



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

October 8, 2017

11:00 a.m.

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### 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.

### PREPARATION

*(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)*

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

#### PRELUDE

“Benedictus”

Max Reger  
(1873-1916)

Jack Rain, organ

#### WELCOME

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright” Michael Praetorius  
Chancel Choir (1571-1621)

Text -O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining. -St. Ambrose of Milan (c. 340-397)

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 837

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

# PRAYER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

JimGarnett, Elder

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JimGarnett

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)*

## HYMN 415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

## SCRIPTUREREADINGS

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 201)

Second Lesson: Matthew 22:1-10

Rev. Dr. Will Browne

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 29)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**LITANY OF BLESSING**

Brothers and sisters, each of you has received God’s grace and comfort in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. I ask you to continue your service to God; to those in need in the world God loves; to this congregation; and to those in this community of St Petersburg.

**Will, you also have received God’s grace and comfort. We ask you to serve those to whom God may take you.**

As the Lord Jesus responded to our needs,  
**we are called to be responsive to the needs of others.**

As the Lord Jesus, in love and friendship,  
took on the burdens of the world,  
**we, in the name of Jesus, are to lift others’ burdens.**

As the Lord Jesus patiently listens to us,  
**we should patiently listen to others’ stories, others’ wisdom, others’ joy and faith, and others’ need.**

As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated us from God,

**we are to heal divisions by the power of God’s mercy and strive to make people whole.**

As the Spirit of Christ has given us gifts for service,  
**we are to serve others, in word and deed, as best we can.**

As the Lord Jesus has given his care to First Presbyterian Church in St Petersburg,

**We, as a congregation, are to grow as a caring community being the love and grace of God for others.**

Go in peace.

**To God be the glory. Amen.**

# RESPONSE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Order My Steps (in Your Word)" arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir (b. 1942)

Text - Order my steps in your word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me everyday. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will; while you are working, help me be still. Though Satan is busy, God is real! I want to walk worthy, Lord, my calling to fulfill. I'll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but you are still the same. I'll praise your name. Order my steps in your word; order my tongue in your word; guide my feet in your word; wash my heart, O Lord, in your word. Show me how to walk in your word; show me how to talk in your word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your word!--Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)

## \*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.*

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN 542

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"  
GOD BE WITH YOU

### \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Valet will ich dir geben" BWV 736 Johann Sebastian Bach  
(Farewell I gladly bid thee) (1685-1750)

*The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.  
The minister is available at the door as you leave.*

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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 memory of Susan S. Strong by Roy Duttweiler.

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. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

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

### **MEDITATION FOR PRESBYTERIANS**

Meditation, a nurturing of the soul, has a long and treasured history in the Church, nourishing body, mind and spirit; but not so much in the Presbyterian Church, with its emphasis on preaching and teaching (i.e., talking). You are invited to experience meditation and a new small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be October 17 in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (867-4032, or [simsjr@eckerd.edu](mailto:simsjr@eckerd.edu)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

### **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.*

### **“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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Messy church teaches children sound biblical principles in a fun, engaging, messy way! *See insert for more information.*

**DON’T FORGET TO HANG AROUND OR COME BACK TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO REV. DR. WILL BROWNETODAY**

Will's last day with us is today. Immediately following the service, around 12:15p.m., there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Please join us. 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! 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](mailto: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 next service.

### **ECLIPSE GLASSES**

The church family brought so many of the Eclipse Glasses that they filled two boxes to be shipped to Astronomers Without Borders to be used in South America and African 2019 at the next eclipse. It never ceases to amaze me how the FPC family

steps up to help others. Thanks for all your help, Lillian.

### **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](mailto:tonymacc1@verizon.net). Thank you!

### **VASES NEEDED**

The deacons are looking for vases. If you received flowers and still have the vase, please return it to the church. If you have vases that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church and give to one of the deacons. Call Chris Agee at 727-894-1427 to arrange pick up if needed.

### **CANDY DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT**



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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 9

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 3	10:00 AM	Off-site
PW Circle 6	11:00 AM	S-100
Board of Deacons	6:00 PM	S-100
Mission Ministries	6:30 PM	N-121
Fellowship Ministries	7:00 PM	N-120

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Day School Coffee and Conversation	8:30 AM	Day School
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
PW Circle 4	1:30 PM	Off-site

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
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	Off-site
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'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 128	7:00 PM	S-206
Praise Band	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous-Women	7:00 PM	N-121
Worship & Music Ministry	7:15 PM	N-218

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
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'ship Hall

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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
Kids' Night Out	6:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 570	6:30 PM	S-206

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

PW Women's Retreat	10:00 AM	F'ship Hall
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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