

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 the worship, 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.

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 lower 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 with your audiologist. If you don't wear hearing aids, but need assistance, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

After the service, join us for coffee in the fellowship hall courtyard.

• Children Are Welcome

We believe that worship is the response of the whole people of God, and that includes children! Families may 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. We hope you will cherish their art created during the service and take it home as a reminder of your worship together!

• 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? Consider attending the next new member class on **Sunday, August 27**.

• The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sam & Muffie Ochi to honor our Savior and all those who have lost loved ones.

• In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Rev. Renee and Justin Sundberg (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.

• Family Promise Dine-Out

The August Dine-Out is in support of our ministry partner, Family Promise, on Monday, August 14, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. A percentage of the cost of your meal will benefit Family Promise. This month we will be dining at Surf Shack (326 John Ringling Blvd, St Armands Circle, Sarasota). Please call Surf Shack to make your reservation (844) 983-7722.

• 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 September through November or December. 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.

• Presbyterian Women Activities

Tuesday, August 8, come join hostess Colleen Forristall in the fellowship hall at 10:30 a.m. Materials will be provided to make greeting cards. No skills are needed. The finished cards may be used in car care kits. (Many members have car care kits in their vehicles to give to those in need at a moment's notice.) Come join the fun!

SAVE THE DATES:

On **September 12**, at 9:30 a.m. the coordinating team (CT) will meet and at 10:30 a.m. the women's Bible study will gather.

On **Wednesday, September 13**, at 11:30 a.m. the PW Luncheon will be hosted by the Mary Martha Circle. All women are welcome.

Everyone is welcome to any activity! For more information on any of these events, please call co-moderators Pamela Lamb (941-727-2685) or Flossie Paul (941-536-0974).



Christ caring for people through people.

SOMETIMES LIFE CAN BE A STRUGGLE

Loneliness...Loss...Divorce..Illness

Spiritual Emptiness...Depression

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

If you would like a Stephen Minister to call on you, please contact the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Pastor Glen Bell (x108) or Stephen Ministry Leader Steven Phillips (x124). Visit our link on the church website: <http://www.firstpressarasota.org/stephenministry.html>.

• Floral Dedications

If you would like to sign up for particular dates in 2017, you can send an email to Tish Goodale (ladywbirds@verizon.net) or sign up on the flower calendar located near the church office or in the fellowship hall. Please give a contact phone number, the name(s) of the honorees and the occasion of the dedication. The price for a single arrangement is \$35 and for two arrangements it is \$70. **Several Sundays in August, September, October, and November are available.**



First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements
July 30, 2017

Opportunities for Children and Youth

• FPC Day Camp

We are so excited to welcome the counselors from Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, our presbytery camp, for a week of fun. We are grateful for the counselors and volunteers who will help with the children this upcoming week, **July 31 through August 4**.



• How Can I Help With Day Camp?

I can help a few days a week; what do you need? Sign up to help with morning registration or bring in healthy snacks for the kids (peanut-free, please).

I can help in the mornings! Sign up to be a preschool leader and team up to help our youngest friends learn more about God's love through Bible lessons, crafts and activities.

I can be here all day! I don't want to miss out! Sign up to be an assistant group leader to work with our elementary age kids and help a Cedarkirk counselor throughout the day.

I really can't be around during the week. Make a special snack to share with the leaders, volunteers, and Cedarkirk counselors who will be staying at the church all week. We will value your prayers!

Volunteer Training: There will be a *volunteer meet-and-greet* with the Cedarkirk counselors in the fellowship hall **today at 5:00 p.m.** We will review the plans for the week, tour the spaces, organize supplies and welcome the counselors for the week in Sarasota. Dinner will be served. Children are welcome.

• Come Join Us!

Children and Youth Sunday will be next Sunday, August 6. Everyone is invited to a **potluck brunch** at 10:00 a.m. Bring a favorite brunch-type dish (egg casserole, fruit, pastries, bacon, etc.) to the fellowship hall. Children and youth will share from their summer experiences at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

• Back-To-School Blessing

On Sunday, August 13, we will have a blessing for our students heading back to school on Monday, August 14. We will also be praying for students, educators, parents, and volunteers of all kinds.



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• **Come Learn About Our New Hearing Loop!**

First Presbyterian has added a hearing loop in the sanctuary, which sends the voice of the speaker from their microphone directly into a hearing aid or cochlear implant. The system provides the clearest, cleanest sound imaginable and does not require a headset, as it works with the T-Coil in most hearing aids.

