



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

July 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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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      “Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele” BWV 653      J. S. Bach  
                  (Deck Thyself, O dear Soul, hymn 514)      (1685-1750)  
                  Mark Prater, organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, walk with God in these moments of worship. Celebrate God's covenant with us and all humankind.

**Surely God is in this place today. We find refuge and strength as we gather.**

Be still and know that God is God. All our names for God are limited metaphors.

**The Most High lives in us and among us. The whole universe is God's dwelling place.**

All people on earth are God's concern. Those who do the will of God will experience God's realm.

We have come to hear what God would have us do. We seek the courage to do what God intends.

**\*OPENING HYMN 337** “My Country, ’Tis of Thee” (vv. 1 & 4) AMERICA

## PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol Gruszka, Elder

We admit, O God, that we have seldom claimed the full power of the gospel. Rather, we have been ashamed to speak of the good news in various settings of our lives. We join ourselves to the earth’s corruption rather than risking a protest. We battle one another rather than daring to be peacemakers. We give little thought to your laws and fail to teach them to our children. False pride keeps us from complete trust in you. Help us to find release from the limits we place on ourselves. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carol Gruszka

Amid vicious gossip, God is our protection. God is a shelter and refuge, a very present help in trouble. We need not fear the changes all around us, for God is in the midst of them. We are in covenant with the One whose grace is sufficient for all our needs. Jesus Christ draws us into oneness with God. We are justified by faith, and good works will follow.

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

### HYMN 338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Carol Gruszka

## 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 46  
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 636)

Carol Gruszka

Second Lesson: Genesis 6:9-22  
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 6)

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

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

**SERMON**                    “Noah: Don’t Stop Believing”    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 . . . 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

“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin

Susan Hellman-Spatafora, soprano

Text - While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. God bless America, land that I love; stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.

### \*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 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” (vv. 1 & 3)

BATTLE HYMN

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Overture” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

G. F.

Händel

(1685-1759)

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We welcome to the console **Mark Prater**, who is substituting for organist Jack Rain while he is attending the national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Kansas City. Mark retired after 14 years as Director of Music/ Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Brandon, having previously served at Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic churches. He is a graduate of the

University of Memphis and is also sub-dean of the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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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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## **JULY PRAYER**

God of all people, you alone are good and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This month as we remember the 56 delegates of the First Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776, we give thanks for the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. We lift to you all those who protect that freedom including those who serve in the armed forces, police officers, and our nation's leaders. We pray for our president, members of congress, governors, judges and all in positions of authority. We also lift to you those who live in different circumstances than our own where war, oppression, discrimination and injustice dominate and your people suffer. Comfort and relieve them, O

Lord, and show us each how we can be a blessing to our brothers and sisters around the world. As we remember the freedom we enjoy as Americans, perhaps there

is no better time than to give thanks and celebrate the ultimate freedom we have received through the grace of Jesus Christ and to share that gift with others. As Romans 8:1-2 puts it, "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit has set us free from the law of sin and death." Help us to claim the freedom found in the gift of forgiveness for ourselves and to pass that freedom found in forgiveness on to each other. All this we ask in the name of above all names, your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**



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

**Mary Aucremann by her 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:**

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, Walter Huber, 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)).

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the families of Cary Bond and Marjorie Hopf.

### **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.

**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.

### **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](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.

### 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](mailto: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. *See the enclosed insert for details.*

### 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

### TRADITIONAL SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

While Matt Clear is away studying this summer we are blessed to have some talented musicians sharing their gifts with us to the glory of God. Matt has arranged and scheduled a different musician each week. Welcome today Mark Prater and Susan Hellman- Spatafora!

## SUNDAY, JULY 1

**Contemporary Worship Hall** 9:00 AM F'ship  
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 S-103  
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, JULY 2

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  
PCAT 6:00 PM S-100  
Session Meeting 7:00 PM N-123

## TUESDAY, JULY 3

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'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  
Meditation For Christians 7:00 PM Chapel  
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

4<sup>th</sup> of July - Church office closed  
Alcoholics Anonymous for Women 7:00 PM N-121

## THURSDAY, JULY 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

## FRIDAY, JULY 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  
Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Gigi's  
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206  
Youth Lock-in 8:00 PM Youth Cntr

## SATURDAY, JULY 7

Youth Lock-in 8:00 AM Youth Cntr  
**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, 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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