



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 29, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Reformation Sunday & All Saints' Day

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (hymn 275) Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46) AND HYMN 275 (verses as indicated)**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its
waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its
tumult.

HYMN 275 (v. 1)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will

help it when the morning dawns.

HYMN 275 (v. 2)

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks
and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the
bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

HYMN 275 (v. 3)

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

HYMN 275 (v. 4)

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

**O Lord Jesus, if we claim the name Christian, we are signs of
your presence. Yet we still hurt people through our pride,
rather than showing the way to the healing waters of your
Spirit. When we are discouraged ourselves, we are unable to
be signs of joy or hope or good news. Forgive us and help us to
be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Schlecht

**The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
(Numbers 14:18a). When we come in true repentance, God, like
the Prodigal's father, comes running to embrace us and welcome
us home. 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.*

ANTHEM

“Psalm 46”
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck
(1930-1987)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Susan Schlecht

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 776)

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 274)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Keeping the Faith”

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

HYMN 730

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GRAND ISLE

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

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

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Find Us Faithful” arr. Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir (b. 1941)

Text - We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone before us line the way. Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race not only for the prize; but as those who've gone before us; let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives. Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey. Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone, and our children sift through all we've left behind, may the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey. Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.”
- Jon Mohr

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 326 “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Don Hustad
(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.*

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 loving memory of Ernst Duttweiler, by his nephew 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, 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, Col. Dick Newton, 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).

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). 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 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.

YEAR-END GIVING

As the year end approaches, the Finance Committee invites you to consider finalizing your annual giving with a special donation to the operation and/or designated music or mission work of your

church. If you have stocks held in a taxable account that have made significant gains, you can direct your Financial Advisor or financial institution to transfer these equities directly to FPC, gaining the full-value deduction for charitable giving while also avoiding having to pay capital gains taxes on the increase. For non-taxable accounts, you may wish to consider making a charitable donation to FPC to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Please contact Carole Igney, cigney@fpc-stpete.org, and your financial institution for details before mid-December since the process may take several days to finalize.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you to those of you who have already returned your filled box and to the rest don't forget to get it in. Let's let our youth see our faith at work through these filled boxes.

CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY!



We have scheduled the annual church-wide work day for Saturday,

November 4, from 8 a.m. - noon. We've ordered mulch and sharpened a few tools. Now all we need are a few willing bodies to help us complete this task. We definitely need some strong backs to help distribute the mulch. We have other chores also. See *insert*.

HALLOWEEN CONCERTS

Local chapters of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will be presenting their annual Halloween concerts today and tomorrow. The Hallo-Scream concert of the Tampa AGO Chapter is today at 4 p.m. at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church, 2902 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa. The St. Petersburg AGO Chapter presents its Phantom Pipe Screams tomorrow, October 30th, at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 467 1st Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Our own Jack Rain will be performing at both concerts. Come and enjoy a time of "spooktacular" music.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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
Trunk or Treat 5:00 PM Parking lot
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Stated Session meeting 7:00 PM N-123

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Day School costume parade 8:45 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Faith Dev. Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123
Church Staff Meeting 1:30 PM N-218
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206
Meditation for Presbyterians 7:00 PM Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Day
Mothers of Preschoolers 9:00 AM F'shp Hall
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'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 128 7:00 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous-Women 7:00 PM N-121
Nominating Committee 7:00 PM N-123
Praise Band 7:00 PM Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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'shp Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Chancel Choir Retreat 6:30 PM Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SPIFFS
Chancel Choir Retreat 9:00 AM Choir Room
Beats by the Bay Concert
Day School Parking 2:00 PM Parking Lot
Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM F'shp Hall
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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