

FIRST NEWS



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

June 10, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM
this Sunday, June 12, 2022
in the Sanctuary or online
Trinity Sunday

Rev. Ginny Ellis
Sermon: "What We're Here For: DARING"
Scriptures: [Acts 4:13-22](#), [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

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.**



The flowers on the altar this Sunday were donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Hillman Pruitt by her family.

Praise Band Preview - Farewell Pastor Megan

As you likely know, this Sunday will be Pastor Megan's last at FPC. Though we will certainly miss her, we are excited for her new calling as a solo pastor in North Carolina! For her final service with us we have chosen 2 special songs with her in mind: *God of Wonders* and *Will You Come and Follow Me*. We only have a preview for the former tune, but you're probably familiar with the latter. Click below to preview *God of Wonders* and we'll see you on Sunday!

[God Of Wonders](#)



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Leah Cutting, John Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Lillian Harris, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Chris 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, Dick Oliver, 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; 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.

Congregational Meeting - This Sunday, June 12

There will be a congregational meeting at the end of the worship service in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 12. The congregation will vote to dissolve the relationship between Rev. Megan McMillan and First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, so that Megan can begin a new call as pastor of Mills River Presbyterian Church in North Carolina.



Reception for Pastor Megan this Sunday, June 12

Rev. Megan McMillan has accepted a new call as Pastor to Mills River Presbyterian Church in Mills River, North Carolina, and will be moving next week. This is sad news for us, but wonderful news for Megan!

Pastor Ginny and the Christian Education Committee would like to honor her with a reception in the Chapel after service on her last day in worship with us, June 12th. If you would like to give Megan a card, gift, or love offering, we will have a box available at the back of the Sanctuary, on Sundays, through June 12. If a check is included, please make it out directly to Megan, not FPC.

Megan has demonstrated grace, integrity, and faith during these past very difficult months, and we are sure she will shine as a solo pastor in her next call. Congratulations Megan!

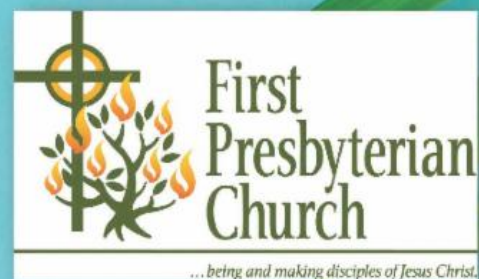
New Member Inquirer's Class **Sunday, June 26 in the Youth Center** **immediately following worship**

Whether you have been visiting FPC St. Pete for a brief time or for longer, you will want to join us for a new member inquirer's class. This is your opportunity to learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian, plus hear the answers to all those questions you may have about our church, faith, and what you need to do to become a member. We will meet in the Youth Center on June 26 immediately following worship, where we will enjoy a light lunch and a great program from Pastor Ginny. Elders will be on-hand should you wish to join the church following the class. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (727-822-2031). This is a great chance to learn about and join downtown's most welcoming church!

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES



- JUNE 19** Todd Donovan, baritone
JUNE 26 Susan Hellman-Spatafora, soprano
JULY 10 Gerald Arnold, tenor
JULY 17 Roy Lawson, cello
JULY 24 Victoria Stout, alto
JULY 31 Kevin Clark, trumpet
AUGUST 14 Liam Dunn, piano
AUGUST 21 Chelsea Gentner, soprano
AUGUST 28 Kaandis Mance, flute
SEPTEMBER 4 Leah Kirkland, soprano
and Anna Kirkland, oboe



JOIN OUR SUMMER CHOIR

SING IN OUR 10:00AM SERVICE
ON JULY 3RD AND AUGUST 7TH

TO REHEARSE WITH US, MEET AT 9:30AM IN THE CHOIR ROOM PRIOR TO SERVICE
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY



LAST CALL - Faith Day with the Tampa Bay Rays

Join fellow FPC friends for a day of fun at the Ballpark! Tampa Bay Rays vs. Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday, June 25. Game time is 1:10 PM, and doors open at 11:40 AM. Lower-level tickets are only \$35 per person (a \$65 value). Each ticket includes a Rays hat. A post-game event features Rays players speaking about the role their faith plays in their daily lives.

