

FIRST NEWS



June 9, 2023

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

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
this Sunday, June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**CONNECT SERVICE at 9 AM (Youth Center)
or
SANCTUARY SERVICE at 11 AM (Sanctuary)**

**Rev. Ginny Ellis
Sermon: "Created in God's Image"
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28, Isaiah 43:1-7**

Click [HERE](#) to watch the 9 AM service online.
Click [HERE](#) to watch the 11 AM service online.

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. The service is also available for viewing on [our YouTube channel](#) throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Click [HERE](#) for the 11 AM worship service bulletin.

We have a **MASK-OPTIONAL** policy for worship services and on-campus activities.

June Music

Click [HERE](#) to see the exciting line-up of music we have in store for our 11 AM Sanctuary Service in June, featuring local musicians who identify as LBGQTQIA+.



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Nina Glover, Jane Harris, Margo Hart, Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Ginger McCoy, Nancy McLaughlin, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Henry Shaw, Jane Snoke

Pray for our Honduras Mission Team, who will be in Honduras this week.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: LT Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN; CPT Taina Specie, USA; CPT Liam Shelton, USA; 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

Hi there, friends!

You know how plans can change, don't you? Well, I was looking forward to having the week off with two of my Atlanta grandchildren being in Tampa with us this week. Unfortunately, I found out they could not make the trip. Boo. Since I had the week off anyway, I offered to drive up to Atlanta and spend the week with them there. To my surprise they said, "Sure: come on up!" So here I am, in Decatur GA! It's been nice getting hugs from Luke and his children, Rosie and Max. I get to cook and go on errands, shop a little with Rosie, and even read now and then.

On the way up, I listened to some CDs in the car. Did you know new cars don't have CD players? Apparently, it is really old-school to use CDs. But I have an old car, so I can listen to my CDs. One of the collections of worship songs I played while driving included a song called "All are Welcome." That's what we

are talking about at worship this month, so singing it as the miles flew by felt wonderful. All are welcome. *Thanks be to God* that in my hardest days, I am welcome. In my moodiest moments, I am welcome. In my days of frustration, I am welcome. And when I am on my best game, I am welcome, too, but not because of that. I am welcome because God made me. I am welcome! And you are too. It's a good thing to remember, to think about, to celebrate.

I'll be back this weekend and at worship on Sunday. See you there!

Blessings,
Ginny Ellis

Lectio Divina

Lectio/Visio Divina is a contemplative study of Scripture (and corresponding art) that will be used in worship the following Sunday. We meet Mondays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. If you haven't experienced this devotion practice yet, try it out this week! Click on the link [HERE](#) to join or enter meeting code 859 9201 7591 and password *lectio*.

You are cordially invited
to our next
Beach Drive Forum
at First Presbyterian Church:
"Food Is Medicine"
with Dr. Kelli Cross
Wed. June 14 at 6 PM



Have you ever wondered if red dye affects you or your children...or whether there is a field of study called Nutritional Psychiatry? Does an apple a day really keep the doctor away?

Come meet Dr. Kelli Cross, with 26 years' experience in our community, who will enlighten us on how what we eat affects the physical, mental, and emotional health of us, our children, and our grandchildren!

Following her presentation, you are welcome to stay for refreshments and time for Q & A.

Childcare is available, but space is limited, so please register in advance by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling the Church Office (727-822-2031).



Beach Drive Forums are a series of conversations at FPC for our congregation and community on thought-provoking topics. The monthly (or so) forums, with intriguing guest speakers and refreshments, are open to our members and the public and will take place on Wednesday evenings

from 6-8 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 with presentation from 6-7, followed by a time for Q & A) in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg welcomes and affirms the gifts of all people. Throughout the month of June, we invite you to join us as we celebrate love, inclusion, and diversity. Every Sunday in June, experience uplifting worship services filled with relevant sermons and special musical guests. Together, we will explore meaningful ways to embrace our diverse community and foster a spirit of acceptance.



