



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 7, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday 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 the Lord 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

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, hymn 827) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Jack Rain, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen among us.

We are awake, we are alive! Praise God for deliverance and blessings!

Lift up your eyes to see all around you. Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

May justice water the earth like a shower; let righteousness and peace abound.

Receive again the promises of the gospel. Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

God's ways are being revealed to us today. Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.

INTROIT

**“Sing of God Made Manifest”
Chancel Choir**

arr. J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Text - Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold, grave and God and king foretold.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 147**

“The First Nowell”

FIRST NOWELL

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder, Roy W. Duttweiler

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us and then look down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own. We judge the poor and join the oppressors, while you call on us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. We imagine that we alone are faithful stewards of your grace, while you welcome, as fellow saints with us, many whom we ignore. Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to yourself. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Roy W. Duttweiler

God will judge us with righteousness and deliver us from the oppressive greed to which we have succumbed. The showers of God's blessings will fall on us like rain on new-mown grass. Peace will abound in the hearts of those who give help to the poor and needy. God commissions us, as fellow heirs with Christ, to fulfill the

mission given to the saints. 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.*

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 150**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 844)

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Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 2)

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

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

SERMON

“Love That Changed the World” 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.

Holy God . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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 OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” from arr. Robert Shaw

The Many Moods of Christmas, Suite I and Robert Russell Bennett

Chancel Choir

Text - Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice. Give ye heed to what we say (news!): Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. In dulci jubilo (in sweet rejoicing), now sing we all IO, He my love, my wonder, lieth in praesepio (in a manger). Like any sunbeam yonder, matris in gremio (on his mother’s lap); Alpha es et O! (He is Alpha and Omega)

***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 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”** KINGS OF ORIENT

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How Johann Pachelbel
Brightly Shines the Morning Star, hymn 827) (1653-1706)

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

FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A digital copy of each Sunday’s 11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements can be found on our website: www.fpc-stpete.org. Choose Sunday Bulletins on the left side of the web page. Also online: our Calendar of Events is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed from our website’s EVENTS tab at the top of the page.

JANUARY PRAYER

Light of the minds that know you, strength of those who serve you, wisdom of those who seek after you; shine into the dark places of this world and cast your light into the shadows of our lives. Awaken us to the needs of those who carry heavy burdens; those who do not know where to turn; those with broken hearts and fearful secrets. Give them peace. Save us from denial, or pretending not to see. Give us the grace to share one another's burdens. We pray for people who are celebrating today; those who are welcoming good news or new possibilities. Give us the grace to share one another's joy. Awaken us to the needs of those who do not have enough to eat; those who have enough to spare, but lack companions with whom to share it. Give us the grace to share what we have with one another. Awaken us to the anguish of those whose lives have been forever altered by loss; those who are ill or dying; those who are bereaved. Give them peace. And give us the grace to share one another's grief. Awaken us to your wisdom and to your desire for the world. Give leaders

in our churches and communities the wisdom and courage to follow your ways and embody the renewal and redemption we know in Christ. Give us all the grace to speak and act with honesty, wisdom, and love.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to honor or memorialize 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, Dwight Holshouser, Jean Howie, David and Barbara Hubbell, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Tom Lippert, Ilda

Hall Littell, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Kathie Mayhall, Nancy McLaughlin, M.D. Miller, Tamara Murphy, Col. Dick Newton, Janet Poling, Bob Reed, Joy Russak, Marge Siebert, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Philip Ware, and Rev. Alice Winters.

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).

DINING WITH DAWN

The next scheduled “Dining with Dawn” is today, in the youth center at 12:30 p.m. If you signed up for this time slot, please make your way to the youth center after church.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS

You are invited to experience meditation and a new small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be January 9 in the chapel from 7:00

to 8:00 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Looking for a few volunteers to work with our children on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings. No teaching experience is needed, just the love for our FPC children. This would be on a rotating schedule, so you would not have to make a commitment on every Sunday or Wednesday! If you are interested, please contact Carol Riley at 828-3974 or e-mail criley@fpc-stpete.org. Remember, without your help we have no Sunday school program for our children.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN

Many of you contribute with checks and have opted out of envelopes. This is another savings for the church. However, the 2018 giving envelopes are in the sanctuary to be retrieved. Please look for your

envelopes today.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY! “QUEST” AN EXCURSION WITH INTIMACY TOWARD GOD

For 6 weeks we will seek a deeper intimacy with God as we ask and discuss questions of faith. We'll also foster a sojourner mentality as we understand that we are only passing through this world. Join us either on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center (a light supper will be served) January 16th - February 20, 2018. Everyone is welcome - no previous Bible study experience is required. The Quest - Study Journal will be available for \$20. Free childcare is available by reservation - email 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). Any questions call **April Hussung**: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com or **Marie**

Huber: 515-8355 or
mariethuber@aol.com

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Officer Trng Makeup Session	8:30 AM	Youth Cntr
PW Circle 3	10:00 AM	Off-site
PW Circle 6	10:00 AM	S-100
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, JANUARY 9

Parents' Morning Out PMO	9:00 AM	Child Care
Faith Development Bible Study	9:30 AM	N-123
Church Staff Meeting	1:30 PM	N-218
PW Circle 4	4:30 PM	Off-site

Girl Scout Troop 439	6:30 PM	S-206
Property Committee	7:00 PM	N-123
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Parents' Morning Out PMO	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Circle 12	11:30 AM	Off-site
Chancel Bell Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 128	7:00 PM	S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous for Women	7:00 PM	N-121
Praise Band	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Worship & Music Committee	7:15 PM	N-218

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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
Men's Community Bible Study	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Women's Bible Study-BSF	6:55 PM	F'ship Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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, JANUARY 13

Officer Training	9:00 AM	Youth Cntr
Kids' Night Out	5:00 PM	F'ship Hall
New Hope Christian Fellowship	5:30 PM	Offsite
All-App Family Group	7:00 PM	N-121

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Interim Choir Director ♦ Jack Rain, Organist

Susan Key, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦ Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator
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