

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

January 24, 2020

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 AM - Communion Worship, Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday "What Matters Most?" - Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 146](#); [Mark 12:28-34](#)

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



**Visitors To Receive Welcome Bags**

Fun, brightly-colored welcome bags containing edibles like Scottish shortbread and an assortment of tea, are now available to first time visitors to FPC St. Pete. Visitors will be welcomed at the beginning of worship and instructed to go to the welcome center or kiosk following worship to complete an information card and then receive their welcome bag.

Thank you ME&C Committee for bringing back welcome bags!

**Wednesday Night Live**  
**January 29**



5 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room), for children ages 4 - 10

5:30 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Taco Bar and dessert + a kid-friendly meal option. Let us know if you will join us for dinner by calling the Church Office (727) 822-2031.

6 PM - Messy Church, "Weird and Gross Stories of the Bible" (Room S-106) or Financial Peace University (Chapel) or History of the Presbyterian Church in Florida (Fellowship Hall)

**Can You Help?** We will need a team of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up! If you are ready, willing, and able to serve on at least one Wednesday evening, please email Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org) or call the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

**Mark Your Calendar** "Astronomy and the Bible," led by Kyle Brinkman, will begin at Wednesday Night Live on Feb. 5.



## Considering Becoming A Church Member?

Prospective New Member Luncheon,  
Sunday, Jan. 26

On Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 PM, plan to join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon. You will learn about our faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to join and be a part of downtown St. Pete's most welcoming church!

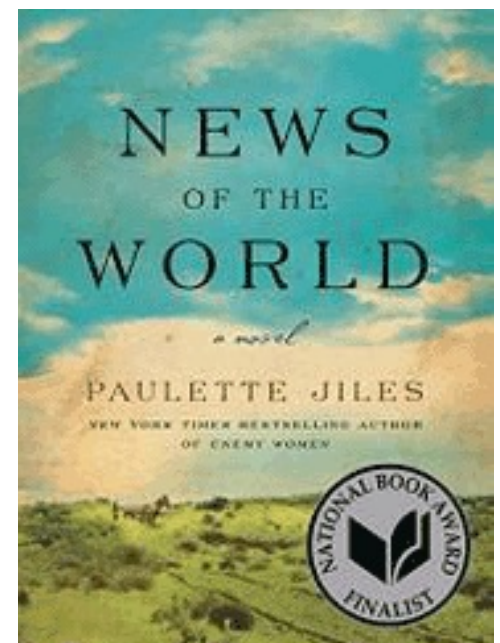
Reserve a spot by calling the Church Office at (727) 822-2031. Call Karen Mossman (727) 400-5079 with any questions.

## *News of the World* Is Featured Book At Feb. 3 Faith and Fiction

Join the discussion on Mon., Feb. 3 at 7:30 PM in N-123.

*News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles is set in post-Civil War Texas. It tells the story of 71-year-old Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd and his unlikely ward, a 10-year-old girl rescued by the U.S. Army from Kiowa Indian capture.

Discussion Leader: Cynthia Garrels



## 'Boomers & Gen Xers New Small Group Being Formed

If you are a 'Boomer or a Gen Xer, you are invited to join a new FPC small group. The first meeting will be a Valentine's Day party hosted by Chris and Karen Mossman on Friday, February 7, at 7 PM. Bring an appetizer to share.

The Mossmans' address is 373 6th Ave N., Tierra Verde. Kindly RSVP by February 5 to Karen at [karenamossmann@gmail.com](mailto:karenamossmann@gmail.com).

This small group will meet monthly at members' homes for food, fellowship and prayer.



## The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Praise Sat, Feb. 8, 7:30 PM

*Featuring:* Jake Runestad, composer and guest clinician; Dr. Kevin Fenton, conductor and guest clinician; The Festival Singers of Florida, First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, and Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Enjoy a brand-new format for the Festival of Praise Concert as singers from across the state of Florida join together to sing the music of internationally-recognized composer Jake Runestad. The concert will feature narration by Jake Runestad, and special guests The Festival Singers of Florida under the baton of conductor and festival clinician Dr. Kevin Fenton, Professor of Conducting and Choral Ensembles at Florida State University.

This will be an unforgettable evening of unity through singing that you will not want to miss!



## Share The Love Sunday

On Sunday, February 9, we invite you to join us at 10 AM for a combined traditional worship service in the Sanctuary featuring musicians from the Feb. 8 "Festival of Praise" concert, followed by a "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall (lasagna, garlic bread, and dessert).

Reserve your spot for lunch by calling the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

Suggested Donation: \$7 per person or \$25 max per family.

Come share the love with your First Pres family!

## List of Church Officers

The list below reflects two corrections to the list of Church Officers which appeared in *First News* last week. Marilyn Mulcahy's name was omitted and Tom Carnahan has rotated off. We apologize for these mistakes.

### Elders/Session Members

Peter Bardin  
Kyle Brinkman  
Uneeda Brewer  
Paul Culley  
Leah Cutting  
Don Doddridge  
Mollie Holden  
Rhonda Holifield  
Mickey Huguet  
Brad Hussung  
John Johnson  
Lynn Kiehne  
Karen Kisten  
Gretchen Letterman  
Robin Lyle  
Jennie McCoun  
Tony McCoy  
Karen Mossman

### Deacons

Petra Garnett  
Larry Kirsch  
Dick Luehrs  
Susan Luehrs  
Mary McLean  
Cathy Milburn  
Marilyn Mulcahy  
Rue Ann Porter  
Linda Santoro  
Judie Underwood  
Hannah Rose Wanless  
Jill Whelpley  
Dottie Young



Pictured above: Gibbs High School musicians performing on Friday, January 17 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City

These students presented a "Bon Voyage" concert at FPC the Sunday before their concert in New York City. Director of the choral portion of the concert was Matt Clear, Director of Worship Music and the Arts at First Pres.

## Icons In Transformation Art Exhibit Tours

Another FPC tour of the Icons In Transformation Art Exhibit at St. Thomas Episcopal Church will be on Friday, Jan. 31, at 1 PM. Please meet at the entrance to the Sanctuary of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1200 Snell Isle Blvd NE.

For further information, contact Ronn Johnson ([rjohnson632@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rjohnson632@tampabay.rr.com)).



## Report From New Hope Clinic

From Susan Schlecht: This is an amazing report ([click here](#)) from Dr. Davila detailing the blessing of having a fully equipped dental clinic with a well qualified dentist.

Your prayers and continued support are responsible for the ability to deliver superior health care to our Brothers and Sisters in the remote mountains of Honduras.

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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:

- [January Birthdays](#)
- [January 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
- Women's Bible Study, *Trustworthy*, Tuesdays at 9:15 AM and 6:30 PM in the Youth Center .
- 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 Night Live, Children's Choir at 5 PM (Choir Room), Dinner at 5:30 (Fellowship Hall), and at 6:30 PM Financial Peace University (Chapel) or History of the Presbyterian Church in Florida (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, January 26, Prospective New Member Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Youth Center
- Sunday, February 2, Congregational Meeting following 11 AM service
- Monday, February 3, Faith and Fiction, *News of the World*, 7:30 PM, N-123
- Saturday, February 8, 34th Annual Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 9, Combined Traditional Worship Service, 10 AM, Sanctuary followed by a "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, February 11 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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