricia (Patti) Wrobel

Please pray regularly for each of these new church officers and all the leaders of our church.

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.

• 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!

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 needs to be embraced
- what needs to be let go for newness to emerge

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 2



Common Christian symbols can be helpful in understanding the importance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The chalice and passion cross reference the story told in Matthew 20:22 and Psalm 23:5. One of the symbols of Christ's passion is the combination of the chalice and passion cross. The chalice or cup in this instance refers to the great agony that Jesus will have to endure; in other words, His death. The passion cross is often depicted as having pointed ends which, like the swords of sorrow and pain, would penetrate the soul of Jesus.

• Lenten Spiritual Practices

The only Lenten discipline with which many adults and children are familiar is "giving something up for Lent." That "something" is often a favorite food with the goal of focusing attention on God rather than on eating that particular food. It is more in keeping with the spirit of Lent to give **ourselves** up to something for Lent. We can commit ourselves to reading from the Bible each day, doing a devotion as a family, learning the Lord's Prayer, or getting better control of our temper. We can give up desserts so that we can use money to feed hungry people. If daily disciplines are daunting, commit to a project that can be carried out through the season of Lent, e.g., cleaning out closets and donating the items to people who need them. The goal is do something that will remind us of what God values and make us more the people God created us to be.



• 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!

• 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 is in the parlor.* Thanks to all those who have given generously and continue to give to our capital campaign.



• Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*When I remember you in my prayers,
I always thank my God.* - Philemon 1:4



• Stewardship Thought

When we feel stuck, going nowhere - even starting to slip backward - we may actually be backing up to get a running start. - Dan Millman

• Week At a Glance

Sunday 17-Mar	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Spiritual and Moral Issues in 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 19-Mar	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Lydia Circle	10:30 AM
Wednesday 20-Mar	Nominating Committee	5:30 PM
	Mary-Martha circle	10:00 AM
	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Foundation Board	5:00 PM
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Thursday 21-Mar	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Coping with Grief and Loss	5:30 PM
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM
Sunday 24-Mar	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
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• **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 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.

• **Fellowship Event - Batter Up!**

It's spring training in Sarasota! The game is **today** 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 couple 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.



• **Presbyterian Women**

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 it in the church office no later than Monday, March 25.

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.

HOLY WEEK



• **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.

• **April 18 Maundy Thursday**

Join us for good food, spiritual conversation and a chance to build relationships with your neighbors. Among the oldest forms of Christian worship is this: gather the people, break the bread, and tell the stories.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and worship will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is intergenerational – all ages are welcome at the table.



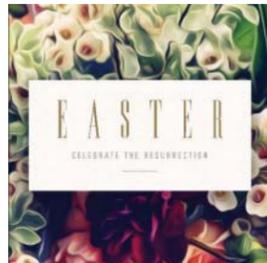
• **April 19 Good Friday**

All are invited to worship at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary as we recall Christ's death and sacrifice in this contemplative service.



• **April 21 Easter Sunday**

Come celebrate the resurrection of the Lord! Services at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 am.



• **Offering**

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. We will be receiving your donations for **OGHS on Easter, April 21.**

The mission and justice committee invite you to view the board in the sanctuary narthex that will give you ideas on how to give during this season of Lent. Pick up the calendar of ideas and a donation fish box. This is a great way for children of all ages to participate!



• **The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church**

The Foundation stewards the endowment funds of First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota. Gifts to the Foundation are invested and maintained for the future ministry of this church because we know that God has a purpose for First Presbyterian beyond our lifetime.

The Foundation presently has just shy of \$1,600,000 divided among its five funds (the general endowment fund, the property endowment fund, the mission and ministry endowment fund, the scholarship endowment fund and the temporary fund for designated gifts). The Foundation board of directors would like to recognize and thank those who made donations to the Foundation in 2018:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stottlemeyer

In memory of Jim Cook, Ben Joel Drymon, and Thomas Larkin

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stottlemeyer

In honor of Glen Bell's 30 years of service in the ministry

Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Coffin

In memory of Betsy Bivin

Additionally, the Foundation received a gift from the *Imagine the Future* capital campaign for the property endowment fund in 2018.

Distribution of Funds

Annually, the board, according to the Foundation by-laws, distributes approximately 4.5% of the endowment assets to the session to supplement the operating budget. These funds will be used to enhance our ministries here at FPC, in our community and around the world. As the balance in the Foundation grows, so too does the annual distribution. The board is pleased to let the congregation know that this year's distribution totals just over \$64,000.

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation or become a member of the Covenant Society by making a planned gift as a legacy of your faith, please contact any member of the Foundation's board of trustees: Betsy Marshall, Michelle Young, Ric Saba, Rich Paul, Michael Brown, or Beth Byron-Reasoner.

• **“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>

• **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 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!

• **Invest in Children**



VOLUNTEERS are still welcome to begin serving at Brentwood Elementary School. There is a special need for volunteers to help in the afternoons — for an hour a week reading with the students and helping in the lab or in small groups. Please be in touch with Jinny and Ron Miller (941-924-9494) or jinnyron@verizon.net if you are interested.



Save 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 sanctuary narthex, chapel or church office. Brentwood will submit all the coupons to earn cash for the school. Thank you!

• **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 basic questions about the church and it's programs. This is a half-day 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.

• **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.

Officers

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Vice Moderator: Kelly Fitzgerald
Clerk of Session: David Gulliver

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