

# FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News  
from First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

March 27, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Live-Stream Worship Service

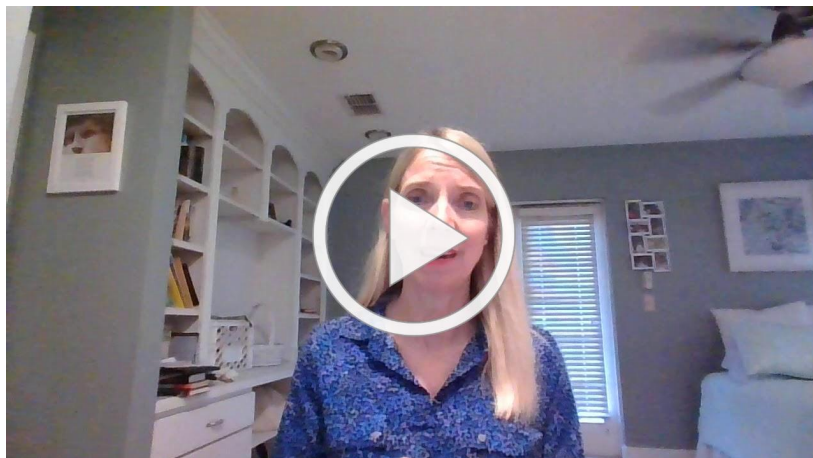
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The sermon for this Sunday: "Prayer" - Pastor Dawn Conti

This is the third sermon in a series titled "Standing on the Promises"

Scripture: [Psalm 27:1-14](#), [Luke 11:1-13](#)

A Special Video Message from Pastor Dawn



**Prayer Concerns**

Please remember in prayer: Ruthie Bafaro, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Katy

Churchil, Bob Clark, Kat Cline, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Rhys Hogan, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Peter Pav, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke, Kathy Jose. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the Corona virus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.

**Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:** Brian Herzik, USA; James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. Lt Cdr Charlotte Symonds, USNS Hospital Ship Mercy. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Our prayers are so appreciated by those on this list. Thank you for this important gift to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* -James 5:16

If you have any additions or deletions to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).



## Join us for church online this Sunday!

Due to COVID-19 and government recommendations, we will not be meeting at our church campus. However, **we will be live-streaming a worship service at 10 AM, and we invite you to join us!** If the 10:00 hour on Sunday does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week.

**Please join our worship by clicking on the link below:**

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCYcYHUzgbUrt\\_w04s4Vb5\\_](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYcYHUzgbUrt_w04s4Vb5_)

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website ([www.fpcstpete.com](http://www.fpcstpete.com)) as well as on the church's Facebook page.



## GriefShare To Meet Via Conference Call

GriefShare will continue to meet (not in person, but by conference call!) at 10 AM on Tuesdays. If anyone new would like to join the group, please contact Ruth Elswood ([relswood@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:relswood@fpc-stpete.org)) for instructions on how to get the videos and join the call.





## Pictures From Children Of The Church

These pictures were sent in response to Pastor Dawn's Children's Message which focused on John 14:27.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And do not let them be afraid." - John 14:27



Lucy & Evan Gregson

## Recommended Resources for Youth and Families

Our Youth and Families are so important to us at First Church! We have attached some resources for both alleviating anxiety and additional support for our Families throughout this pandemic. May we make it together, one day at a time, doing the best we can.





General resources for congregations relating to COVID-19:

- <https://www.sneucc.org/coronavirus>

Resources Specifically for Children & Families Related to COVID-19

- Talking With Children About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (from the CDC):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>
- How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus (from PBS):  
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>
- Crisis Conversation Guides for parents:  
<https://theparentcue.org/resources/crisis-conversation-guides/>

Article for Parents Related to COVID-19

- Managing Fear and Anxiety During a Health Pandemic:  
<https://theparentcue.org/managing-fear-and-anxiety-during-a-health-pandemic/>

Where to Find Resources/Activities to Send Home

- Faithful Families: <http://www.traci-smith.com>
- A daily family practice: <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>
- VibrantFaithAtHome.org
- Children's Ministry Resources from Practical Resources for Churches:  
<https://www.prcli.org/%20webinars-res/childrens-ministry/>
- Building Faith: <https://buildfaith.org/page/5/?s=at+home>
- IllustratedMinistry.com
- Milestones Ministry Taking Faith Home: <https://milestonesministry.org/taking-faith-home/>

Websites for Nurturing Parents' Faith

- [beliefnet.com](http://beliefnet.com); [gratefulness.org](http://gratefulness.org)

Free Coloring Pages:

- [https://illustratedmin.s3.amazonaws.com/freebies/WhenYouFeelAnxious.pdf?ck\\_subscriber\\_id=407068696](https://illustratedmin.s3.amazonaws.com/freebies/WhenYouFeelAnxious.pdf?ck_subscriber_id=407068696)

Online Devotionals

- Faith 5 (for families): <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>
- [d365.org](http://d365.org) (for teens)
- DevoZine (for teens by teens): <https://devozine.upperroom.org>



**Our community is  
facing unprecedented  
challenges.**

From St. Petersburg Free Clinic:

- The number of families receiving food from our pantry has more than doubled since the COVID-19 crisis began, while food donations have been reduced by 50%
- We are sheltering twelve families - including seven infants - in the Family Residence
- There are dozens of men and women living in our recovery residences, many of whom have already lost their employment

Help St. Petersburg Free Clinic by supporting those who need us now more than ever in these uncertain times and the days ahead.

**Your gift today will provide food, shelter and health care to our neighbors in need.**

## [GIVE TODAY](#)

St. Petersburg Free Clinic, 863 3rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

727.821.1200

### Update On Our Search For An Associate Pastor

Our congregation's Associate Pastor Nominating (Search) Committee has been meeting regularly since the position was posted in January. We have been reviewing potential candidates who are in the church-wide database of church professionals open to a new position. We are also reviewing candidates who apply directly to First Presbyterian-St. Petersburg or who are referred by our members or others. To date we have had one interview on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Several others will be arranged soon, using video conferencing technology. As with other aspects of our church's life, our search is affected by safety concerns and has to address them.

You can help by continuing to send recommendations our way. These are some of the most promising leads. You can also help by praying that the Holy Spirit guides our search, bringing the right person to our church's call and giving the Committee and candidate the discernment to know when that call is right.

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee—Al May, Chair; Bill Burtchaell; Jim Garnett; April Hussung; Taina Specie; Eric Wilson; and Don Zegel.



### 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.
- [March Birthdays](#)
- [April Birthdays](#)
- Until further notice, no groups will be meeting at the church. We will keep everyone posted on any changes.

### 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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