



First Presbyterian Church

A Synodical Ministry Congregation

November 12, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

“Air”

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32:1-7; 11)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***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 445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Fran Sims

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 24)

Second Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 60)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God's Resilient People Forgive" 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

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Tom Fettke
(b. 1941)

Chancel Choir

Text - When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia! -- Tom Fettke

*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 298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fughetta and Finale on *Abbott's Leigh*"
(hymn 298)

Austin C. Lovelace
(1919-2010)

*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 power-ful name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary
glory of God and in loving
Linda Michelle by Linda Rhyne.



today were given to the
memory of my daughter

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, Julie 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you're interested in joining FPC, mark your calendar for November 19. All are welcomed! *See insert for all details.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

FPC Wednesday Night Live children programs and dinners are every Wednesday evening. Come share in food and fellowship with your church family and learn more about opportunities to serve the Lord at FPC. *See insert.*

PW GENERAL MEETING TOMORROW

Don't forget the PW General Meeting with Pastor Dawn tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Lyn Greene's home, 1222 Brightwaters Blvd. NE. All women are welcome!

THANK YOU, DICK & SUSAN LUEHRS

The stands for the headphones, pillows and nametags are a nice touch in the sanctuary.

BUS DRIVER NEEDED

We are in need of an additional driver to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. We would love to have 4 or 5 drivers so that one person is not always missing service to drive the bus, but for right now we will take one. If you are 69 years old or less and have a good driving record and would like to help with this valuable ministry, please contact Blanche in the office at 822-2031 or bganey@fpc-stpete.org.

HONDURAS NEW HOPE CLINIC MISSION TRIP 2018

The dates for the 2018 Mission trip are June 10-17. Informational meeting will be Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. in room N123. Come and learn more about the trip and how you can be a part of this life-changing experience. For more information, contact: **Jamie Brownlee** at hbrownlee814@yahoo.com Or **Susan Schlecht** at 727-735-5332, schlecht21975@gmail.com

GOOD JOB!

On behalf of the church, thank you for taking your precious Saturday morning to help keep our church grounds beautiful. Last Saturday, 19 folks worked together pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and spreading two pallets of mulch. We have been blessed with a beautiful facility and landscape, and I'm sure that you agree that being a good steward of that blessing is important. Grace and peace, **Diedra**.

DINING WITH DAWN

For those of you who signed up for lunch today with the pastor, don't forget to make your way to the Youth Center after the 11:00 a.m. service.

REFORMATION CONCERT TODAY

Please come back for the concert today at 4:00 p.m. featuring the Concordia Vocal Ensemble and orchestra. We know you will enjoy these great musicians and singers.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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
Dining with Dawn	12:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Reformation Concert	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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
PW Circle 4	1:30 PM	Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 439	6:30 PM	S-206

Beth Moore Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Finance Committee	6:30 PM	N-218
Meditation for Presbyterians	7:00 PM	Chapel
Property Committee	7:00 PM	N-123
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
MOPS	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
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
Praise Band	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

DS Elem School Expo	8:45 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Pastor's Lunch Bunch at Gigi's	12:00 PM	Off-site
Dining with Dawn	6:00 PM	N-123
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
PW Circle 5	7:30 PM	Off-site

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	F'ship 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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