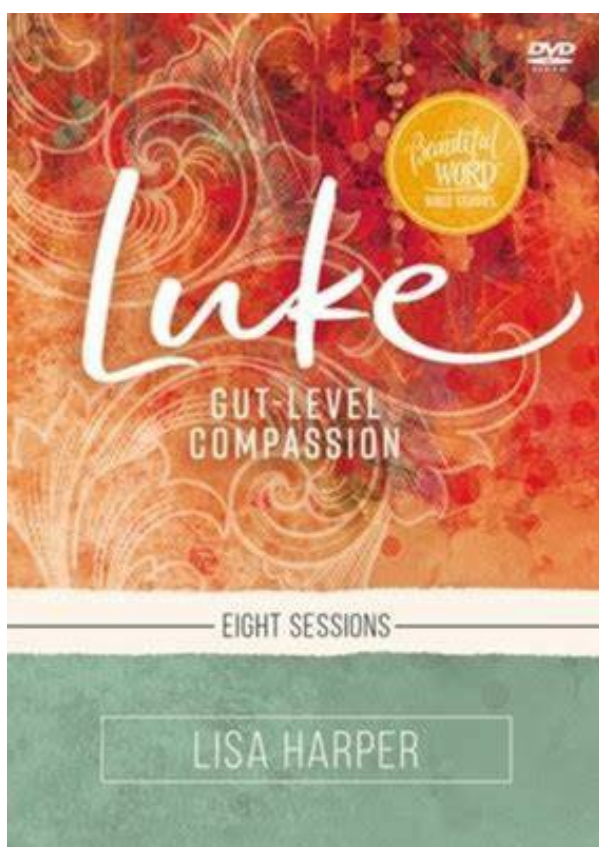
Meeting with the Pastor During Pride Month

For the next few weeks, Pastor Ginny Ellis will be available for anyone who would like to meet with her after worship. She will be in the Chapel after each service on Sundays (June 11 and 18). This is meant to be a safe place for anyone to express their feelings or to share their own story. Depending on who chooses to come, it may be a group of people meeting together.

Participate with FPC in the St Pete Pride Parade

Save the date for **Saturday, June 24th**, when First Presbyterian Church will participate in the downtown St. Pete Pride Parade. Our church van will serve as our float, offering a cool and comfortable respite from the heat as we walk in support of the LGBTQIA+ community. If you're interested in joining us, please contact the Church Office (office@fpc-stpete.org or 727-822-2031).

We look forward to celebrating the beauty of diversity and standing in solidarity with you this June. Let us join together as a loving and inclusive community, spreading God's message of acceptance and compassion. #FPCSTPETE #LoveInclusionDiversity #PrideMonth #WeWelcomeAll



Ladies, you are invited to Lisa Harper's new Bible Study! **Luke: Gut-Level Compassion**

For 8 weeks we will study the humanity and compassion of Jesus shared by Luke. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for deep and personal relationship with Jesus!

Join us on Tuesday mornings
through August 8 (not meeting July 4)
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in the Youth Center

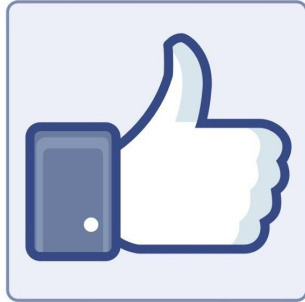
Workbooks (including streaming video access for all sessions) will be available for \$25. We know it's summer – come when you can! No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? April Hussung: 727-420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com.

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 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-12:30 PM, childcare is available, Room 203
- Sundays, 9 AM, Connect Worship Service, Youth Center or [Online](#)
- Sundays, 10 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Room S-202

- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Power Hour Sunday School Class, Youth Center
- **Sundays, 11 AM**, Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
- **Mondays, 10 AM**, Lectio Divina, via [Zoom](#)
- **Tuesdays, 9 AM**, Ladies' Bible Study, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation (meets in-person in the Chapel the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
- **Wednesdays, 7 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Youth Center
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, Room N-123
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, June 11, 2 PM**, Men's Meal Ministry cooking for Pinellas Hope
- **Wednesday, June 14, 6 PM**, Beach Drive Forum
- **Saturday, June 24**, FPC participates in the St Pete Pride Parade
- **Monday, June 26, 1:30 PM**, Card Fellowship

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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