



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 21, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

"Prelude and Fugue in B-flat" BWV 560 Johann Sebastian Bach
Jack Rain, organ (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the Glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator. Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.

From the sun's rising to its setting, the creation speaks. Day and night, earth's creatures announce God's works.

The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes. God's law is perfect, calling forth our best.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.

INTROIT **"O for a Closer Walk with God"** Scottish Psalter
Chancel Choir

Text - The dearest idol I have known, what e'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee." -- William Cowper (1769)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 415**

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robin Lyle, Elder

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit your current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Robin Lyle

When our prayers become more than pious words; when, in awe before God, we truly seek forgiveness; the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. We are healed, strengthened, and set free from our slavery to sin. In steadfast love, God claims us, saying: You are my people. Dare to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

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.*

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 25

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

WINCHESTER OLD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Robin Lyle

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 82)

Second Lesson: John 2:13-22

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 113)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Day in the Temple"

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

“Order My Steps ”

G. Burleigh

Chancel Choir

Text - Order my steps in your word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your word, please, order my steps in your word. Humbly, I ask thee, teach me your will, while you are working, help me be still. Tho’ Satan is busy, but my God is real! Order my steps in your word, please, order my steps in your word! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I’ll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but you are still the same. If you order my steps, I’ll praise your name. Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word; guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word. Show me how to talk in your Word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your word.

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G” BWV 576

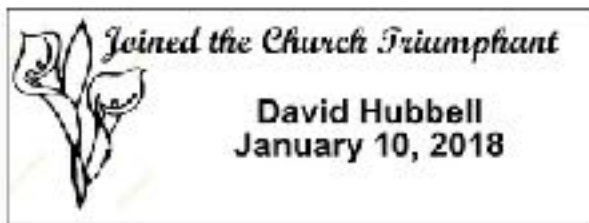
Johann Sebastian Bach

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FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 this month; 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

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory and for the celebration of the life of Marge Siebert by the Westminster Class.

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, Nancy Grandoff, Martha Ann Haile, Jean Hallock, Dave Herzik, Claire Hoel, Hilman Holifield, Dwight Holshouser, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Tom Lippert, Ilda Hall Littell, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauer, Nancy McLaughlin, M.D. Miller, Tamara Murphy, Col. Dick Newton, Janet Poling, Bob Reed, Joy Russak, Jean Schultz, 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 at 12:30 p.m. in the youth center. If you signed up for this time slot, please make your way to the youth center after the 11:00 service.

LAST CALL FOR DINING

The Dining with Dawn program is drawing to a close but there is still time to sign-up and participate. The final, available date is Sunday, February 4th. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know Pastor Dawn and help her get to know you. You never know, maybe you'll make

other great connections in the process. The sign-up sheet will be available at the tables at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services or you can call the office at 822-2031.

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 23 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.

MISSION COMMITTEE BROCHURE

Would you like to know which agencies and ministries *your pledges and offerings* supported in 2017? Find one of our new, updated brochures on the guest kiosk or the office.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY!

“QUEST” AN EXCURSION WITH INTIMACY TOWARD GOD

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. The Quest - Study Journal 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 Any questions, call **April Hussung**: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com; or **Marie Huber**: 515-8355 or mariethuber@aol.com.

HEALTH FOR HONDURAS SILENT AUCTION

Please join us February 17 for wine, food and fun to benefit the New Hope Clinic. *See insert for additional information.*

WELCOME TO FPC

We welcome to our church staff both Darrell Brandimore, Interim Praise Band Leader, and Matt Clear, Interim Choir Director. We are thankful to have you and look forward to your leadership during this transition.

JEWISH JAZZ II CONCERT

The talented duo, pianist, Daniel Webster and clarinetist, Steve Loew will perform an arrangement of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue along with some great works by Harold Arlen, Benny Goodman, Simon Sargon, plus songs from the Yiddish Theater, Sunday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Tickets are \$13.50 in advance for members and \$20 for everyone at the door.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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, JANUARY 22

Officer Trng Makeup Session 8:30 AM Office
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Stated Session Meeting 7:00 PM N-123

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Day School Open House 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM Youth Cntr
Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123
Church Staff Meeting 1:30 PM N-218

Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206
Day School Open House 7:00 PM F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Chancel Bell Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room
Girl Scout Troop 128 7:00 PM S-206
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'ship Hall
Property Committee 7:00 PM N-123
Alcoholics Anonymous for
Women 7:00 PM N-121

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
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 26

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM Child Care
Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site
St. Pete Free Clinic Event 2:00 PM F'ship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Officer Training 9:00 AM Youth Cntr
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 Clear, Interim Choir Director ♦ Darrell Brandimore, Interim Praise
Band Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ Susan Key, Parish Associate ♦ Ashley Davis, Day School Director ♦
Carol Riley, Children's Ministry Coordinator Stacey Ramirez, Director of Child Care ♦ Jessica
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