



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Seventh 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

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Mark Prater, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.

We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today.

***OPENING HYMN 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” ASSURANCE**

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynne Mormino, Deacon

We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day—your day. Help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lynne Mormino

God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God’s commands. Live as children of light. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lynne Mormino

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 825 “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” SWING LOW

SPECIAL MUSIC “A City Called Heaven”arr. Josephine Poelintz
The Alumni Singers
Janice Hogans, director; Dorthy Jenkins, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19 Lynne Mormino
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 694)

Second Lesson: Judges 4:1-16a Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 273)

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

SERMON

“Deborah: Courageous, Capable Woman of God” Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

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 “Soon-ah Will Be Done” William L. Dawson
The Alumni Singers

Soon ah will be done a-with the troubles of the world, troubles of the world, troubles of the world. Soon ah will be done a-with the troubles of the world. Goin' home to live with God. No more weeping and a-wailing, no more weeping and a-wailing, no more weeping and a-wailing. I'm goin' to live with God. I want t' meet my mother, I want t' meet my mother, I want t' meet my mother. I'm goin' to live with God. I want t' meet my Jesus, I want t' meet my Jesus, I want t' meet my Jesus. I'm goin' to live with God.

***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 339** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress” Helmut Walcha
(1907-1991)

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. 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.

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 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 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

Robert Aucremann by his 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 McCammon, 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).

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 17 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.

ST. PETE FREE CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

St. Petersburg Free Clinic is in need of volunteers! Its new Client Choice Pantry has opened and is already very popular. More volunteers are needed in all roles. *See insert for additional information.*

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.*

SHARING SPACE FOR WORSHIP AND WORK

Perhaps you know that the American Baptist Beatitudes Church building, located on Eighth Street N, has been sold to a developer. Sadly, this 50 member congregation has declared bankruptcy. The Beatitudes Church also provided worship space for the 30 member Redeeming Church. Now both congregations are in need of a

place for ministry. *See insert for additional information.*

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 The Alumni Singers!

BOOKKEEPER, CAROLE IGNEY, RETIRING



There will be a reception Sunday July 15 immediately following the 11:00 service to allow folks to say good bye to Carole. The reception will be right out front of the sanctuary.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 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 9

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

TUESDAY, JULY 10

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
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

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
Alcoholics Anonymous for Women 7:00 PM N-121
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'ship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 12

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 13

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

SATURDAY, JULY 14

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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