



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 "Ora labora"* (Come, Labor On, Austin C. Lovelace

hymn 719) (1919-2010)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

We tremble before God, yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God's word.

May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

INTROIT **“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” William P. Rowan**
Chancel Choir

Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest. Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 719**

“Come, Labor On”

ORA LABORA

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol Gruszka, Elder

Merciful God, I confess that too often I live my life with a scarcity mindset, as if I do not have enough time, enough money, enough love, enough talent, enough connections, or enough impact. Rather than rejoice in gratitude for your abundant gifts, I am anxious over what I have not done or do not have. Free us all from our drivenness and restore us to our true selves, so we may rest and give you praise as the source of life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carol Gruszka

**Psalm 103:10-12 tells us that God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Friends, believe in God’s News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Carol Gruszka

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 Reading: Psalm 145:10-21

Carol Gruszka

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 714)

Second Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Isaiah 58:13-14

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 842)

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

SERMON

“Give It a Rest”

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you... of your glory:

HYMN 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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

“In Faith I Calmly Rest”

J.S. Bach

Chancel Choir arr. Clarence Dickinson

In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God, although oft sore opprest with anxious care and dread; his friendship my reward, in him my joy I find; he keepeth watch and ward o'er me and o'er my house. Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do his will; I know, whate'er befall, his love doth lead me still. So, like a little child who clasps his father's hand, serene I take my way, in faith untroubled stand. Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide, who cast on him all care, and in his love abide.

PROCLAMATION

*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 182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

KINGSFOLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Sonata Brillante*

Gordon Young

(1919-1998)

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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.

ALZHEIMER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, Bless those of us who are living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or a related dementia. When days are difficult, wrap us in a blanket of your love and comfort us with your presence and your peace. When nights are dark, give us a star to follow—a nightlight in the heavens to remind us that you are there—guarding and guiding us and lighting our paths. When we are discouraged, give us hope. When we are hopeless, give us faith. When we are weary, carry us close to your heart. When we feel depressed or angry, soothe us. Wipe away our tears and our fears and help us to move from “Why Me?” to “What Next?” We thank you for our care partners, for our family and friends who are walking with us on this strange and difficult journey. Give us all strength and courage and a sense of purpose as we join our hands and hearts to help others we meet along the way. Help us all to cultivate an attitude of gratitude each and every day. Remind us to look for blessings in every day,

and for holy moments walking in the rain, singing a familiar song, reminiscing over old photos. Lord, we pray for the doctors and nurses and all who care about us and for us. We pray for the researchers who are searching for treatments, therapies and cures. Most of all, Lord, we pray for a world without Alzheimer's. Thank you!

Amen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Clayton Tuthill by

Gwen Tuthill.

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, Bill Davenport, Roy Duttweiler, Jean Enders, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, 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, Del Poling, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob Reed, Jean Reed, Lee Scott, 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).

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.*

SAVE THE DATE!



Presbyterian Women invites all women of the church to meet Rev. Kathleen Dain, Executive Director of Beth-el, Farmworker Ministry, at 10:00 am on September 22, in the Fellowship Hall. A lunch of Cuban sandwiches and fruit salad (\$5 donation) will be served.

ST. PETE FREE CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Please call 727-821-1200 x 114 if interested.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation and a new small group.

We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be September 11 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.

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.*



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian St. Pete or learning more about our church, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 on Sunday morning, September 16. For additional information, please email Diedra Flora, diedraflora@aol.com. "

MEN'S SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

Men's Sunrise Bible Study will resume meeting on Friday, September 7, at 7:30 a.m. in room N123. We will start by finishing with Acts, with breakfast afterwards at Katrina's.

SWIMNIC CANCELLED

Please note: the Swimnic scheduled for September 9 from 5-7 pm has been cancelled due to multiple unforeseen challenges. We look forward to seeing you at Trunk or Treat, the next planned activity for children and youth, to be held on Sunday, October 28th in the church parking lot. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Contemporary Worship 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, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM Youth Cntr

Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123
Church Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Day School Chapel 9:15 AM F'ship Hall
MOPS 9:15 AM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous for Women 7:00 PM N-121
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'ship Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123
Bible Study Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site
Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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 ♦ Erica Allen, Admin. Assistant ♦ 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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