



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 29, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Tenth 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

"The Peace" from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

G. F. Händel
(1685-1759)

Mark Prater, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to God, all the earth. Bless God's name from day to day.

God is doing marvelous works among us. Let all nations declare the glory of God.

Our God is to be praised as Creator of all things. Let us turn away from our idols to worship God.

Honor, majesty, beauty, and strength belong to God. Let us worship together in God's sanctuary.

Tremble before God, all people and nations. God will judge us all with righteousness and truth.

Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice. God is with us and will answer our prayers.

***OPENING HYMN 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"**

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Schlecht

God of all people, forgive us for claiming to be Christians when our faith is so shallow and our good works so limited. We have not dared to trust you fully. We have not expected your promises to be fulfilled among us. We have not accepted the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus. Instead, we have guarded our own interests, relied on limited understandings and lingering doubts, reined in our emotions, and settled for a lukewarm relationship that we do little to cultivate. O God, forgive us and draw us closer to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Schlecht

Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice. God answers prayer. What we have truly prayed with conviction has been heard by God. Remember that Jesus Christ gave life itself for our sins, to set us free from the evil of our present times. The good news is ours to receive, to integrate into our lives, and to pass on to others. Accept your forgiveness and sing a new song to God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Susan Schlecht

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.

HYMN 63

“The Lord Is God”

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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 96:1-9

Susan Schlecht

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 677)

Second Lesson: I Kings 18:20-39

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 403)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Elijah: My God is Yahweh”

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

“Winter” from *The Four Seasons* Antonio Vivaldi
Gary deBroekert, Tuba (1678-1741)

*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 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Jesu, meine Freude” (Jesus Priceless Johann Gottfried Walther
Treasure, hymn 830)
(1684-1748)

We welcome to the console **Mark Prater**, who is substituting for organist Jack Rain while he is attending the annual convention of the Organ Historical Society in Rochester, New York. 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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

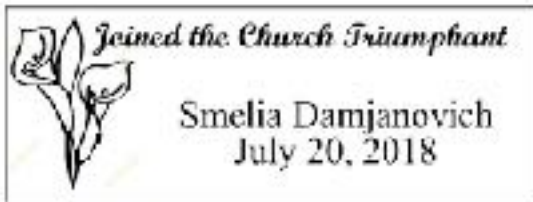


The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother Nancy

Horrell by Sally Horrell.

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:

Cheryl Belobraydic, Millie Bradley, Kat Cline, Roy Duttweiler, Jean Enders, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Ward Flora, Susan & Jim Frishe, 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).

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. Please make checks out to Operation Attack. *See insert to see how you can support this ministry.*

CREATE TO SHARE MEAL MINISTRY

Meals are prepared and frozen to be delivered and used as needed. These meals go to the church family and staff when there are births, deaths, hospitalizations or prolonged illnesses. They will be delivered frozen by a church member. If a meal would be helpful, please call the church office at 822-2031 and they will notify the committee who will call and set up a delivery or call **Evelyn Moorefield** at (727) 430-3196.

THANK YOU DARRELL BRANDIMORE!

Today is Darrell's last day leading the praise band in the

contemporary service as interim praise leader. Thank you Darrell for your leadership, talent and time. You will sorely be missed but we knew you were only here for a season. We know your church missed you while you worshipped here with us. God bless you and yours!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CREATE TO SHARE PROGRAM

If interested in helping please call **Evelyn Moorefield** at (727) 430-3196.

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 **Gary deBroekert**, tuba player!

SUNDAY, JULY 29

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 30

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

TUESDAY, JULY 31

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
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, AUGUST 2

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

American Stage Summer Camp 8:00 AM N-123
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, AUGUST 4

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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