

FIRST NEWS



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

July 22, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM
this Sunday, July 24, 2022
in the Sanctuary or online
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Libby Shannon
Scriptures: [Psalm 85](#), [Luke 11:1-13](#)

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!

**PLEASE NOTE: we have a MASK-OPTIONAL policy
for worship services and on-campus activities.**

Praise Band This Week - We're Back!

After a relaxing week off, your FPC Praise Band is ready to return to worship. As expected, we have two great tunes ready to go. The first, *How Can I Keep From Singing*, is a past favorite you're sure to know. Our second selection, *Jesus Your Name*, is a brand-new tune by Travis Cottrell that we are premiering this week! Click the links below to learn the tunes and we'll see you on Sunday.

[Jesus Your Name](#)

[How Can I Keep from Singing?](#)



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Leah Cutting, John Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, John Johnson, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Sarita Lastrapes, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Wellons family

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; CPT 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.

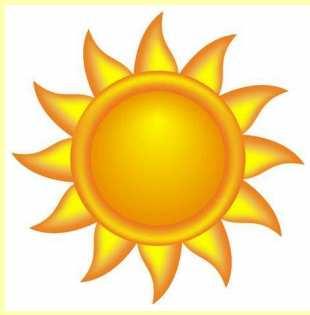
From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Dear St Pete Friends:

While you are reading this, I am winding up a family week in Montreat, North Carolina, surrounded by creeks and mountains, our children and grandchildren, and a bunch of cousins. As you can imagine, we really look forward to our mountain week each year! I will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 26. Meanwhile I know you are in good hands with our excellent church staff and Rev. Libby Shannon to preach two Sundays!

I will see you soon, certainly next Sunday (MissionSunday) July 31!

Blessings,
Ginny



Summer House Church - July 23

All are invited to Summer House Church @ the Mossman's on Saturday, July 23rd from noon to 3 PM. Bring a dish to pass, your beverage, and your swimsuit & towel, if you wish. Please RSVP to Karen text (727-400-5079) or email

(karenamossm@gmail.com) by July 18. Address: 373 6th Ave N, Tierra Verde.

MISSIONSUNDAY



MissionSunday - Next Week - July 31

What is Fifth Sunday? What is MissionSunday?

Since the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, on the occasion that there are five Sundays in a month, various traditions have been observed within the church. Some have used this additional weekend as hymn-sing Sunday, where the regular service was modified and filled with extra songs. Others have special collections designated for various ministries and missions. We at First Presbyterian - St Pete have chosen to combine these traditions and host a local mission project – right on campus – right along with worship!

On the 5th Sunday of July, we have the exciting opportunity to help with two mission projects – both serving the immediate needs of our community! Sandwiched between Sunday worship at 10 AM and a church-wide lunch, we have some work to do - God's work!

In partnership with [CASA](#), we are stuffing 500 hygiene bags in assembly-line fashion. At the same time, we have over 2,000 (yep, TWO THOUSAND) backpacks to fill for underprivileged students, just in time for local families to prepare for kids' return to school (see [Live Love St Pete](#) for more info).

What an amazing opportunity to share God's love in a small but tangible way! All goods to stuff the bags have been donated, but we need hands to get the bags filled! Your hands, your neighbor's hands, that friend you have been meaning to invite to church! It's **all hands on deck!**

Bring your friends and bring a side or dessert to share! Meat is provided! Join us for this amazing time to be a part of God's work!

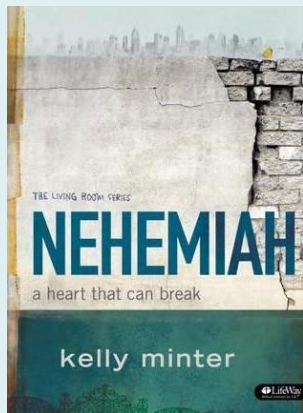
So, to recap:

- **Sunday, July 31st**
- **Worship begins downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM**

- Mission projects follow the worship service (in the same room)
- Then lunch (also same room!)

Bring a side-dish to share. Bring a friend to help volunteer! Bring your heart & soul, body & mind, and get fed! **Be There!**

Ladies, you are invited to a Summer Bible Study: "Nehemiah – a heart that can break"



Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. This study challenges women to let God break their hearts for a hurting, lost world and move them in compassion to lead people to Jesus. This study was written by author, speaker, songwriter, and worship leader, Kelly Minter.

Join us on Tuesday mornings through August 23, 2022
in the Youth Center
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome – no previous Bible study experience is required. Workbooks will be available for \$20. Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? Contact April Hussung: (727) 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com.



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!



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 July Birthdays



Some groups are still 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.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **Sundays, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Chapel
- **Sundays, 9 AM**, No Power Hour Sunday School Class, taking a break for the summer
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
- **Tuesdays, 9 AM**, Ladies Bible Study on Nehemiah, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, No Christian Meditation, taking a break for July.
- **Wednesdays, 7:30 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal, taking a break for the summer
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, No Men's Bible Study, Room N-123, taking a break for the summer.
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, July 23**, Summer Church at the Mossmans' house, 12 PM
- **Sunday, July 31**, 5th Sunday Mission; worship in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a mission project, followed by lunch.
- **Monday, August 1**, Lectio Devina resumes

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

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