

FIRST NEWS



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

July 8, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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

Rev. Ginny Ellis

Sermon: "What We're Here For: LOVING and FORGIVING"

Scriptures: [Acts 4:32-37](#), [John 13:33-35](#)

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.**

Guest Organist

We welcome to the console organist Robert Todd while Jack Rain is in Seattle attending the national convention of the American Guild of Organists. Robert holds the Master of Liturgical Music degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He retired last year after a 30-year tenure as Director of Music and Organist at Holy Family Catholic Church here in St. Petersburg.



Praise Band Preview - Back by Popular Demand

Your FPC Praise Band has two great tunes planned for this Sunday's service. The first, *Holy Water*, is one you're sure to know by now and is one of the band's favorites. Our second tune, *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*, is fairly new to us but has been becoming one of our more popular selections. We haven't made a video for this one, but you can hear the original artist recording we based our arrangement on by clicking the link below. See you Sunday!

[Holy Water](#)

[Firm Foundation \(He Won't\)](#)



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 Friends at FPC:

I admit to being a little jealous of those of you who are off in Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Montana or wherever. Is it always cooler up there? Probably! I will head off to North Carolina for a short family time myself in another week or two. I can't wait!

But I also "can't wait" for our next 5th Sunday Mission Adventure. On July 31, we will be having Mission Sunday down in the Fellowship Hall, as we did in late May. There will be an upbeat worship service, then a rather challenging Mission Project for us to work on together. For this project we will assemble a very ambitious 500 personal hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and soap dish, comb, and disposable razor, placed in a zip-lock bag.) These will be provided to CASA, for their residents. I am sure that our industrious assembly talents will make us hungry enough to enjoy the COVERED DISH LUNCH which will follow.

Do you know about CASA? CASA is the official provider of domestic violence support in Pinellas County. CASA Pinellas serves individuals of all genders, ages, ethnicities, abilities, and socioeconomic statuses. CASA's website says 1 in 3 women are victims of domestic violence. One in 4 men are victims of domestic violence. One in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. Seven in 10 survivors reported that their abuser also targeted pets. On July 31, we can make a difference by showing God's love to those who have suffered abuse in their own home.

So for the Fifth Sunday of July, plan your favorite dish to share and come to worship and work together. I can hardly wait!

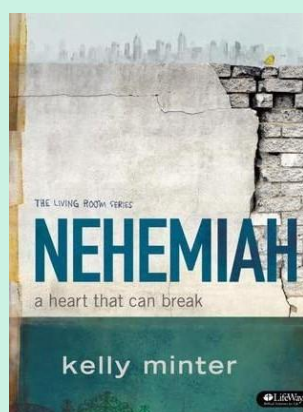
Blessings,
Ginny Ellis

New FPC Member - Karen Brooks

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Karen Brooks. She attended the New Member Inquirer's class a few Sundays ago and was baptized last week!



Ladies, you are invited to a 7-week 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 in the Youth Center
STARTING NEXT WEEK! (we know it's summer, come when you can!)
July 12 – August 23, 2022
9:00 a.m.* – 11:30 a.m.

***Note: new starting time at 9:00 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.



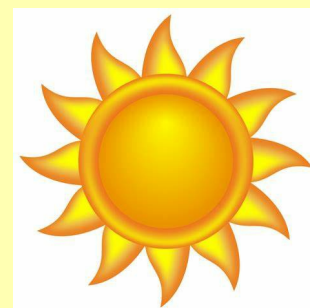
The Little Free Library at First Presbyterian Church

The Little Free Library at FPC is flourishing!

On Sunday, remember to bring a few of the books you have read and enjoyed and put them in the Little Free Library. We need Bibles in GOOD condition.

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



Devotionals Available

Copies of the Jul/
Aug/Sept edition of "Our
Daily Bread" and "These
Days" devotionals are
now available for pick-up
from the Church Office
during normal business
hours or at the Welcome
Center on Sunday
mornings.



Grieving? Know someone who is?

GriefShare is every Sunday
at 4 PM, meeting virtually (via Zoom).
Last meeting for the summer is this
Sunday, July 10.



Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find

encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. This is a great opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Need more information? Want to sign up? Call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.



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](#)
- **Sundays, 4 PM**, GriefShare, via Zoom

- **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:

- **Tuesday, July 12**, Ladies Bible Study on Nehemiah starts, 9 AM in the Youth Center
- **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.

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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