



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

October 22, 2017

11:00 a.m.

## Twenty-Ninth 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

“Prelude and Fugue in D”

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

Jack Rain, organ

### WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-7)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands

have formed

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

**INTROIT “Rejoice in God's Saints”**  
*Psalmes*

Ravenscroft's *Whole Booke of*

Chancel Choir

(1621)

Text - Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 722**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Fran Sims

Loving Jesus, compassionate friend and gentle guide, you call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, you beckon us to follow you. Yet we hold back. We question how we know your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do or skills we lack. We look for the grand task, and you give us the common work of loving and caring for those near at hand. We look for recognition, and you want others to see you more. Loving Jesus, gentle friend and compassionate teacher, take us by the hand and lead us into your future, assured of your presence and encouragement. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to enliven our spirits and to encourage our actions for your Kingdom. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fran Sims

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34)

**Friends, believe the Good News: 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.)*

### MOMENT FOR YOUTH

#### HYMN 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANDEL'S STORY

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

Fran Sims

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 710)

Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 19-20

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 306)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON

“Are You Listening?”

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## RESPONSE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir (1957-2003)

Text - Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. African-American Spiritual

\*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. Amen.*

## SENDING

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 69 “Here I Am, Lord” HERE I AM

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service” (based on Don Hustad  
*Beecher*, hymn 761) (1918-2013)

*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 Murray Cross by his family.**

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, 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, Rev. Alice Winters, and 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 31 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.*

### **LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!**

There will be a PW General  
Meeting with Pastor Dawn on  
Monday, November 13, at 10 a.m.  
at Lyn Greene's home, 1222  
Brightwaters Blvd. NE. All women  
are welcome!

### **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, please 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.

### **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 pickup if needed.

### GETTING CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH LIFE APP



Do you want to get to know people at church better and help other church members get connected? If you have a smartphone (iPhone or Android), you can [download the "Church Life" app](#). With this app, you can even access the church directory from your smartphone. If

you have questions or need help activating or using this app, contact Joel Cohen at 813-230-8085.

### CANDY DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

See insert for how you can help make our trunk or treat a success.

### HELP WANTED: VIDEO/SOUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

Please see insert if you are interested.

### PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



You can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You'll never have to write another check! If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office ([bganey@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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 23

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care  
ME&C meeting 7:15 PM N-123

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care  
Pastor Dawn's meet & greet  
at the Palms 3:00 PM 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  
Alcoholics Anonymous-Women 7:00 PM N-121  
Praise Band 7:00 PM Choir Room

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care  
Pastor's Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site  
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 27

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123  
Day Sch. Parent/Teacher conf 8:30 AM Day School  
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care  
Kids' Night Out 6:00 PM Youth Cntr  
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

SPIFFS  
New Hope Christian Fellowship 5:30 PM Offsite  
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-121

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, 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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