

Stepping forward together for God's purposes

To realize our congregation's dream for a full pastoral staff and to cover significant increases in utilities and property insurance costs, we are encouraging members to **step forward in faith** and pledge to a level of most generous giving. As we offer our hearts and resources, we contribute to the exciting new future that God has for us. We are grateful for all pledges.

EASY WAYS YOU CAN PLEDGE

- Present your pledge card on **Stewardship Commitment Sunday October 23**
- Return your pledge card to the church office
- Pledge online through our website: www.FirstPresSarasota.org select **member login**

Thank you for the prayers you offer, the love you share, and all the ways you **step forward in faith** to be the body of Christ in the world!



George Chorba, with students at Brentwood Elementary School

Stepping Forward in Faith



For I know the plans
I have for you, says the Lord . . .

- Jeremiah 29:11

STEWARDSHIP 2023



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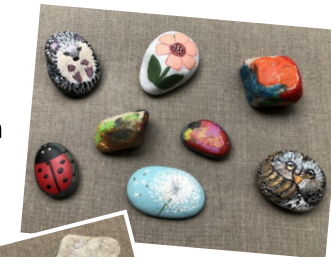
Exciting year ahead!

The coming year will be an exciting time in the life of this church as we look forward to:

- Strengthening our current commitment to serving the many needs in our community
- Extending our welcome to our neighbors,
- Working with our new pastor,
- Exploring the possibility of calling an associate pastor to help rebuild our family ministry program, as many you have said is a dream.

Stepping Stones

Together, we can help to continue our tradition of welcoming



those who seek to grow in God's love and grace.

During this stewardship season, we will host a creative project of painting stones and labeling them with our church's logo and QR code.

Once painted and labeled, the rocks will be placed around town, inviting those who find them to discover FPC.

Let's come together!

October 23
Commitment Sunday

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Pledges received

Everyone is also invited to bring a rock—painted or unpainted.



October 30
Additional Intergenerational Rock Painting Activity

10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour



Craig Miller, Bridge Pastor Children's Moment



We look back and honor our past, with God as our foundation.

We celebrate today as we join with what God is doing in our midst, empowered to serve others.

We dream for tomorrow, aligning our plans with God's for our church and world.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

- Jeremiah 29:11, 12

We are ready for a new awakening, as we **STEP FORWARD IN FAITH.**



First Presbyterian Preschool celebrating 75 years!



Cuba mission team and partners



Our Faith and Differences Gathering



We worship in person and through live-streaming.

You demonstrate care for one another and lives are changed.



All Faiths Food Distribution

This is a place to belong . . .
. . . It's where I belong
—and **YOU** belong here, too!



Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp



Margaret L. Torrence
Transitional
Pastor

This is a friendly, accepting church family, welcoming the unique gifts of all.



Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

First Presbyterian celebrating 25 years! Congrat