



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

November 19, 2017

11:00 a.m.

## Thirty-third 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 for Thanksgiving” (on a theme by Kremser) William C. Steere

(hymn 336)

(1880-1960)

Jack Rain, organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We dwell in a land that God has loaned to us. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**We come with gladness to worship God. We enter God's presence with joyous singing.**

The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

**God has made us, and we belong to God. We are the sheep of his pasture.**

The God of peace greets us in this time of worship. Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.



# 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 644** "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7  
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 242)

Mary Linda Armacost

Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21  
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 90)

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

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

**SERMON** "From Greed to Thanksgiving" 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

**MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY**

Sandi Averitt

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Inscription of Hope"  
Chancel Choir

Z. Randall Stroope  
(b. 1953)

Text - I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there. And I believe in God even when he is silent; I believe through any trial there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter, to know

someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child, I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while. May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness. May there someday be love. May there someday be peace. --An inscription on cellar walls in Cologne, Germany (with additional text by the composer).

**\*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 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Toccata on St. George's, Windsor"  
(hymn 367)

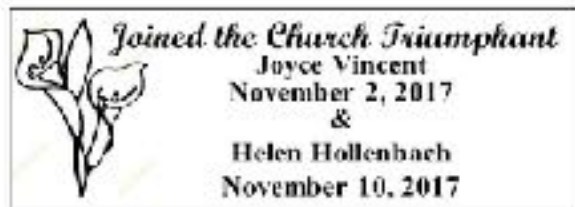
Sondra K. Tucker  
(b. 1957)

*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

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.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Taffey Lichter and Gail Michael on the death of their sister-in-law, Sue McCutcheon, in Columbia, South Carolina, on November 9, 2017.

### 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, 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, Kathie Mayhall, 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

### THE REV. DR. DAWN CONTI'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay invites you to the worship service celebrating the installation of Pastor Dawn on Sunday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m. here at the church. We are looking for a few people to donate homemade goodies for the reception that will be held immediately following the service. Please call or email Rue Ann Porter to let her know you will donate baked goods, 244-1977 or [Rueannporter@gmail.com](mailto:Rueannporter@gmail.com).

## MEDITATION FOR PRESBYTERIANS

You are invited to experience meditation and a new small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be November 28 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.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you're interested in joining FPC or learning more about the church, come join the pastor and others today after the 9 & 11:00 services to learn more about the process. All are welcomed! *See insert for all details.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:hbrownlee814@yahoo.com) or **Susan Schlecht** at 727-735-5332, [schlecht21975@gmail.com](mailto:schlecht21975@gmail.com)

## DINING WITH DAWN

The next scheduled "Dining with Dawn" is Sunday, November 26, in the youth center. If you signed up for this one, please make note.

## OUTSTANDING CONCERT,

## **MATT CAINE**

Last Sunday's Reformation Concert was a resounding success with over 500 people in attendance. The instrumentalists and singers performed superbly, and it was apparent that Matt had invested many hours of rehearsal and planning in the concert. We look forward to our next concert, the Many Moods of Christmas, on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **DON'T FORGET THE ST. PETE FREE CLINIC**

Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the bin or basket to be given to the free clinic. Families need to eat even after Thanksgiving.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**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  
 New Member Info Session 10:00 AM F'ship Hall  
 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  
 New Member Info Session 12:00 PM Sanctuary  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Kids' Fun Day 9:00 AM Child Care  
 PW Circle 3 10:00 AM Chapel  
 Stephen Minister meeting 5:00 PM S-100  
 ME&C meeting 7:15 PM N-123

PW Circle 9

7:30 PM Off-site

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

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  
 Chancel Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM Choir room  
 Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206  
 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr  
 Women's Bible Study-BSF 6:55 PM F'ship Hall  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Kids' Fun Day 9:00 AM Child Care  
 Girl Scout Troop 128 7:00 PM S-206  
 Alcoholics Anonymous-Women 7:00 PM N-121

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
 Church Office Closed

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Church Office Closed  
 Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123  
 Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**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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