



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 22, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Favorite Hymn Sunday Ninth 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

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Diane Bish
(b. 1941)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen and hear, all you people of the book! There is one God who created all time and space.

Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth. All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

You shall love God with all your heart and soul. You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

We will praise God as long as we live. We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

A second commandment is like the first: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

God watches over strangers and widows and orphans. We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.

***OPENING HYMN 667**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION HYMN 465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (v. 1)

CONVERSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

We have not kept faith with you, righteous God. There are so many distractions that occupy our time! There are so many groups to claim our loyalty. There are so many activities that bid for our attention. Even the church involves us in busyness that keeps us from matters of greater importance. In these moments, we seek to know you and to be known by you, that in an honest exchange our relationship with you and with the people around us might be strengthened. In your name, and joining with you, we seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and healing for all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Schlecht

We can count on God's active presence when all other hope is gone. Let us respond in gratitude to the One who deals kindly with us and whose will for us is love and joy and peace. Happy are those whose help and whose hope is in the one true God, who reigns for all generations and beyond time.

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Brant Adams

Kevin Clark, trumpet

*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 625

“How Great Thou Art” (vv. 1, 2, 3)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Mighty Fortress
Pachelbel

Johann

Is Our God, hymn 275)

(1653-1706)

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 as warm welcome to the Church of the

Beatitudes and Redeeming Church from First Presbyterian Church, by Phoebe Beath Catlin.

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, Ward Flora, 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, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, 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 31 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.*

OPERATION ATTACK CLOTHING BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE



Operation Attack is a multi-congregational ministry located in St. Petersburg's Southside, under the stewardship of the Lakeview Presbyterian Church. OA's mission is to counteract the damaging forces of poverty. First Presbyterian has been contributing to this program for many years with food, clothing and monetary donations. *See insert to see how you can support this ministry.*

CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES AND REDEEMING CHURCH HAVE MOVED IN

As part of our shared space

agreement with Church of the Beatitudes and Redeeming Church, on Monday, July 16th, Pastors Phil Miller-Evans and Adam Gray moved into S-203 which will serve as their offices during the 90-day trial period.

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, trumpeter Kevin Clark!

SUNDAY, JULY 22

FAVORITE HYMN 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
Church of the Beatitudes & Redeeming Church receipt 10:00 AM Chapel
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 23

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

TUESDAY, JULY 24

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
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
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out 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 26

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

FRIDAY, JULY 27

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
Day School Summer Camp 9:00 AM Day School
Parents' Morning Out 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 28

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 ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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