The above rates are for a group of 10 people or more. The church will make the arrangements to secure the tickets *if enough people are interested in participating*. Please contact Amy in the Church Office (727-822-2031 or amym@fpc-stpete.org) **no later than June 14** to let us know you are interested.

If you would like to march with church friends in the St. Pete Pride Parade on Saturday, June 25, please let the Church Office (727-822-2031) know. As the parade is at 7 PM, we might plan to meet at the church at 6 PM, but we will provide further details as the event gets closer.



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Fruit from Our Giving Tree

Our church's *Giving Tree* is producing some nice gifts, as witnessed by the below picture from last Sunday. Many thanks to all members and friends of First Presbyterian who are giving from your hearts and abundance.

As you know by now this is a community tree with requests from several non-profit organizations. Our church and Mission Committee's regular partners are: 1) CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse); 2) St Pete Free Clinic; and 3) Lakewood Elementary School. But the needs of other groups will also trim our Giving Tree from time to time.

Here are the requested items you'll find hanging on the Giving Tree when you stop to look it over:



- **From CASA:** Air mattresses (with pump); blankets; bras/sports bras; hairbrushes/combs; socks (men, women, children); trash bags (30-gallon or 55-gallon preferred); umbrellas; underwear (men, women, children); women's body wash.
- **From St Pete Free Clinic:** Jumbo packs of toilet paper; multiple packs of toothpaste; and multiple packs of no-scent deodorant. Also, if you have the time, please think about being a volunteer. The Free Clinic has big changes ahead for its We Help FRESH Pantry. It's returning to an indoor-choice option and opening TWO new drive-thru sites for a total of THREE locations to make available FREE FRESH groceries. To do that means they will need more volunteers than ever. Click on the [clinic's website](#) for more detail.
- **From the R Club,** which administers Happy Workers and Edible Peace Patch: *Happy Workers'* needs include: PJs, 2T-5T (T = Toddler); Pull ups, 2T-3T; underwear, 2T-5T; toothpaste/toothbrushes for children; socks, 2T-5T; T-shirts and shorts, 2T-5T. *Edible Peace Patch's* needs include: 10 boxes of Crayola markers; 10 rainbow sharpies; 8 pencil boxes; 5 pairs of adult gardening gloves; a white board (to use when teaching volunteers in the gardens).
- **Lakewood Elementary School** is closed for the summer, so none of its needs will be dangling from our tree until school re-opens.

NOTE: When you pick a card from the Giving Tree, please return it attached with your gift.



Who Should I Contact with Questions or Concerns?

Please contact Sandi Averitt, the Mission Committee chair (727.424.9300; sanaveritt1@gmail.com) or co-chair Beth Houghton (727.422.6864; bethannehoughton@gmail.com).

Again, many thanks to all our members and friends who are so open to helping these missions.



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.



The Power Hour Sunday School class will be taking a summer break until September. Over the summer, the group will meet once a month as a small group at the Mossmans' house. For more information, please contact Karen Mossman at 727-400-5079 or karenamossman@gmail.com.



Hiring Nursery Staff

We are looking to hire two good people to staff a nursery for young children on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. If you are interested, or know someone to suggest, please call the Church Office (727-822-2031). A background check will be required.

Grieving? Know someone who is?

GriefShare is every Sunday at 4 PM, meeting virtually (via Zoom).

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in



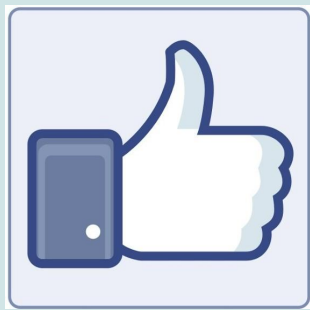
grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories 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 June 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**, 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, 1 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting in-person on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (next in-person meeting is **June 14**, in the Chapel). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com)
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, taking a break for the summer
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, Room N-123. Last meeting before summer break will be June 24. Please contact Ken Young at 207-841-8562 for more information.
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, June 12**, Congregational meeting to dissolve Pastor Megan's call, reception to follow in the Chapel.
- **Sunday, June 19**, Rev. Dr. Art Ross, pastor of First Presbyterian Church for ten years in the 1980's and 90's, will be our guest preacher. There will be a reception after worship so our congregation can greet Art and Jan Ross personally.
- **Sunday, June 26**, New Member Inquirer's class, immediately following worship in the Youth Center

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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