



Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg



Welcome Pastor Dawn. This is a special day for you and for all of us at First Presbyterian Church and our community. We are so excited you are here with us as our Pastor.

To all our members and friends, please join us this Sunday for Worship to welcome Pastor Dawn and her husband Kevin. This is a Day of New Beginnings!

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find. In faith, we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

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Treasure in Clay Jars?

Who doesn't like treasure? When I was a child, one of the games I enjoyed the most was treasure hunt, usually played on birthdays. Instead of wrapping a present and giving it outright, there was work involved. The hunt was set in motion by a written clue placed in a birthday card. The clue would be something like, "Look in the bathtub." Once reaching the tub, there would be another clue that would send the seeker in another direction, such as, "Look in your left sneaker!" In the left sneaker, there would be another written clue which would send the birthday boy/girl to yet another location. And so it went, clue after clue, until finally, after much anticipation, in place of a clue, the gift was found.



In God's great love, we have been given an immeasurable treasure. In the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians, verse 7, the Apostle Paul writes, "For we have this treasure in clay jars." (emphasis mine). What exactly is Paul talking about? How do we find this treasure, what does it look like and why does it matter? This Sunday, in my first sermon preached at FPC – St. Petersburg, I invite you to go on a treasure hunt in preaching as we discover God's treasure together. Come join in worship at 8:15, 9 or 11 am; come dressed up or dressed down; come with friends and family or come alone and make a new friend. The important thing is that you come because worship is better when YOU are there! And if only one person is missing, the Church is poorer for it. (And, oh, yes, please wear your name tag!)

Please mark your calendar . . .

Pastor Dawn's Service of Installation will be held at FPC – St. Pete on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:30 pm. All are invited.

Don't forget to introduce yourself



Help Pastor Dawn learn our names. The Membership Engagement and Communications Committee is asking all members to wear their nametags during the church service throughout October.

If you need a nametag, email diedraflora@aol.com and let her know what service you usually attend. Your nametag will be waiting for you to pick up at the beginning of the service.

FPC Concert Series Announced

Matt Caine has announced a very exciting 2017 - 2018 Concert Series. The series begins on November 12th at 4:00 p.m. honoring the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Concordia Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Matt Caine returns with another outstanding choral concert featuring:

Bach, Cantata No. 80, "Ein feste Burg"
Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 5, "Reformation"



This may be our BEST concert series ever! You won't want to miss. [Click Here for the entire schedule](#). Sponsorship opportunities still exist. Please contact Matt Caine if you are interested in participating in this way. You can reach Matt by email (MCaine@fpc-

The Reformation and Scripture

Please join us on 10/18 for Wednesday Night Live! You can attend any or all of FPC's mid-week programs:

- Music for children with Mr. Matt at 5pm in the choir room
- Dinner and Messy Church from 5:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall (Still not sure what Messy Church is? [Check out this video.](#))
- Discussion of "The Reformation and Scripture" with Rev. John Underwood from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. The Reformation changed the way the church thinks about Scripture.



How did that happen? Where did that come from? What does that mean? This ties nicely with the Concordia Concert Choir concert here at FPC on Nov 12 honoring the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



WHO: Children ages 4 - Grade 5
WHEN: Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: Room S103

Digging into the Bible in One Year takes kids on a whirlwind journey from Genesis to Revelation. Kids experience a relationship with God through the eyes of ordinary Bible people. Kids will discover that they're a lot like people God has always loved and worked through.

Help Needed

Aftercare Assistants Needed—The addition of our Two's Aftercare program this year has been a huge success! We are looking for a person to assist each afternoon from 11:45—2:45 in this program. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email Ashley Davis at adavis@fpc-stpete.org.

Things are happening at FPC!

Spice Your Soul Retreat for Women - October 14 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
If you registered for this retreat, you will join women from churches all over the Tampa Bay area. Arrive early to sign in and enjoy a lite breakfast.

Operation Shoe Box is underway this month through October 29th. Contact [Diane Zuercher](#) for more information.

Trunk or Treat! - October 29th from 5-7 p.m. Wear your costumes and join us for a chili cook-off in the North Shore parking lot for a chili cook-off, games, refreshments, face painting and more. Please RSVP if you plan to participate. Email [Carol Riley](#) or call 727-822-2031. This Sunday, please bring in candy so we're fully stocked for Trunk or Treat! There will be candy donation baskets at the back of the sanctuary and the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Costume Parade - Oct 31 - Day School Playground
8:45 a.m. - K-Prep

9:30 a.m. - All other classes

Save The Date!

Presbyterian Women General Meeting with Pastor Dawn
Monday November 13 at 10 a.m.
Lyn Greene's home
1222 Brightwaters Blvd NE

Save the Date - Pastor Dawn's Installation Service is December 3rd at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Books, books and more books

Clearwater Christian College has been bought by Nova Southeastern University and it will soon become a Medical School. All 50,000 books remaining in the library are available to anyone for FREE. If you are interested, they must be picked up by next week. Just bring your own boxes and go to:

Clearwater Christian College
3400 Gulf to Bay Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33579

Additional information from [Jessica Rentschlar](#).

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