



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

June 17, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day

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### 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

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"  
(hymn 169)

Van Denman Thompson  
(1890-1969)

Jack Rain, organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Put away the things you have substituted for God. Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

**We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator. We know that God is beyond all our false images.**

God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies. Our empty festivals do not impress our God.

**We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith. We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.**

Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment. Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.

**We welcome the light God promises us. We seek to respond with faithful service.**

**INTROIT**

**“Faith of Our Fathers”  
Handbell Choir**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Draw the Welcome Circle Wider” BEACH SPRING  
223rd General Assembly (2018) Commissioned Hymn (See Insert)**

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Fran Sims**

**If sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Fran Sims**

**God brought our spiritual ancestors out of bondage and protected them along their way. We believe God is eager to free us from all that imprisons us. Our days on earth are a trust from God, and we serve God best by investing our time in learning and living God's intentions for us. It is God's will that we live in harmony with one another, that we learn to love all God's children. God**

extends full pardon to us. Praise God for forgiveness and a second chance.

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

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Fran Sims

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with those sitting around you.

## **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 370**

**"This Is My Father's World"**

TERRA BEATA

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Fran Sims

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 169)

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Elizabeth Coleman

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 34)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

**"God's Amazing Church"**

Rev. Elizabeth Coleman

### **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

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Adoramus te, Christe”  
Chancel Choir

W. A. Mozart  
(1756-1791)

Text *translation* - We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, who by Thy Holy Cross hast redeemed the world. Thou, who hast suffered death for us, O Lord, O Lord, have mercy on us.

### \*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 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”  
ASSURANCE

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers” (hymn tune 703) Van Denman Thompson

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## FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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](http://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.

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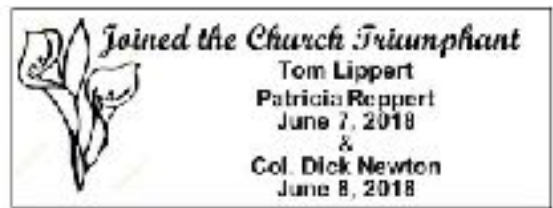
## JUNE PRAYER

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Strengthen them in wisdom, compassion, understanding, and in the joy of your presence. May they be the fathers you've created them to be and do well by their children and by you. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## 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:**  
Millie Bradley, Kat Cline, Roy Duttweiler, Jean Enders, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Jim Garnett, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Claire Hoel, Hilman Holifield, Marjorie Hopf, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, John and Pat McKibben, M.D. Miller, Anne

Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Janet Poling, Bob Reed, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

**REV. ELIZABETH COLEMAN'S BIO**  
Visiting minister **Rev. Elizabeth Coleman**, Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church-USA and member of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, most recently served as Stated Supply Pastor of Lakeview Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg. Rev. Coleman is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, where she earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1999, and the Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling in 2001. She was one of seven seminary students selected to represent Princeton Seminary at the 8th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare,

Zimbabwe. Rev. Coleman was Southeast Regional Organizer with Bread for the World for over 8 years before moving from Atlanta to the Tampa Bay area. Previously, she was an Employment Interviewer with the Alabama State Employment Service for over 19 years. She has also served as an English teacher with Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa. Rev. Coleman has one daughter, Dr. Victoria Hope Coleman-Cowger, a Research Scientist in Baltimore, Maryland, who is married to Graham Cowger. They have three sons.

**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.

### **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 19 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](mailto: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.

**2018 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HONDURAS MISSION TEAM**



Thank you for remembering our mission team in your prayers this past week. They return today and will share their experiences - and blessings - with us, their church family, in the near future. Thank you, **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, e-mail or call Carol Riley ([childrensministries@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childrensministries@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3974).

**HEROES & HEROINES OF THE FAITH**

This summer join us as Pastor Dawn preaches a nine-week series on Heroes & Heroines of the Faith. Invite friends and families to embark on this interesting journey. *See the enclosed insert for details.*



## SUNDAY, JUNE 17

**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  
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

## MONDAY, JUNE 18

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  
PW Circle 10 5:30 PM S-100

## TUESDAY, JUNE 19

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  
Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM S-100

Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM F'ship Hall  
Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM N-218  
Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr  
Finance Committee 6:30 PM N-218  
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room  
Meditation For Christians 7:00 PM Chapel  
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

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 21

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  
Inter-Faith Worship Service 7:00 PM Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, JUNE 22

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 570 6:30 PM S-206

## SATURDAY, JUNE 23

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

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Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti, Pastor ♦ Matt Clear, Interim Choir Director ♦ 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 ♦ Carole Igney, Bookkeeper ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian  
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