



First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg

*Your weekly news &
updates*

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Christmas Eve Morning

10:00 a.m. One morning Service in Fellowship Hall - **4th Sunday of Advent**

- Nursery provided
- Bus service (*see below)



Christmas Eve Evening

4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Communion & Candle lighting Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

- Nursery provided
- Bus service (*see below)
- Valet parking available

*There will be bus service to Westminster Palms, Shores and Suncoast and Presbyterian Towers for the 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. worship services.



First Sunday of Christmas Sunday, December 31

Regular Worship Schedule returns (8:15, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)

Christmas Joy Offering

A Gift from the Church for the Church

Each year during the Advent and Christmas



season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Click below to learn more . . .

- [The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions](#)
- [Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges](#)
- [Racial Ethnic Leadership Development](#)

Every congregation's gifts to the Offering are critical to the future of these ministries, especially now when the need for funding is at its height. If you don't already do so, please make the Christmas Joy Offering part of your Advent and Christmas tradition.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received at Christmas Eve Worship Services.

Generosity Update

This year (2017):

We will likely end this year with a shortfall of about \$30,000. Here's what you can do:

- Be sure your pledge payments are current.
- Will you help with a year-end, tax-deductible gift?
- You can make a gift [online](#) or bring/mail a check.
- Indicate "Year-end Gift" in the Memo

Thank you.

Next Year (2018):

Thank you for your 2018 pledges! If you have not pledged, [click here](#) for pledge form or pick one up at any of the worship services.

THANK YOU for your generosity.



Click below for:

- [Pledge Form](#)
- [Online Giving](#)
- [Church Address](#)

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest members to First Presbyterian Church.

Carol Abernathy
Ruth Bufaro
Mardie Chapman
Mike Carothers
Fran Sims
Kevin Conti
Jan Fazio
Wendy Wooden



Over the next several weeks, their photos and a brief bio will be added to our [web site](#).

Meet Marien Mitchell...

Marien Mitchell has answered the call to serve as Pastor Dawn's Administrative Assistant and will be working Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Marien has more than 17 years of experience in the administrative field working for industries including oil and telecommunications; and with people across the world. She has a strong background assisting executives, project and budget management and organizing business and social events. Her passion is to assist executives and make their lives easier by providing experience and tools necessary to keep busy schedules organized.

Marien began as an ESL Professor. She holds a B.A. degree in Education and Modern Languages and a Master's degree in Business Management.

In 2014, Marien immigrated to the U.S. and

lives with her husband Thomas who is a Director at Kobie Marketing. Marien has two sons, Hernando who is 20 years old attending USF and Cesar who is 12 years old and in 7th grade. Hernando plays drums in a band and Cesar enjoys playing hockey with the Tampa Bay Junior Lightning.

Marien looks forward to meeting everyone and being part of a great team here at FPC.

We give thanks that Marien will be joining us in our work together.

Generosity takes many forms at First Presbyterian Church

Honduras - New Hope Clinic

On average, the clinic sees nearly 600 medical patients per month and 125 dental patients; many cannot pay. On June 10-17, a team from FPC will head to Honduras to offer hands-on assistance once again. Giving of our time, talent and financial resources in a very special way. Generosity.



Here are a couple of examples of why New Hope Clinic is so vital:

A 55 year old man showed general weakness, tiredness and had ceased to be productively active. He is responsible for the economy of the family but suddenly could not work. The clinic diagnosed him with anemia and began treatments immediately. He is in full recovery and now working to take care of his family. This patient could not afford to pay.

Another man, 43 years old, had a 10 cm machete wound on his left foot. The patient said that it bled profusely and to stop the hemorrhaging he put some dirt on the wound and then wrapped it with a piece of cloth. The patient then went home and didn't seek medical help. After 7 days the patient came to the clinic in bad condition with a high fever and the wound looking terrible and with a bad smell. They cleaned and treated the wound, removing the skin and fragments of the dead wound and began intramuscular and oral antibiotic therapy for 10 days. He is now in good health. This patient could not afford to pay.

We thank God for New Hope Clinic and our ability to help these beautiful people of the world with our time, talents and financial resources.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office is closed Monday Dec. 25 & 26. In addition, the office will be closed January 1-4 while the office/classroom buildings are being tented for termites. The staff will have limited access to emails.

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



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