A T-Coil is a tiny wireless receiver inside hearing aids. It is accessible via the programming button or switch on your hearing aid. If you have never used your T-Coil, it is recommended that you consult your audiologist to confirm it has been activated and to learn how to access it. If you cannot access your T-Coil or do not have hearing aids, please ask the usher for a loop receiver. You will be amazed at how much more you can hear and understand, given the clarity of sound!

Jim Scott, the owner of Complete Hearing Solutions, will be conducting an information session here **today** 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Come and learn how you can benefit from this new system.

• **Invest in Children With School Supplies**



This year our supplies will go to Brentwood Elementary School where we've been in partnership. So let's go shopping! In addition to the usual supplies that each child needs, the Brentwood assistant principal, Dr. Patti Folino, has indicated that the following are items of particular need:

- headphones for the computers*
- flash drives*
- glue sticks*
- zip-lock baggies*
- tissues*

Place your donations in the special containers at the church now though **next Sunday, August 6**. The items you have gathered and your contributions (marked Invest in Children supplies) will be received with joy!

• **Academy of Christian Discipleship**

We welcome Rabbi Jennifer Singer, the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol HaNeshama. She will be teaching *Aging Well Using Biblical Wisdom*, gleaning insights from the Hebrew Bible, at 10:00 a.m. in room 203 for three Sundays (August 13, 20, and 27).

There's a saying about aging: Getting old is not for the faint of heart. We face many challenges as we age – physical, mental, and spiritual. Making the most of the time we have remaining can be a challenge, but it can also be exciting and rewarding.

In this three-part class we will explore wisdom from the Hebrew Bible and other texts of the Jewish tradition, discuss hopes and fears about the future, and create spiritual mission statements as we seek to make the most of the gift of aging.

Here are some of the questions we will address:

- How can I make the most of my life today and tomorrow?*
- How do I want to be remembered?*
- What is still ahead for me to accomplish?*

• **Family Promise Hosting Week**

The week of **September 3 - 10** we will be hosting our friends in need through Family Promise. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful facility for hosting our guests. Won't you come and be a part of caring for those in our community as Christ has called us to do? We need dinner hosts and volunteers to stay overnight. The sign-up board will be in the fellowship hall courtyard. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Chase at (941) 953-5092.

Presbyterian Women will supply desserts. For information about bringing desserts, please call Barbara Chase.

• **Lights, Camera, Action!**

Now that we have moved back into the sanctuary, we need to build our team of technicians to help with the lights, audio, and camera equipment. We are excited to have new, improved technology that will enhance the entire worship service. Is this something that you have always wanted to try or something you are interested in learning more about? For more information, please contact Steven Phillips or Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119.

• **Capital Campaign Update**

With the final touches being completed in the sanctuary, we are continuing with some renovations of the administration and education building. The demolition of the reception area in the church office and the stairs has been completed. Construction work has begun in the reception area and new stairs will be installed soon. The ramp demolition is complete. We apologize for any inconvenience while these improvements are finished.

During construction until the end of August there may be times when the church office will be closed or hours will be abbreviated.

• **The Foundation for First Presbyterian Church
Create Your Legacy With a Commitment to Giving**

The Foundation was established to provide a more permanent vehicle to expand the ongoing ministry of our church through planned and memorial giving. The Foundation for The First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Inc. operates as a Florida not for profit 501(c)3 corporation and is managed by a board of directors comprised of seven active members of First Presbyterian Church.

The Covenant Society was established to recognize those individuals and families who have or plan to support the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota with a planned gift. Today there are more than 50 members, each providing a vision for the future of our church. Ways you can give include making a current gift of cash, stock, or real estate to the church or its foundation. You may also give at your death by naming The Foundation to receive a gift through your will or trust agreement, as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account, or as the charitable recipient through a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity. For more information, please email Betsy Marshall at BMarshall@WilliamsParker.com

• **Dial Hope**

Our pastor, Glen Bell, is the guest devotion leader at Dial Hope next week from Wednesday, August 2 to Friday, August 4. Check it out at www.dialhope.org



Regular Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, August 20

- Traditional Worship - 8:15 a.m. in the chapel
- New Song Contemporary Service - 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall
- Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 a.m.
- Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with choir



• **Of a Peacemaking Persuasion**

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. - Joshua 24:15



• **Stewardship Thought**

Sometimes the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all. - Mandy Hale

• **Week At a Glance**

Sunday 30-Jul	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	T-Coil Hearing Loop Presentation	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nom. Committee	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM
Monday 31-Jul	VBS Day Camp - All Week	9:00 AM
Tuesday 1-Aug	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday 2-Aug	Sisters of the Road	10:30 AM
Thursday 3-Aug	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sunday 6-Aug	New Song Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Church Officer Nom. Committee	10:00 AM
	Potluck Brunch	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM