

FIRST NEWS



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

November 5, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, November 7
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost /
All Saint's Day / Lord's Supper

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Peacock
Sermon: "Who We Are"

Scriptures: [1 Corinthians 13:11-13](#), [John 13:34-35](#), [15:12-17](#)

If you are unable to worship with us in person,
you can click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.



COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our worship service. If you are joining us online, 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.

Praise Band Preview - New to You!

This week, your FPC Praise Band is performing two songs we've never done for a live service before. *How Can I Keep From Singing* and *All To You* are both fun, high-energy songs, with melodies that are easy to learn. Click the links below to hear the tunes & we'll see you on Sunday!

[How Can I Keep From Singing](#)
[All To You](#)

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jim White, for his 77th birthday, by his sister, Marilyn Mulcahy.



If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*

FPC Mask Policy

Reminder: FPC St. Pete has a mandatory mask policy indoors during worship and all other indoor campus activities.



Daylight Saving Time Ends this weekend.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Jim White

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 Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

ELECTION OF ELDERS Called Congregational Meeting on November 14

The Session and Administrative Commission have called a congregational meeting to be held via Zoom at 1:00 PM Sunday, November 14, for the purpose of electing elders.

The following seven elders are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. As always, nominations can be added from the floor, but the agreement of the person being nominated will be required in order to place a name in nomination. Being nominated by the committee will be:

Class of 2022 (a one-year term)

- Beth Houghton

Class of 2023 (a two-year term)

- Jane Egbert
- Al May

Class of 2024 (a full three-year term)

- Sandi Averitt
- Kathy Bardin
- Don Doddridge
- Bill Shelton

FPC members and affiliates, please register in advance for next Sunday's meeting by clicking [HERE](#).

****This link is to pre-register, not to join the meeting.** Clicking the link and completing the registration form is the first step in the process. The second step is to look for a confirmation email you will receive from Zoom, which will contain information about the meeting, including the link to join.

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.

After elders are elected, they will undergo training, they will be examined, and then ordained and/or installed. At that time, the Presbytery's Administrative Commission will be dismissed and the church Pastor will become the Moderator of the Session.

A later congregational meeting will be called for the election of Deacons.

What a great weekend (Oct. 30-31) we just had!!!
Here is just a glimpse of some of the
fun activities that happened around FPC!

Trunk or Treat



Heritage Sunday



The MacMillan Hunting tartan banner, which was donated by Karen Kisten and carried by Karen Mossman, is also Pastor Megan McMillan's tartan.

The ancient Greenlaw tartan banner was donated by Royce Greenlaw Haiman. It was carried by Ronn Johnson at Sunday's Scottish Heritage Service. Royce is wearing the modern Greenlaw tartan.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

St. Petersburg's RunFest will be held on the morning of Nov 14. The back church parking lot will be closed off for the morning (6:00 to 10:30 AM). Please make your plans to park in our ample grass parking area south of the sanctuary, or in the circle drive in front.



Our church will be assisting RunFest in the following ways:

- Our Praise Band will play for the runners from approximately 8:00 to 10:00 AM, so feel free come a little early to support them!
- We will staff a water table behind the church. We need volunteers for

this! Please call the Church Office if you can help!

- We will pray for the safety of all those participating.



FPC Concert Series: *The Sounds of Glory*
Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The Sounds of Glory will include famous masterwork *Glorias* by Bach, Palestrina, Mozart, Vivaldi, and Beethoven

Featuring: Tampa Oratorio Singers, accompanied by a full orchestra

Tampa Oratorio Singers is a 60+ voice auditioned concert chorus, comprised of talented volunteer singers (some multi-generational) from all walks of life encompassing the entire Tampa Bay Area. Hear their concert *The Sounds of Glory* featuring famous masterwork *Glorias* by Bach, Puccini, Mozart, Vivaldi, and Beethoven. Offering will be taken for Tampa Oratorio Singers.



THERE'S ROOM FOR ALL IN OUR NEW TENT!

Please reserve the canopy tent for church activities

You may have noticed our new and bright First Presbyterian Church burning bush event tent last weekend, set up by the circular stairway in the parking lot. It welcomed hundreds to FPC, many of them newcomers: Trunk or Treaters on Saturday afternoon, VOCES8 concert-goers that night, and Reformation/Presbyterian Heritage worshippers Sunday morning!

