



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 1, 2017

8:15 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve Him and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PREPARATION

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 117)

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is God's faithfulness toward us.

The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

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***HYMN 74** "When God Restored Our Common Life" (Psalm 126)

RESIGNATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Suzanne Serle, Deacon

Gracious God, forgive us and make us anew in your image, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Suzanne Serle

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
May God keep us all in eternal life. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

hymn 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 126

Suzanne Serle

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 704)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 202)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“A World in Search of Wisdom”

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

HYMN 372

“O for a World”

AZMON

RESPONSE

MORNING OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy ...

(concluding with) **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR YOUTH

*HYMN 838 “Standing on the Promises” PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

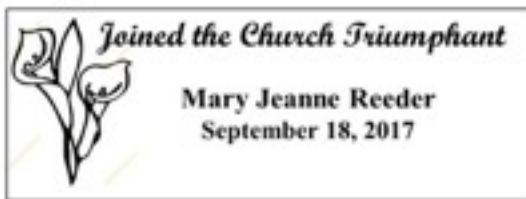
The minister is available at the door as you leave.

A Prayer Minister, wearing a white stole, will be available for private and confidential prayer following the service.


FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for keeping First Presbyterian Church all these years and for sending us powerful people of God who have a love and desire for your people. We pray a special prayer for our new pastor, Dawn, and her family as they embark on this new journey. We as a church family want to stand with her and support her allowing her to do the work of the Lord not just for our church but also for this community. Lord, please never take your hand off of our church, plans or desires. Amen.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

 The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in celebration of 63 years of

marriage between Rodney & Nina Glover.

If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope available in the church pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in prayer:

LuElla Ames, Millie Bradley, Rev. Bob Burkhardt, Kat Cline, Joan Evans, Blanche Ganey, Jim and Petra Garnett, Jacquelyn Georges, Nancy Grandoff, Martha Ann Haile, Dave Herzik, Claire Hoel, Hilman Holifield, Helen Hollenbach, Dwight Holshouser, Jean Howie, David and Barbara Hubbell, Barbara Isaacs, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Tom Lippert, Ilda Hall Littell, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Lyn McClure, Nancy McLaughlin,

M.D. Miller, Tommy Miller (Johnny's brother), Tamara Murphy, Janet Poling, Bob Reed, Joy Russak, Marge Siebert, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Philip Ware, Jim White, Rev. Alice Winters, Janet Ytterberg.

Please pray for our family and friends serving overseas in the military: Brian Herzik, USA; ADM James Loeblein, USN; CPT Robert Wilson, USAF.

If you know of others, please let us know. Contact **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the congregational meeting, the following 4 people were nominated and voted on, and all accepted the position of nominating committee members: Gina Schiller, Joan Karins, Diedra Flora and Tom Kort. Thank you for your service to FPC.

MEDITATION FOR PRESBYTERIANS
Meditation, a nurturing of the soul, has a long and treasured history in the Church. You are invited to experience meditation and a small group which meets on

alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on October 3 in the chapel. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** by phone(867-4032) or email (simsjr@eckerd.edu). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

ALL SERVICES WILL MEET OCTOBER 8TH

We originally thought there would be one service on October 8th because of Will's going away celebration, but session voted to have all three services.

PEACEMAKING SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY

See insert for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
FPC Wednesday Night Live dinners and programs have resumed. Come share in food and fellowship with your church family and learn more about opportunities to serve the Lord at FPC.*See insert*

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED!

New Hope Christian Fellowship, after 4 ½ years at the Beacon House, moved to a new home,

1330 Burlington Ave. N., effective with worship at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 30. **We are in need of a refrigerator for our new space in the building.** Its condition isn't as important as its cooling properties. If you can help, please call or e-mail Tony McCoy, (727) 409-3182, tonymacc1@verizon.net. Thank you!

“SPICE YOUR SOUL”

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S EVENT

This great event is being held right here at FPC on Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is open to everyone, but you must register to ensure we have enough of everything for everyone. Worship time with Pastor Mickie Robinson, a Celtic harpist kicks off the day. *Flyers and registration forms are available at the visitor kiosk.*

MESSY CHURCH FOR OUR CHILDREN



Messy Church is a part of the WNL program. Carol Riley, Children’s Ministry Coordinator, will be working with children from

3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Messy church teaches children sound biblical principles in a fun, engaging, messy way! *See insert for more information.*

SAY GOOD-BYE TO REV. DR. WILL BROWNE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Will’s last day with us is Sunday, October 8. Immediately following the service, around 12:15p.m., there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us. See the enclosed insert to RSVP. Session has approved a love offering for Will. Make your checks out to the church and put “love offering” in the memo line.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR NAMETAG?

October is "Wear Your Nametag in Church" month! Beginning today, the Membership Engagement and Communications Committee is encouraging all members to wear their nametags during the church service. If you need a nametag, e-mail 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Worship	8:15 AM	Chapel
Contemporary Worship	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Contemporary Faith Class	9:45 AM	N-120
Faith-Filled Families Class	9:45 AM	S-100
Faith Journey Class	9:45 AM	S-202
Westminster Class	9:45 AM	N-123
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Shores	9:45 AM	Church Bus
Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM	
Youth Sunday School	10:00 AM	Youth Cntr
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Suncoast	10:00 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from Presbyterian Towers	10:15 AM	Church Bus
FPC Bus Transportation from Westminster Palms	10:30 AM	Church Bus
Valet Parking	10:30 AM	
Classic Worship with Choir	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-108
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Coordinating Team	11:00 AM	S-100
Stephen Ministers meeting	4:30 PM	S-100
PCAT	6:00 PM	N-121
Faith & Fiction	7:30 PM	N-123

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	Youth Cntr
Faith Dev. Bible Study	9:30 AM	N-123
Church Staff Meeting	1:30 PM	N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr

Girl Scout Troop 439	6:30 PM	S-206
CE Meeting	7:00 PM	N-123
Meditation for Presbyterians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

MOPS	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Children's Music w/ Mr. Matt	5:00 PM	Choir Room
WNL Dinner	5:30 PM	F'ship Hall
WNL Bible Study	6:00 PM	F'shp Hall
Girl Scout Troop 128	7:00 PM	S-206
Praise Band	7:00 PM	F'shp Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous-Women	7:00 PM	N-121

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Women's Bible Study BSF		
Bible Navigation	6:15 PM	F'shp HaLL
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Men's Community Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Women's Bible Study-BSF	6:55 PM	F'shp Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:30 AM	N-123
Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Pastor's Lunch Bunch at Gigi's	12:00 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 570	6:30 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
New Hope Christian Fellowship	5:30 PM	Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group	7:00 PM	N-121

Will Browne, Interim Pastor ♦ Matt Caine, Director of Music ♦ Jack Rain, Organist

Susan Key, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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