



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 19, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Twentieth 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

Chorale and chorale improvisation on "Blessed Jesus, at Paul
Manz

Thy Word" (*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, hymn 395) (1919-2009)
Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary-Linda Armacost

CALL TO WORSHIP

We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we
have been heard?

God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God

sends visions of new possibilities.

Here we stand watch for God's appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding. God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.

God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. We would learn to do good and to work for justice.

INTROIT

**"Palm Beach"
Chancel Choir**

**Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)**

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come! And from thy celestial home shed a ray of light divine! Come, thou Father of the poor! Come, thou source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten, Elder

All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and to dare great things for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen Kisten

Grace to you and peace from the God who loves us and equips us to become all we were meant to be. God is even now working in us to make us worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ. Today salvation has come to this house, and we are all being changed. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Karen Kisten

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 377** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 119:137-144

Karen Kisten

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 700)

Second Lesson: Luke 19:1-10;

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 100)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Reflecting the Light" 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Uneeda Brewer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“We are Singing, for the Lord is our Light” Hal

H. Hopson

Chancel Choir

(b. 1933)

We are singing, for the Lord is our light. The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

***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 726** “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Chorale improvisation on “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Paul Manz

(*Großer Gott*, hymn 4)

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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 memory of my dear wife Smelia

Damjanovich, by Gary deBroekert.

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: 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).

LTC BRIAN HERZIK

We got a call on Friday letting us know that Brian is home from military duty and that we can remove his name from our prayer list. Welcome home LTC Herzik and thank you for your service.

LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Lakewood Elementary School is one of three failing schools in Pinellas County. We have an opportunity to assist the students

and staff of this school. *See insert for additional information.*

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.

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 28 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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO DELIVER CREATE-TO-SHARE MEALS



Volunteer needed to deliver a frozen meal to members of church family. If interested in helping with this valuable ministry please contact **Evelyn Moorefield** at (727) 430-3196.

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: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com

Marie Huber: 515-8355 or mariethuber@aol.com

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE AND OTHER GIVING 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. You don't have to think about it while you enjoy your travels. If you don't use a computer, contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Summer is almost gone, and many of our children return to school

tomorrow. The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be conducted during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on August 26.

JUST BAG IT FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Starting September 2 and ending October 7, the youth will be collecting health, beauty and hygiene items for Beth-El mission.

See insert for additional information.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

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 with choir 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Day School First day of school
Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Mission Ministries 6:30 PM N-123

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM F'ship Hall
Faith Dev Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123
Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Finance Committee meeting 6:30 PM N-218L
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

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 23

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care
Beatitudes Committee meeting 6:00 PM N-123

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM Child Care
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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