

# FIRST NEWS



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

**September 10, 2021**

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

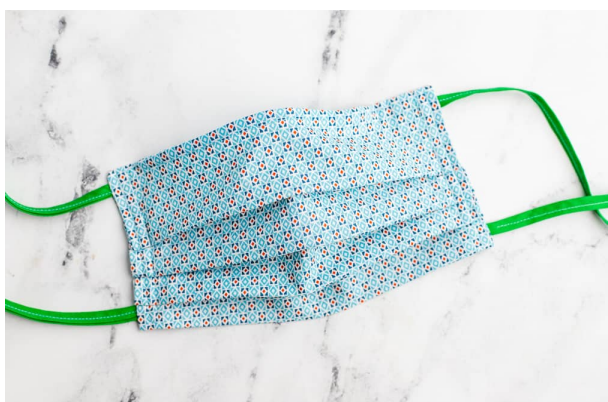
Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary  
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, September 12  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Carol Byrd  
Sermon: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"  
Scriptures: [Psalm 19](#), [Mark 8:27-38](#)

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

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### **Updated Mask Policy**

Reminder: in response to rising cases of COVID-19 and in conjunction with updated CDC guidelines, FPC St. Pete has re-implemented a **mandatory mask policy indoors** during worship and all other indoor campus activities.

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**Guest Musician This Sunday**

This week's guest musician is soprano Lauren Cattell. Lauren is the Choir Director at Seminole High School and FPC Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader. She completed her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music Education at Florida State University.



## Praise Band Preview - Something Old, Something New

Your FPC Praise Band has two more great tunes planned for this Sunday's worship. *Jesus Take All Of Me* is a modern take on the old, familiar hymn *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*. Our second tune, *Unfailing Love*, is a new worship song released in 2004 by Christian artist, Chris Tomlin. Click the links below to learn the tunes, and we'll see you on Sunday!

[Jesus Take All Of Me](#)  
[Unfailing Love](#)

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



Please remember in prayer: Guy Anderson, Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Elizabeth Hammer, 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

Please continue to lift our church up in your prayers during this time of transition.

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](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).

**Update from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

# Administrative Commission

Greetings from the Administrative Commission,

We are excited to announce that Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis will begin service as Temporary Stated Supply Pastor at First Presbyterian Church St Petersburg beginning September 13, 2021. Her time at FPC will continue until a transitional pastor is hired.

The Administrative Commission has repeatedly found a need for urgent pastorship during this time of transition at First Presbyterian Church St Petersburg. While we continue our work in hiring a transitional pastor we are pleased to have Rev. Ellis provide pastoral care, administrative support and worship leadership. We thank the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for quick action and review of our recommendation to hire a "bridge" pastor in this time of need.

Rev. Ginny Ellis is well known in our presbytery. She grew up in Jacksonville, FL, went to Agnes Scott College and Columbia Seminary. Ginny has served as pastor or transitional pastor in a number of our churches. She and husband, Harry, have three children, five grandchildren and one dog. For hobbies Ginny reads, walks, bakes bread and watches for butterflies in her native garden.

Join us in welcoming Rev. Ellis September 12, 2021!

**Join us this Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at 4 PM  
for the Folies d'St Pete Concert  
Featuring: [St. Pete Baroque, Inc.](#)**

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# St Pete Baroque

Presents:

Daniel Urbanowicz, Artistic Director



## Folies de St Pete

Works by:

Elisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre

Antonio Vivaldi

Isabella Leonarda

Domenico Gallo

Arcangelo Corelli



4:00pm

First Presbyterian Church  
701 Beach Dr NE  
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701  
Free Admission  
Suggested donation \$20



Featured Artists: Daniel Urbanowicz, Viola d'Amore; Sarah Shellman, Violin; Yuan-Yuan Wang, Violin; Scott Kluksdahl Cello; Brent Douglas, Harpsichord



