



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

August 26, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### 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

"Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich" (Praise Walther Johann Gottfried

God, you Christians, one and all) Variations 1-5 (1684-1748)  
Jack Rain, organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us. Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**We have come to hear the Word of God. We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**



God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace. Praise God, who has blessed and forgiven us.  
**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.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON WITH BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*(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 694**

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Psalm 67

Susan Schlecht

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 650)

Second Lesson: Acts 16:9-15, 40

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 165)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“Lydia: Dealer of Purple Cloth” 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**



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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](http://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.

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in celebration of 67 years of marriage

for Margaret and Lee Scott.

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, Jean 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org)).

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:bganey@fpc-stpete.org) or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS TODAY



Summer is almost gone, and many of our children have returned to school. The annual Blessing of the Backpacks is today in both services.

### 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.*



### BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

Women's Bible Study  
The season starts Thursday, September 13, in Fellowship Hall at 6:55 p.m. The class meets every week on Thursday all the way until May 2019. If you have questions about BSF please contact Wendy Foster BSF administrator at [wendy.foster482@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.foster482@yahoo.com).

## SWIMNIC

This year we're celebrating the end of a great summer with a splash at North Shore Pool, and we hope you'll join us! The event will be Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. *See insert for additional information.*

### 8:15 COMMUNION SERVICE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 9

Fall is right around the corner and with it comes our 8:15 a.m. service, which resumes on September 9. We are excited to see many of our snowbirds return. This service is held in the Chapel.

### DON'T FORGET THE ST. PETE FREE CLINIC

Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the bin or basket to be given to the free clinic. The clinic is also in need of volunteers. Please call 727-821-1200 x 114 if interested.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

**Contemporary Worship Hall** 9:00 AM F'ship Hall  
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 27

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
PW Coordinating Team 9:00 AM S-100  
Session Members Social Hour 6:00 PM Off-site  
Session Meeting 7:00 PM N-123

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care

Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM F'shp 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  
Meditation For Christians 7:00 PM Chapel  
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

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 30

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
PW Bible Moderators 11:00 AM S-100  
Day School Social Event 6:00 PM F'shp Hall  
DS Back to School Night 6:30 PM F'shp Hall

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

New Hope Christian Fellowship 5:30 PM Offsite  
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-121

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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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