



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

February 21, 2020

Transfiguration of the Lord /Blanket Sunday

8:15 AM Communion Worship, Chapel

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM Classic Worship with Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday: "How Do I Hear God's Voice?" - Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 46:1-11](#); [1 Kings 19:11-13](#)

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin & announcements

HEALTH FOR HONDURAS SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

*All proceeds benefit the New Hope Clinic in Honduras
Saturday, February 22nd at 6pm | St. Thomas Episcopal Church
1200 Snell Isle Blvd, NE., St. Petersburg, FL 33704*

*Delicious food compliments of Red Mesa
Tickets are \$50 each by check or \$52.50 online at ffim.org
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Blankets Are Needed You Can Help

A Blanket Offering will be received this Sunday to benefit Church World Service which distributes thousands of blankets around the world to help families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Donate in envelopes provided in your worship service. Any checks should be made out to CWS.

Click to learn more: cwsblankets.org

Enjoy Your Retirement, Blanche!

A retirement reception will be given for Blanche Ganey this Sunday, February 23 in the Chapel immediately following the 11 AM service. Help us congratulate and thank her for her 6 1/2 years of faithful service as Office Manager

This will be Blanche's second retirement. She retired the first time in 2003 after working 30 years at Verizon. She is now looking forward to slowing down a bit and doing some of the things that she enjoys.



Dinner and Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for dinner of soup, salad and bread in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM this Wednesday, February 26.

Dinner will be followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 6 PM that will include the imposition of ashes as well as communion. Make plans to attend this beautiful and meaningful time that will lead us into the season of Lent.

Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (727-822-2031) if you plan to join us for dinner.

Duo Catanza Guitar Duets

Sunday, March 1, 4 PM
Sanctuary



Enjoy the soothing sounds of classical guitar reverberating through the beautiful Sanctuary on a Sunday afternoon. Award-winning guitarists Scott Plato and Matthias Young will play a recital of eclectic and scintillating literature.

Scott received his Bachelor's degree in classical guitar performance from Georgia State University under the instruction of John Sutherland, a protege of Andres Segovia. He also has a Master of Music degree from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. In 1995 he founded the guitar department at Gainesville College in Gainesville, Georgia and was the Head of Guitar Studies there until 2000.

Matthias Young has taught at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center and Emory University. He is the Director of the Dunwoody Conservatory of Music. In 2017 he established the guitar program at Mount Vernon Presbyterian School in Atlanta, GA. Matthias is also an accomplished tenor soloist, having performed professionally for over a decade in assisting the choirs of St. Peters and St. Mary's Church in Rome, GA, and The First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. He is currently the tenor section leader and assistant conductor at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. His education includes undergraduate studies at Berry College and Georgia State University as well as graduate work at Boston

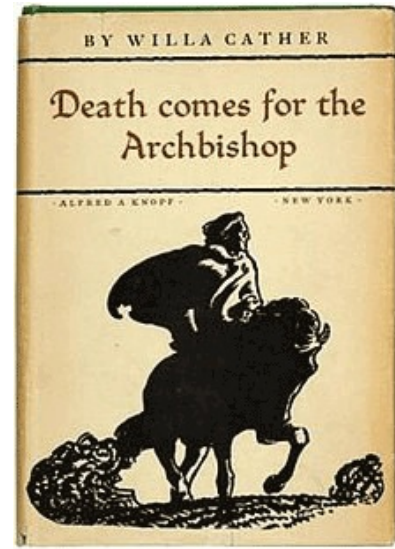
Faith & Fiction

Death Comes for the Archbishop By Willa Cather

Monday, March 2, 7:30 PM, N-123

Discussion Leader: Lorraine Franckle

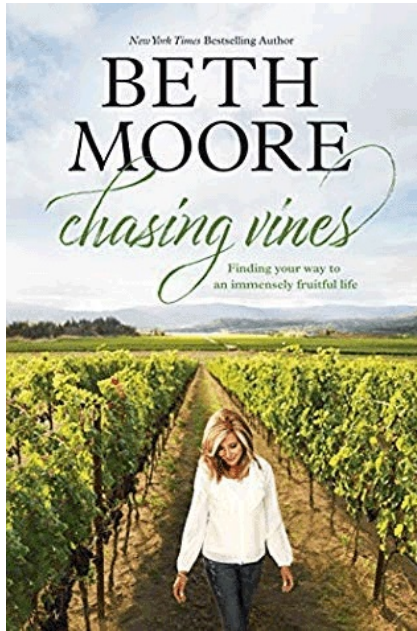
Death Comes for the Archbishop is the story of the life of Archbishop Jean Marie Latour, a French missionary. He is given the task of overseeing the diocese of New Mexico, which has just been annexed by the United States from Mexico.



Next month's Faith & Fiction: April 6, 7:30 PM

Becoming Mrs. Lewis, by Patti Callahan Discussion Leader: Rue Ann Porter

Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis were an unlikely match, separated by an ocean, an age difference, ghosts of the past, and the general complications of life, and yet love has the power to conquer all.



Ladies, you are invited to a new Beth Moore Bible Study: "Chasing Vines"

Finding your way to an immensely fruitful life

Let's explore the ways God delights in watching things grow - and how the vineyard holds the secret to a more abundant and meaningful life. We'll uncover how every part of our lives - even the rockiest soil - can be used by God to make a difference for His Kingdom.

March 3 - April 7, 2020, 6 Sessions

Tuesday mornings: 9:15 – 11:30 AM in the Youth Center

Tuesday evenings: 6:30 – 8:45 PM in the Youth Center

Study guides will be available for \$15. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Free childcare is available by reservation – email childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at 828-3971 (sign up for all 6 weeks or let childcare know if you are unable to come for specific dates).

Questions? April Hussung: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com

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EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

We are now collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our annual Eggstravaganza. Collection baskets are located by the entrance to the Sanctuary and entrance to the Fellowship Hall

Church Pals Reconnect 20 Years Later

At the 9 AM worship on Sunday, Andrew Mossman and Charlie Bardin reconnected after not having seen each other since Sunday School 20 years ago. Little Charlie

& Andrew used to be in Koinonia and attend family camp at Cedarkirk.

Such fun to see the young generation come back and reconnect!

Pictured: Charlie Bardin, left, and Andrew Mossman, right.



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!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

Coming up:

- [February Birthdays](#)
- [February Childcare Parent Calendar](#)
- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM, Tuesdays
- Men's Community Bible Study, Fridays at 7:30 AM, N-123
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation).
- GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Sunday afternoons at 4 PM and Tuesdays at 10 AM; refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday Dinner at 5:30 PM followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, March 1, Duo Catanza Concert, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Monday, March 2, Faith & Fiction, *Death Comes For The Archbishop*, N-123, 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 3, New Beth Moore Bible Study begins, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM, Youth Center
- Tuesday, March 3, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel

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 [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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