



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 16, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-fourth 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

"Prelude and Fugue in G"

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, all of you faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name.

We will praise God as long as we live. We will pour out our joyous thanksgiving.

Do not put your trust in rulers of this age. Do not rely on things that are perishable.

God keeps faith with us today and forever. The oppressed and hungry receive from God what they need.

We have received grace to minister in Jesus' name. We are called to proclaim the faith to others.

We want to rise to the challenge set before us. We seek to keep the faith by sharing it.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 838 "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES**

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten, Elder

Giver of life, we have not thanked you enough for each breath we can take, each moment we live, each experience we enjoy or endure. We are more likely to complain than to appreciate, to wallow in cries of agony and loss than pour out joy and gratitude. We repeat our mistakes instead of learning from them. We try to keep you out of our lives instead of turning to you daily and trusting your providence. Turn us around, God; we want to experience the confident joy of living for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen Kisten

**God set you apart before you were born and calls you by grace to serve where God sends you. When you turn to God, your emptiness can be filled and your life restored. God lifts up those who are bowed down and has compassion on those who weep. Praise God today! Praise God all your life long!
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.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 146

Karen Kisten

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 715)

Second Lesson: Luke 7:11-17

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 79)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?” 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: HONDURAN CLINIC

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Inscription of Hope” Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there, and I believe in God even when he is silent. I believe through any trial there is always a way, but sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying, “Hold on, my child. I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while.” May there someday be sunshine, may there someday be happiness, may there someday be love, may there someday be peace.

*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 772** “Live into Hope”

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XVIII” (“I will praise Thee, O Lord,
My Strength”)

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

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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.

SEPTEMBER IS WORLD ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

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. by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Drew Factor by Debbie Factor.

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 & Petra 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 & Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob & 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).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Women invites all women of the church to meet Rev. Kathleen Dain, Executive Director of Beth-el, Farmworker Ministry, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22 in

the Fellowship Hall. A lunch of Cuban sandwiches and fruit salad (\$5 donation) will be served. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend at 822-2031.

ST. PETE FREE CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Please call 727-821-1200, ext. 114 if interested.

MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group. We

meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be September 25 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CARY BOND

The service for Cary is this Friday, the 21st, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

RESUMES



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) provides a weekly in-depth Bible study for women on Thursday evenings beginning

September 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in fellowship hall. This interdenominational ministry is introducing a new Old Testament study, "People of the Promised Land," Part 1, which covers the history of God's people in the books of Joshua, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Psalms and Proverbs; from Joshua through Solomon. If you'd like to join us, please contact Wendy Foster at wendy.foster48@yahoo.com to get registered!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, JOIN US TODAY

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church or learning more about our church, join us in fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. today. For additional information, please e-mail Diedra Flora, diedraflora@aol.com.

MEN'S SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY

Men's Sunrise Bible Study resumed 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.

FAITH & FICTION RESUMES OCTOBER 1

All Faith and Fiction meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in classroom N-123. For a list of the books for this year, visit the church website: WWW.fpc-stpete.org.



**2019
HONDURAS
MISSION TRIP**
You are invited to join us on the 2019

Honduras trip. Mark your calendar and start to make plans to travel with us June 9-16, 2019.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Communion Worship 8:15 AM Chapel
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
Yoga with Adam 3:00 PM F'ship Hall
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Stephen Minister meeting 5:00 PM S-100
PCAT 6:00 PM N-123
PW Circle 10 7:00 PM S-100

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
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

Worship Planning meeting 3:30 PM Pastors
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Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Finance Committee meeting 6:30 PM N-218
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Children's 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 20

Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
BSF Women's Bible Study 6:55 PM F'ship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out PMO 9:00 AM Child Care
Cary Bond Memorial Service 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Bible Study Lunch Bunch at Gigi's 12:00 PM Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 6:30 PM S-206

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PW General meeting 9:30 AM F'ship Hall
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 ♦ 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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