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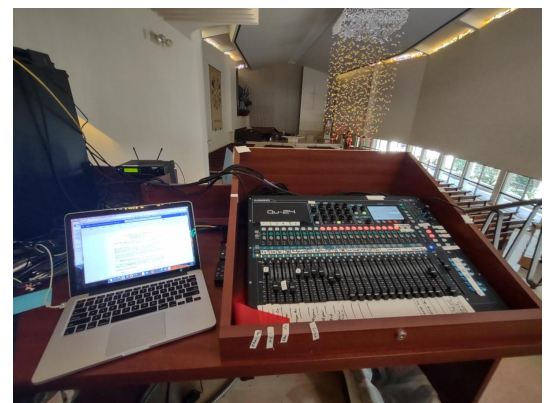
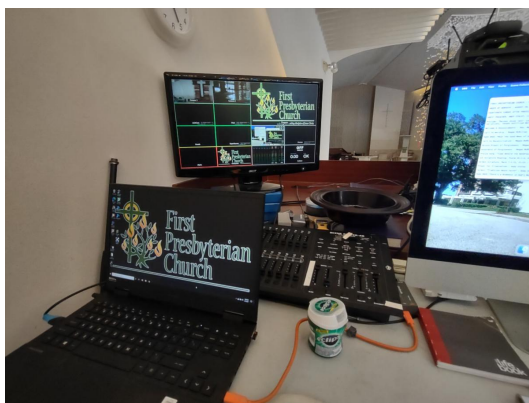
### Redesigned Audio and Video Workspace

The culmination of three weeks of work - designing, rewiring, rearranging, and testing - has resulted in an updated and more efficient A/V workspace.



Since fall of 2019, our online presence has grown into a solid ministry. Over the last two years, we have transitioned from simply providing recorded sermon segments for the occasional hospital or homebound member, to now ministering to individuals and communities around the world, bringing them a full worship experience with music, written scripture, and the Word.

As with any expansion, there are moments when the existing structure and workflow becomes a hindrance, rather than a benefit. The added complexity of two remotely controlled Pan/Tilt/Zoom cameras combined with the addition of three fixed cameras focused on the organ (for a total of 5 camera inputs), overlaid titles and graphics, and three video-local-area networks can certainly create a "rat's nest" of wires. These cables, in addition to the 24 sound input and output cables, make the task of rearranging equipment daunting, to say the least.



As we continue to improve our gift of service and worship to the Lord, we have been diligent in our upgrades (which have mostly come from individual donors) and utilizing a modular approach. This has enabled us to upgrade our capabilities quickly without large investments. We still have a few more upgrades that have been "sponsored" that will provide a notable improvement while still maintaining our modular and fiscally responsible approach.

As always, it has been on a pleasure to serve God and the members of First Presbyterian Church St Pete.

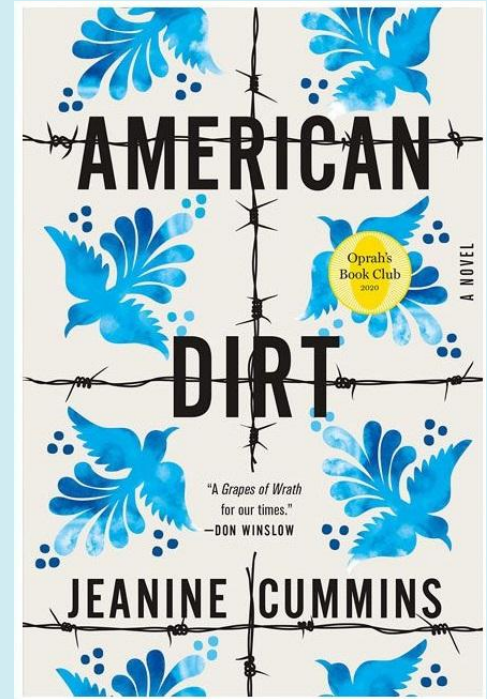
Thanks and Blessings,  
David Aumack, Director of Media Production

**Faith & Fiction** will begin again on Monday, October 4th, and although we had hoped that it would be in person, due to the rising COVID levels, it is rather likely that it will have to be via Zoom until most of us get the vaccine booster.

THIS YEAR WE ARE TRYING AN EARLIER TIME: 4:00 p.m.

We have a dynamite book to start off our season! *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. We decided to have a theme this year, books about social justice, or injustice as the case may be. In this first book, which is an immigration story, a woman and her son experience violence in Mexico and must flee to try to reach the United States. This book is a real page-turner!

