



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

June 24, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
(hymn 65)

Don Hustad
(1918-2013)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.
**The deeds of God are beyond our knowing. Yet we catch
glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid. Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled. The needy and the poor are not forgotten.

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together. See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

Surely God will meet us here in our faith community! How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!

***OPENING HYMN 837**

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost

Help us, God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that it is easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mary-Linda Armacost

God has listened to us. In spite of all we have done, God accepts us. This is the day of salvation, when brokenness is mended, problems are seen in a new light, and fierce winds are stilled. God does not forget the cry of the afflicted. God’s affection for us is limited only by our failure to respond. Accept the gift of God’s love, for it is everything we need. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mary-Linda Armacost

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 679

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

SALZBURG

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 9:9-20
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 606)

Mary-Linda Armacost

Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 47)

Rev. Libby Shannon

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Libby Shannon

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Kevin Clark, trumpet

Text - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand; Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises I will ever give 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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace” (chorale improvisation Paul Manz
on *Cwm Rhondda*, hymn 307) (1919-2009)

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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. 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.

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

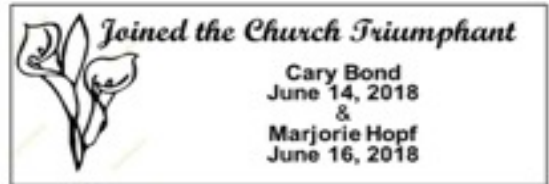


The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of

Don Jones, Mayor of St. Petersburg by Lee & Margaret Scott.

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, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauer, 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).

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families of Col. Dick Newton and Tom Lippert.

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.

Wear a nametag—We would like to get to know you! Nametags are printed upon request and are stored alphabetically in the racks at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Hearing assists are available for use during worship in the sanctuary. If you would like to use

one, please contact an usher, who will help you.

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 July 3 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.

\$30.98
PER
CONFIRMED
MEMBER

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.

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 or 828-3974).

JUST ONE MORE BUS DRIVER NEEDED



We are in need of one additional driver to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Blanche in the office at 822-2031 or bganey@fpc-stpete.org.

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.*

WELCOME HOME TO OUR AMAZING HONDURAS MISSIONS TEAM

Thank you to all who support the missions through prayers, words, thoughts and deeds.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



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. contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
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 25

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM F'ship Hall

Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM S-100
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
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM F'ship Hall l
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 28

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM F'ship Hall
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Gigi's
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

**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 ♦ Carole Igney, Bookkeeper ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian

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