



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 5, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Thirty-first 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.

PREPARATION

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

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

PRELUDE

“Communion”

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119:33, 103, 105, 135)

The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

God's word is sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey.

Teach us, O God, your holy way, for it is life to us.

Accept our offerings of praise, O God. The earth is full of your steadfast love. Teach us your statutes. Amen.

INTROIT

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” arr. Betty Pulkingham
Chancel Choir (b. 1928)

Text -Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load.
- Richard Gillard

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 761**

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

BEECHER

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

Holy God, we come before you in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We are sinners in need of rescue and transformation.

Compassionate Jesus, we give thanks that you came to rescue sinners and bring new life in every moment of every day. Help us to recognize the opportunities we have to love you and to love one another as you have loved us. Wash us anew in the waters of your grace, as we cling to your claim on us. Give us strength and courage to follow and serve in your name in every season of life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Schlecht

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:10-12) Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 1 (read responsively)
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 602)

Susan Schlecht

Second Lesson: Luke 2:22-40
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 71)

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Resilient People Finish Strong"

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

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.

It is indeed right . . . in song forevermore.

HYMN 552

"Holy, Holy Holy"

LAND OF REST

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(You are invited to serve your neighbor the bread saying: "The body of Christ: the bread of heaven." And for the cup: "The blood of Christ: the cup of salvation.")

Please partake of the elements as you receive them.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(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.**

RESPONSE

PRESENTING OUT GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps!"

arr. André Thomas

Chancel Choir

(b. 1952)

Text - Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over. —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.

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M

GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sortie" (fughetta)

Théodore Dubois

*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

NOVEMBER PRAYER

Giver of all Good Gifts, in this season of gratitude we have much for which to be thankful. Topping the list is the gift of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, who is making all things new. We thank you for this exciting new chapter in the life of your church at First Presbyterian in St. Petersburg, and we look forward to the new thing you are doing in and through us! Made in your image, you have gifted us with the ministry of reconciliation and the gift of speech. Help us to listen for your Word before using our words. Jesus, patient teacher, faithful friend, make us mindful of the many opportunities you place before us each day to build bridges and speak your life into the darkness using words of kindness, glances of compassion, a gentle touch, a lending hand, or a listening ear. Following in your footsteps, may we seek to serve rather than to be served. Thank you for the privilege and joy of helping to build your Kingdom. In the precious and powerful name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary
glory of God in thanks for a
by Mr. & Mrs. John Ogden.



today were given to the
weakened hurricane Irma

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 November 14 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?

November 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. 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.

"FINDING I AM"

HOW JESUS FULLY SATISFIES THE CRY OF YOUR HEART

Ladies, you are invited to a new 6-week Bible Study. Join us as we prepare for Advent. Author Lysa TerKeurst will take us to the streets of Israel to explore the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Join us either on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. November 7 to December 12, 2017. A light supper will be served. Everyone is welcome. No previous Bible study experience is required. Workbooks will be available for \$20. Free childcare is available by reservation - e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for all 6 weeks or let childcare know if you are unable to come for

specific dates). Questions? April Hussung: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com or Marie Huber: 515-8355 or mariethuber@aol.com

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
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, NOVEMBER 6

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
 PW Coordinating Team 9:30 AM S-100
 Stephen Ministers 5:00 PM S-100
 PCAT 6:00 PM N-121
 Faith & Fiction 7:30 PM N-123

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Day School Open House 9:00 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
 Church Staff Meeting 1:30 PM N-218
 Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206
 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
 CE Meeting 7:00 PM N-123
 Day School Open House 7:00 PM Day School

~~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

Stacey Erlenwein-Ramírez, Director of Child Care ♦ Jessica Rentschlar, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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
 Chancel Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room
 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 F'ship Hall
 Worship & Music meeting 7:15 AM N-218

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
 Pastor's Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site
 Sanctuary Guild 1:00 PM S-100
 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
 Rehearsal for Concert 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY

Ribfest-FFIM parking
 Rehearsal for Concert 9:00 AM Choir Room

New Hope Christian

Fellowship 5:30 PM Offsite
 AL-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-121