More information regarding our meeting will be announced closer to the beginning of October. If you have questions, call Linda Santoro, 727-897-9543.



## Congratulations to Michael Lyle!

Michael Lyle, son of Robin and Sally Lyle and brother of Robby and Sarah Beth Lyle, has just been installed as an Associate Pastor at Germantown Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Tennessee. His focus will be in Discipleship and Evangelism.



Michael grew up at First Presbyterian Church St Pete, was baptized here, and showed a tendency to the ministry at a very early age. He will always be thankful to this church which helped facilitate his call as a pastor.

After attending Grace Lutheran School, Northside Christian, and graduating from UCF, Michael went to Princeton Theological Seminary to receive Masters of Divinity and Masters of Theology degrees. For his first assignment after seminary, he served as the sole pastor of Rossville Presbyterian Church in

Rossville, Indiana for 5 years.

Michael has been married to his lovely wife Francesca for nearly two years and they are very excited to be a part of Germantown Presbyterian Church. His family and friends share in their joy as they continue to bless others in their new adventure.



## Devotionals Available

Copies of the Oct/Nov/Dec 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 Desk on Sunday mornings.



## Presbyterian Women's Bible study for 2021-2022

Our Horizons study this year, is "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." Plan to refresh your spirit and enjoy fellowship with other women, beginning in September and continuing through May 2022.

If you are not a current circle member and would like to join, please contact Rachel Bowron ([rbowron@aol.com](mailto:rbowron@aol.com) or 727-433-0571) to be connected to a circle that works for you.



## Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Through September 28, 2021  
9:15 - 11:30 AM

Join Priscilla Shirer on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. Please register with April Hussung (email her by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling 727-420-1758) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$20. You can also contact April if you have any questions.

Please note, there is no childcare available at this time. We will be following the church's mask policies.

## St. Pete Primary School is Going Live!

Join us TONIGHT, September 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM for our Livestream Kickoff Party! Safety is always our top goal, and



with that in mind, we've modified our "Once Upon A Dream" event into two separate events:

1. 9/10/2021 Livestream Kickoff Party that will take place online along with our online auction. The auction opens on 9/5/2021 and the Livestream will begin on 9/10/2021 at 6:30PM. This is a free event, no bidding or tickets required.
2. Spring 2022 Once Upon A Dream in-person event at the Vinoy Sunset Ballroom

The Kickoff Party will feature:

- An energetic evening MC'ed by St. Pete's own Blake Kennedy
- Showcase Singalong featuring students singing to their favorite fairytale tunes (pre-recorded)
- Fabulous Finds at our online auction: trips, gift cards, designer handbags, and more!
- Live Welcome by Ashley Hardy, Head of School
- MC'ed Auction Updates: leaderboards, surprise auction items, and a 50/50 drawing (applied toward tuition)
- Meet & Greet with the teachers and staff (pre-recorded)

It's easy to join the fun!

- **Step 1:** Visit [SPPSDream.org](http://SPPSDream.org) and select 'Livestream Kickoff Party' at the top
- **Step 2:** Use the dropdown and select 'Register to Bid' and enter your information
- **Step 3:** On 9/10/2021, select Livestream Kickoff Party and then 'Attend'

Don't want to bid online? No problem! Just visit [SPPSDream.org](http://SPPSDream.org) on 9/10/2021 and select 'Attend Livestream Kickoff' to watch the show!

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 September Birthdays



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Church Office will be closed today, **Friday, September 10,** and **Monday, September 13** to accommodate PTO for church staff (Johnny Miller and Amy Grossenbacher).

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](#).
- *Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster Sunday School Class will not be meeting again until Fall.*
- **Sunday, September 12, 4 PM** in the Sanctuary, join us for the *Folies d'St Pete*/St. Pete Baroque, Inc. concert. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM,** Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is September 14). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM,** Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123. For more information, please contact Ken Young ([youngkd1492@comcast.net](mailto:youngkd1492@comcast.net)).
- **Fridays, 12 PM,** Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (meeting virtually through August; next in-person meeting will be September 24). For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))

## 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](#).

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