It is here for YOU to use at church, anywhere on campus where it can be

anchored in the grass, to welcome people to FPC and draw attention to whatever special event you are hosting. Church members and event organizers should consider putting up the tent during special holiday seasons or other happenings at the church, to take reservations, offer people a shady spot to sit or other uses. Be creative; maybe there is an FPC puppet troupe waiting to be born that needs a stage! It could also be used during community events where FPC needs a presence, such as the Pride Parade in June or other outdoor fairs. Your decorations and other signage can be strung to the loops on the canopy to add information and fun.

There are two things you need to do to reserve and request installation of the tent:

1) Email Building & Grounds Superintendent Johnny Miller at jmiller@fpc-stpete.org at least one week in advance with your request, stating the date for installation and date for take down, and

2) Provide the name of a volunteer who can help put it up and take it down.

Johnny's hours are Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m-1 p.m. so you can coordinate your volunteer's availability with his. The tent pops up easily but it takes TWO people. Your volunteer simply will need to hold the corner poles on one side of the frame as Johnny opens it up to its full size, then help fasten the Velcro corners of the canopy. It is not heavy lifting! The tent can stay up for a few days but probably not more than a few weeks, especially if there are high winds, as months-long sun exposure and a blustery storm damaged the original tent when we were closed down for the pandemic.

Let's shout from the (tent) rafters that First Presbyterian has a lot going on!

Thanksgiving...A Time to Remember *Rev. Megan McMillan's Memories*

"Turkey, ham, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce (from a can), sweet potatoes (with marshmallows on top, of course) dressing, and Chocolate Chess pie...that's Thanksgiving to me," said Megan with a smile!

While growing up in South Carolina, Megan helped her parents in their family-owned bakery and deli. During the weeks before Thanksgiving, the whole family worked together preparing the petit fours, pound cake, and coffee cake.

"Mom, Dad, my brother, my granddad and I worked together bagging up the pastries to be sold...it was a real family gathering.

On Thanksgiving Day, my aunt, uncle, cousins, and grandparents would join us for our Thanksgiving meal. Naturally, the feast was followed by watching football and a good, long, nap.



When I think of the holidays, I remember our family meal and working together as a family the next day bagging up the leftovers to be sold at the bakery....but most of all I remember the Chocolate Chess Pie...mmm mmm, it was GOOD."

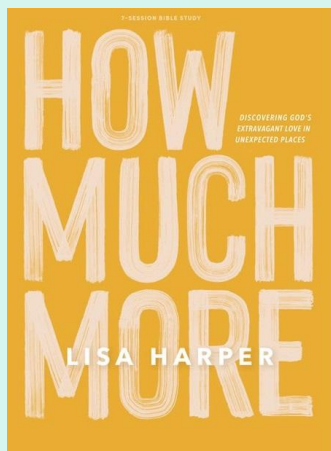
Grieving? Know someone who is?

**GriefShare begins Sunday,
November 14 at 4 PM and will
be 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.



**Ladies, you are invited to
a new Lisa Harper Bible Study:**

How Much More
**Discovering God's Extravagant Love
in Unexpected Places**

This 7-week study will tackle some overlooked or misunderstood passages in Scripture, uncovering how they amplify the love and goodness of God.

**Join us on Tuesday mornings through November 30, 2021
9:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center**

Workbooks will be available for \$20. 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

REMINDER:

If you have information to submit for next week's (November 12) First News edition, please direct your emails to DAumack@fpc-stpete.org. Submissions should be received by 5 PM Tuesday (November 9) if possible. Thank you!

**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!



Pastoral Emergency Number

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

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

Online Giving



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 November Birthdays

Some groups are continuing to meet 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, meeting in-person, Chapel.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- **Tuesdays, 9:15 AM**, Ladies Bible Study, Youth Center.
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is **Nov. 9**). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- **Thursdays, 6 PM**, Handbell Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123. For more information, please contact Ken Young (youngkd1492@comcast.net).
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123; otherwise, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)
- **Friday, November 5 (today) and Friday, November 12** - Church Office will be closed.
- **Sunday, November 14**
 - **RunFest**; volunteers will man a water table for runners; Praise Band plays outside from 8-10 AM; parking for 10 AM worship service will be limited to the front circle and grass lot.
 - **Congregational Meeting**, 1 PM (via Zoom)
 - **GriefShare** starts, 4 PM (via Zoom)
 - *The Sounds of Glory* concert, featuring Tampa Oratorio Singers, accompanied by a full orchestra, 7 PM, Sanctuary

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 Grossenbacher](#) (Info for the November 12th edition - please direct to [Dave Aumack](#)).

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