



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

June 3, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost 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 "Trentham" from *Two Communion Meditations* Edwin T. Childs

(hymn 286, Breathe on Me, Breath of God) (b. 1945)
Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a time of God's appearing; let us worship! Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

God's ear is inclined toward us. We know that God listens and hears our prayers.

We are here to offer our thanks to God. We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

We are grateful for the grace in which we stand. We praise God with great joy and gladness.

God bears us up on eagles' wings. God draws us into covenant community.

We will listen for God’s commandments. We will seek to do all that God requires.

INTROIT “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Charles H. Gabriel
Chancel Choir (1856-1932)
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free, for his eye is on the
sparrow, and I know he watches me. - Civilla D. Martin

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 732 “Rejoice in God’s Saints”** OLD 104TH

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Susan Schlecht

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Susan Schlecht

God’s favor rests on us. Sincere confession is met with caring acceptance. God hears the prayers of our hearts and grants us peace the world cannot give. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, that we might have access to the grace in which we stand. Lift up the cup of salvation and offer sacrifices of thanksgiving. God has loosed our bonds and freed us to share God’s glory.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 100

Susan Schlecht

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 679)

Second Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, pages 17, 20)

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

SERMON

“Sarah: From Bitterness to Joy” Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

COMMISSIONING OF THE HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Susan Schlecht

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.
thanks

It is right to give our
and praise.

Eternal God . . . of your name:

HYMN 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

“Rain Down”
Chancel Choir

arr. John Carter

Congregants are asked to sing refrain with choir.

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. (see hymn 48)

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God’s works are so worthy of trust. God’s mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God’s love is the earth. (*refrain*)

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God’s wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. (*refrain*)

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life for our thirst. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. (*refrain*)

- Jaime Cortez

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postludium”

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

June 3, 2018

FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JUNE PRAYER

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in honor of Ruth Bafaro, celebrating her 101st birthday, by her niece Karen Kisten.

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: Millie Bradley, Kat Cline, Jean Enders, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Jim Garnett, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Carol Gruszka, Ron Hall, Claire Hoel, Hilman Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Tom Lippert, Dave and Pam

Malone, Barbara Mauger, John and Pat McKibben, M.D. Miller, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Col. Dick Newton, Janet Poling, Bob Reed, 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).

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

Would you like your friends to enjoy the same spiritual nourishment that you receive each Sunday? If so, then why not invite them to worship? FPC business cards are available at the Welcome Desk.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS



See an usher if you need a large print bulletin or hymns. Each week we have large print copies of the bulletin and hymns available at the back of the 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 June 5 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.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FAMILY'S PER CAPITA FEES?

The 2018 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to \$30.98 per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita



assessment by June 30, if possible.

GOOD BYE TO MANY OF YOU FOR THE SUMMER



Remember, you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. You don't have to think about it while you enjoy your travels.

If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW CLEAR!



Matt is now the Director of Traditional Worship Music and the Arts for First Presbyterian Church - St. Petersburg.

2018 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

On June 10, the 22 member Mission Team leaves for Honduras and the New Hope Clinic. This is the 14th year that FPC has sent a team to conduct health screenings and children's activities for communities that are served by the Clinic. It will be the largest group yet and they are expected to screen 1100 adults, interact with 1500 children, give out 2600 health kits and reading glasses, attend two different churches and celebrate the love of Christ with our Brothers and Sisters of this remote, rural and impoverished mountain area.

Following are the names of the participants for the trip this year: **Barbara Brownlee, Beth Houghton, Chris Agee, Don Doddridge, Emma Zuercher, Hannah Rose Wanless, Henry Zuercher, Jamie Brownlee, Jeannie Doddridge, Jessica Rentschlar, Joel Cohen, Jude Singleton, Kyle Brinkman, Larry Kirsch, Lauren Smith, Lynn Kiehne, Pat Collins, Sally Horrell, Sarah Heinen, Stephen Schlecht, Steve West-Fisher, Susan Schlecht.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS

June 25—June 29, 2018



Here is your opportunity to serve the Lord and make a difference in the lives of our youngest disciples! For only five mornings (June 25 - 29) join our team by helping with VBS. You will gain more than you give! If interested email or call **Carol Riley**

(childrensministries@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3974).

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, JUNE 4

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Board of Deacons 5:30 PM S-100
PCAT 6:00 PM N-123

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care

Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM F'shp Hall
Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123
Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206
Meditation For Christians 7:00 PM Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 128 7:00 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous for
Women 7:00 PM N-121

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
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, JUNE 9

New Hope Christian Fellowship 5:30 PM Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-121

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts ♦ Darrell Brandimore, Interim Praise Band Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ Marien Mitchell, Admin Assistant ♦ 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

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