



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 12, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Partita on "Engelberg" (hymn 641)

Michael Burkhardt

"Theme" and "Pastorale" (variation 2)

(b. 1957)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary-Linda Armacost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

The mercies of God never come to an end.

God calls us and empowers us to share his love and grace;

God sends us out to be a sign of healing power and love so that

all may believe the gospel, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

INTROIT

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Marty Hagen

Chancel Choir

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 385**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost, Elder

God of love and compassion, we confess that we have not always lived to your glory. You came to love and save us and all your creation. Forgive when we have not been faithful stewards of your creation entrusted to us. You send us out to tell good news; sometimes we hide from our calling. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mary-Linda Armacost

All who are in Christ are a new creation. Everything old has passed away; now everything is made new! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mary-Linda Armacost

Since God has forgiven us in Jesus, the Christ, let us forgive one another. 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 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” DARWALL'S 148TH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 130:1-7 Mary-Linda Armacost
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 705)

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

Second Lesson: Mark 5:21-43 Rev. Bill Cowfer
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 48)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON “Healing Touch” Rev. Bill Cowfer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

Jesus Christ is God with us humankind. He is the Eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” arr. John Lamberton Bell
Chancel Choir (b. 1949)

We cannot measure how you heal or answer ev'ry sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn. The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind. So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

*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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 707 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” HALL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita on "Engelberg" (hymn 641) Michael Burkhardt
"Final" (variation 3)

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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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughters:

Emma, Grace and Claire by Paul and Emily Culley.

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, M.D. Miller, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara Murphy, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob Reed, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, Rev. Alice Winters, and Mona Young.

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 by contacting **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).

WELCOME, GUEST MINISTER REV. WILLIAM J. (BILL) COWFER

Rev. Cowfer grew up on a farm in central Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of United Theological Seminary with doctoral studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor in both large and small churches in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, and Virginia. He has also served as Executive in the Synods

of Lakes and Prairies and the South. Following retirement, he served as an Interim Minister, Interim Executive Presbyter, and as faculty for Interim Ministry training. Bill and his spouse, Rev. Virginia Martin, live in Westminster Suncoast Retirement Community in south St. Petersburg.

ST. PETE FREE CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The St. Petersburg Free Clinic is in need of volunteers! *See insert for additional information.*

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.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience

meditation and a new small group. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be August 14 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.

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.

WE EXTEND BEST WISHES TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MARIEN MITCHELL

Pastor Dawn's assistant, Marien, resigned after being with us for 8 months. She and her family are

relocating to Hanover, New Hampshire, to be near her husband's family. Good luck, Marien, and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

WELCOME BACK, MATT CLEAR AND CHANCEL CHOIR



Summer is winding down and the chancel choir and Matt are back in the loft. We welcome each of them with opened arms.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AUGUST 14-SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 JOB

“A STORY OF UNLIKELY JOY”

In this 7-session study, we will discover the redemptive facet of Job's suffering. We will learn to view pain as a way to strengthen our faith, point others to the gospel and trust in the Lord. Join us either on Tuesday mornings, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m., or Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m., in the youth center. Workbooks will be available for \$15. No previous Bible study experience is needed.

Bring a friend! Free childcare is available by reservation: e-mail childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for 7 weeks or call on Tuesday morning if you are unable to come).

Questions? April Hussung:
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LAKESWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FPC PARTNERSHIP

See the enclosed insert to learn how you can support this very important community effort.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Contemporary Worship Hall	9:00 AM	F'ship
Valet Parking	9:30 AM	
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
Classic Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	5:00 PM	Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM	N-121

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Day School Advisory meeting	4:00 PM	Day School
All Committee Gathering	6:30 PM	Youth Cntr
Committee meetings	7:00 PM	Campus

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study	9:15 AM	F'ship Hall
Church Staff Meeting	2:30 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 15

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 16

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Parents' Morning Out	9:00 AM	Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch	12:00 PM	Gigi's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

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 ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ 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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