



First Presbyterian Church

A Shepherd Ministry Congregation

November 26, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (hymn 802)

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24:1-5; 10)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and all who live in it.

For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

***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 694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Romans 15:25-29

Barry Dingman

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 200)

Second Lesson: Ezra 3:3-7; Nehemiah 10:35-39

Rev. Dr. Dawn

Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, pages 523, 544)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "It's Getting Close to *That* Time Again"

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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

Jamie Brownlee

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Eternal King”

Jane M. Marshall

Chancel Choir

(b. 1924)

Text - My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; solely because thou art my God, and my eternal king.
—anonymous (17th century)

*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 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Le Christ-Roi” (Christ the King)

Dom Paul Benoit
(1893-1979)

A Prayer Minister, wearing a white stole, will be available for private and confidential prayer following the service.

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 honor of my**

If you would like to memorialize or chancel flowers, please fill out a in the church pew. Enclose your memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.



**today were given to the
beautiful wife.**

honor a loved one with green envelope available donation of \$45 with the

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).

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 e-mail Rue Ann Porter at 244-1977 or Rueannporter@gmail.com to let her know you will donate baked goods.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS

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). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE

As you begin writing your Christmas cards this season, please consider bringing a card for the Pastor's Christmas tree and enclosing a donation for the Pastor's Assistance Fund. The Pastor's Assistance Fund provides confidential financial support throughout the year to members of our congregation and others recommended by local social services to pay for utility bills, medical needs, shelter, and other necessities. Each Sunday in December, members of the Mission Ministry will be available at the Christmas trees located in the back of the fellowship hall and sanctuary following the 9:00 and 11:00 services, respectively, to take your donations and hang your cards. They will also provide you with a card if you need one.

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 or schlecht21975@gmail.com

DINING WITH DAWN

The next scheduled "Dining with Dawn" is today, in the youth center following the 11:00 service. If you signed up for this one, please make your way over after service.

HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES with a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary, chapel, and/or fellowship hall for the Christmas season. You may fill out a green flowers envelope, available in the pew rack, or use your own envelope. Be sure to designate the individual to be honored or memorialized on the outside of the envelope. An insert listing the names of those honored or remembered will be compiled for inclusion in the bulletin. Also, please remember that you may take "your" poinsettia with you after the service you attend on December 25th.

ST. PETE FREE CLINIC

There is never a greater need for donations of food than at the holiday season. This year has become especially important since the need is greater than ever. First Presbyterian has food collection bins in fellowship hall and the main sanctuary (under the north steps to the balcony). The St. Petersburg Free Clinic picks up the donations and distributes the food to those in need and other charitable organizations.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Parents Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Stated Session Meeting 7:00 PM N-123

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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
Women's Bible Study-BSF 6:55 PM F'ship Hall
Meditation For Presbyterians 7:00 PM Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Hanging of the Greens &
Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM F'ship Hall
Chancel Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room
Joint Committees meeting 7:00 PM N-123
Praise Band 7:00 PM F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 128 7:00 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous-Women 7:00 PM N-121

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
PW Bible Leaders 10:30 AM S-100
Pastor's Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site
Men's Community Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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, DECEMBER 2

Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM Child Care
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

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

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