



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

October 7, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## World Communion Sunday Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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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

“Le banquet céleste” (The celestial banquet) Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

Jack Rain, organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

And so, we will dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

**We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**

Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?  
Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER**

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Mary-Linda Armacost, Elder

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Mary-Linda Armacost

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Mary-Linda Armacost

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 82

Karen Kisten

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 666)

Second Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 87)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

“Our God Who Comes Near”

Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti

## RESPONSE

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

“Ukuthula”

Traditional South

African sung in Zulu

Kayla Reio, alto; Chancel Choir

Translation: Peace—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ...Peace.

Redemption—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ... Redemption.

Praise—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ...Praise.

Faith (belief) —In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ... Faith.

Victory—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ...Victory.

Comfort—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ... Comfort.

Peace—In this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings ...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

## 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.

Creator God... your people sing:

### 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.

## SENDING

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

CORONATION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Alphonse Maily  
(1833-1918)

October 07, 2018

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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 memory of Susan S. Strong by Roy Duttweiler.

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

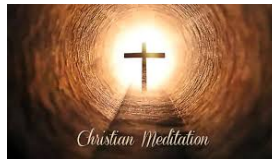
Please remember in prayer:

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

## MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



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

alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meeting will be October 9 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.

### **PEACEMAKING SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY**

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ at all times and in all ways.

### **RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

If you are a veteran or know someone who is, we will be putting together a video on Sunday, November 11, honoring those who served. If you have someone you would like to honor, please e-mail a picture (with information) to [criley@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:criley@fpc-stpete.org) before November 3.

### **HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 4:00 P.M.**  
We kick off our concert series with a bit of fellowship and fun! There

is nothing better than eating ice cream and singing together. In our hymn sing and ice cream social, we've combined nostalgic melodies and terrific tastes into an afternoon of experiences that the whole family will remember. Audience members will get to sing their favorite hymns with the help of our Chancel Choir and the masterful Jack Rain at the organ. We take requests! Afterward, we will enjoy a sweet snack and fellowship on the patio.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY COLLECTION**

You will find collection baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall for your individually wrapped candy donations. We want this year's trunk or treat to be one of the best so please bring individually wrapped candy for our Sunday, October 28 trunk or treat event.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNING OCTOBER 10**



The Arts & Spirituality for Adults. Messy

Church and Choir for Children. Make plans to come out and invite a friend. *See insert for additional information.*

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES "PSALM 23" THE SHEPHERD WITH ME**

For 7 weeks we will explore the depths of God's care tucked into the Psalm we've always loved. Join us either on Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings, October 16 - November 27, 2018. Everyone is welcome—no previous Bible study experience is required. The workbook will be available for \$15. Free childcare is available by reservation: e-mail [childcare@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childcare@fpc-stpete.org) or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for all 7 weeks or let childcare know if you are unable to come for specific dates). If you have any questions, call April at 420-1758 or e-mail [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com).

## **SIX TO MIX INVITES YOU TO JOIN A TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

This One's for You! Are you hungry for more Christian fellowship, in a setting that is welcoming and easy, casual and face-to-face? We are putting together small groups

of FPC adults 18 to 100-plus. *See insert to sign up and for additional information.*

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS**



We have a pastor who is committed to bridging gaps in our church and community. This past Saturday morning friends and neighbors gathered in front of our church with their beloved pets for a personal blessing from Dawn. A special thank you to all who worked to make this event a success especially to Carol Riley and Diedra Flora. Our wonderful praise team selected great music and entertained throughout the event.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Communion Worship** 8:15 AM Chapel  
**Contemporary Worship Hall** 9:00 AM F'ship  
Valet Parking 9:30 AM  
Contemporary Faith Class 9:45 AM N-218  
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** 1:00 AM Sanctuary  
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr  
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-121

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
PW Circle 6 10:00 AM S-100  
PW Circle 4 1:00 PM Off-site  
DS Advisory Council meeting 4:00 PM Day School  
Personnel & Admin meeting 5:00 PM Church Ofc  
Board of Deacons 5:30 PM S-100  
All Committee Gathering 6:30 PM Youth Cntr  
All Committee Meetings 7:00 PM Church

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
Faith Development Bible Study 9:30 AM N-123

Church Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218  
Girl Scout Troop 439 6:30 PM S-206  
Meditation for Christians 7:00 PM Chapel  
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-123

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
Children's Chapel 9:15 AM F'ship Hall  
PW Circle 12 11:30 AM Off-site  
Children's Music with Mrs.  
Carol 5:00 PM Choir Room  
WNL Dinner 5:30 PM F'ship Hall  
WNL Program 6:00 PM F'ship Hall  
Alcoholics Anonymous for  
Women 7:00 PM N-121  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'ship Hall

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
Chancel Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Room  
BSF Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM F'ship Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123  
Parents' Morning Out 9:00 AM Child Care  
Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Off-site  
Girl Scout Troop 570 6:30 PM S-206

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

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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