

FIRST NEWS



Your **Weekly News** from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

December 31, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our 10 AM ONLINE Worship Service
this Sunday, January 2, 2022!
Epiphany Sunday / Lord's Supper

Sunday's Sermon: "Guiding Light"
Rev. Megan McMillan

Scriptures: [Isaiah 60:1-6](#), [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Due to the rapidly rising numbers of cases of COVID-19, and at the recommendation of the Return to Church Committee, Session has made the difficult decision to move all of our worship services and church activities online beginning this Sunday, January 2, 2022 (until further notice).

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

Click [HERE](#) for the worship service bulletin.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com - click the "Watch Here" button) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share

the link with family and friends!



COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our worship service. Please gather bread, crackers, or rolls and something to drink (juice, wine, milk, water) ahead of time for all in your home who will be participating.



*In Need
of Your
Prayers*

Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Kevin Clark, Carol Daniel, Peter Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy

McLaughlin, the Pav family, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke

Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for an end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN LT; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 1st LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.



Congregational Meeting January 9

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the election of Deacons to be held at 1 PM on January 9, 2022 via Zoom. Being nominated for the class of 2024 are the following: Chris Agee, Bill Burtchaell, Debbie Factor, and Diane Zuercher.

Since we have moved from in-person to Zoom, all active and affiliate members of the church are requested to register in advance for this meeting.

STEP 1: Register for the meeting by clicking [HERE](#).

STEP 2: After you register, please look for a confirmation email (it will come from "FPC Office). This email will contain information about joining the meeting, including the link to use on Sunday, January 9.

Those who will not be voting but would like to watch the meeting will be able to via YouTube. Watch for that link in next week's First News.



Happy Birthday Ned McClure!

Ned turns 100 on January 2, 2022!

He has been a member here at FPC since he was 2 years old! Join us in wishing him a very happy birthday!



FPC Concert Series: Organ Classics

Featuring: Marco A. Jimenez

Viewable [ONLINE](#)

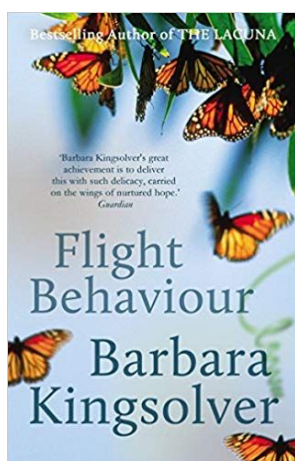
Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Local organist Marco Jimenez will return to St. Petersburg to perform while on break from his studies at *The Julliard School*. Marco will share his skillful keyboard playing on our Reuter Pipe Organ and Steinway Piano. In the second half of the program, Marco's friends will join him to perform duo and trio pieces.

This concert has been moved to an online venue. Please click [HERE](#) to watch!

Pictures from our Christmas Eve Services





Faith & Fiction

Faith & Fiction will be meeting next on Monday, January 3rd at 7 PM to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Joan Karins will be our Discussion Leader. This month, we will be virtual; for the Zoom link, please contact Linda Santoro at LindaJSantoro@gmail.com.

The Frog-Naming Contest Continues!

We need to name our frog! The frog comes to worship with us especially during the Moment for All Ages. Everyone can suggest a name! Use your creativity!

Meanwhile, keep an eye out for the frog, who turns up all over the place! This week it's just outside our Sanctuary, soaking in the beautiful weather we've been having. See where this character turns up next!



FPC Building & Grounds Superintendent Johnny Miller got married!

On Thursday, December 30 (Johnny's birthday!), he and

girlfriend Elizabeth eloped in a quiet, private ceremony. The couple will reside in St. Pete. Congratulations to the newlyweds!



All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible.



- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help.
- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!



Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do so! Also, be sure to SHARE our Facebook and Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help us increase numbers of followers of the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!

Pastoral Emergency Number



If you have a pastoral emergency, please call (561) 805-1514.

Online Giving



During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

For your convenience, there are several ways which you can give:

- (1) Give online using a credit card or bank transfer ([click here](#) for the link). For assistance using the online system, please call the Church Office or
- (2) Send a check through the U.S. mail or
- (3) Drop by the Church Office and slip an envelope through the mail slot in the front door.

Thank you for the many ways you support the work of God's church at FPC – St. Petersburg!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click HERE](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*



- [Click HERE](#) for January Birthdays

Groups are meeting virtually (online). If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031) for more information.

- Sundays, 8:30 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Zoom
- Sundays, 9 AM, Power Hour Sunday School Class, Zoom
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online](#) Worship Service
- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare, Zoom

- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation, meeting virutally. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com)

- Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study. For more information, please contact Ken Young (youngkd1492@comcast.net)
- Fridays, 12 PM, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

- Friday, December 31 - Church Office closed for New Year's Eve

- Sunday, January 2, 4 PM, online, FPC Concert Series: Organ Classics featuring Marco Jimenez

- Sunday, January 9, 1 PM, Called Congregational Meeting via Zoom

Deadline For "First News"

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Please submit copy which is as concise as possible. Send copy to Amy McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

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