



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 4, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 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

“Andante cantabile” from *Symphonie IV*

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

Jack Rain, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have we gathered on this holy day? What has drawn us to this time and place?

We have been drawn to a flame burning here. We sense the glory of God in this place.

God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Give thanks to God: sing praises. Give attention to the voice of God.

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

We will listen for God’s message to us. Surely God’s strength will supply our needs.

INTROIT

**“Over My Head”
Chancel Choir**

arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.
(b. 1969)

Text - Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere. Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 331**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Linda Armacost, Elder

O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mary Linda Armacost

God is ever willing to grant us forgiveness, but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. As long as we focus on preserving our own lives, protecting our advantages, we will be lost. If we want to be Christ’s followers, we will deny ourselves and take up the cross, not as a burden, but as the joyous symbol of loving and giving for all the right reasons. We will overcome evil with good. 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.*

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 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26

Mary Linda Armacost

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 683)

Second Lesson: Exodus 3:10-15

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 62)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Great I AM"

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

"All That I Am"
Chancel Choir

William Grant Still
(1895-1978)

Text - All that I am, all I ever can be I owe to You, Lord, for You have molded me. All that I have, all that I call mine I owe to You, Lord, for all things are Thine. You are the source of light: Light that's offered all men. In Your wisdom You give to each his due. You are the source of love: Love that binds in brotherhood. In Your love and mercy I find lasting peace. All that I love, all that's dear to me, All of my blessings come, my Lord, from Thee. All that I own, all that belongs to me, all I surrender, my Lord, to Thee.

*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 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Symphonie IV*

Charles-Marie Widor

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.



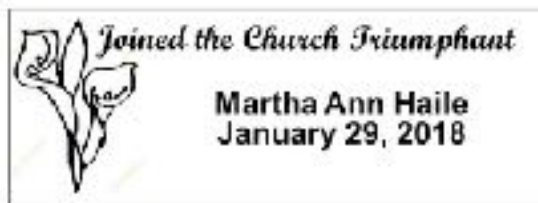
FEBRUARY PRAYER

Lord our God, we thank you that we may be your children and may be led by your hand. Give us patience and faith, especially when our way on earth seems difficult and life is full of grief and hardship. You are light. You show us the right path. You go before us in the self-denial and patience taught us by your Word. Protect us in all our ways. May your kingdom grow among us until it can be plainly seen that you, O God, are truly with us doing your work and bringing us joy, even though what we do seems



fruitless. But your work endures. In your work we rejoice, and we want to give thanks to you every day. Keep us in your Spirit. Surround us with your protection, so that in body and soul we may praise your might and be joyful even in a world full of evil. Shine into our hearts, that we may discern what is right and good and eternal. May you do more than we can ask or understand for those who still walk in darkness far away from

you. May your eternal mercy enfold them, and may the earth be filled with thanks to you, the Creator and Father of us all. We thank you that you lead us on all our paths. Together we praise your name. Amen.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Wedekind by the Thomas C. Wedekind Family.

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, 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 Mauger, 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 a.m. service.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS

You are invited to experience meditation and a new small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be February 6 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.

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP! Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then invite them to worship! FPC business cards are available at the welcome desks with the Sunday worship times printed on the back. Take one and invite someone you know to worship.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are about 21 families who did not retrieve contribution envelopes from the sanctuary. Please contact the office for your envelopes.

2ND ANNUAL VALENTINES LUNCHEON

You (men and women) are invited to the 2nd Annual Valentines Luncheon hosted by Presbyterian Women and the Deacons on February 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Gary Mormino speaking on the history of food in Florida. *See bulletin insert for more information.*

**SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 11:00
A.M.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! We'll have the Kirkin' o' the Tartans and music led by St. Andrews Pipes & Drums. Bring your friends and neighbors.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IS BACK!
Lenten Season Study: February
7-March 21 in the Fellowship
Hall: Supper 5:30-6pm, Study
6-7pm**

When we learn more about our Lord, we learn more about ourselves. Come join in the fellowship, learning, and the joy! It's always better when YOU are there! *See insert for additional information.*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and immediately following there will be our Ash Wednesday Service which includes communion by intinction and the imposition of ashes. Make plans now to attend this meaningful service with your family.

**BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR
SOUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY!!**

The youth will have the Souper Bowl subs ready for pickup today immediately following 9:00 a.m. worship in the Youth Center and after 11:00 a.m. worship outside the sanctuary. They will have extra sandwiches available for \$6.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT FPC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 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
Godly Play	11:00 AM	S-108
Dining with Dawn	12:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Yoga with Adam	3:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
PW Coordinating Team	9:30 AM	S-100
FFIM Board Meeting	10:30 AM	N-123
PCAT	6:00 PM	S-100
Faith & Fiction	7:30 PM	N-123

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 PM	N-121

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Day School Chapel	9:00 AM	F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
Children's Music with Mrs. Carol	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
Praise Band Rehearsal	7:00 PM	F'ship Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous for Women	7:00 PM	N-121

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Parents' Morning Out (PMO)	9:00 AM	Child Care
David Hubbell Memorial Svc	1:00 PM	Sanctuary
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, FEBRUARY 9

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
Girl Scout Troop 570	6:30 PM	S-206

SATURDAY, February 10

Kids' Night Out	5:00 AM	Off-site
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 ♦ Blanche Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Jessica Rentschlar, Youth Ministry Coordinator ♦ Carole Igney, Bookkeeper ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian