

FIRST NEWS



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

August 13, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, August 15
Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Andy Staley, CLP
Sermon: "Warning Labels"

Scriptures: [John 6:41-58](#), [1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](#)

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



Guest Musicians This Sunday

We are honored to be joined this week by the
Ambassadors Gospel Quartet who will sing "In
That Great Gettin' Up Morning" arranged by the
Gaither Vocal Band and "This World Is Not My
Home" by Albert Brumley.

Praise Band Preview - Let's sing together!

This week your FPC Praise Band will be featuring two wonderful worship tunes: *Evidence* and *His Mercy Is More*. Click the links below to learn the songs, then come ready to sing & make a joyful noise on Sunday. See you then!

[*Evidence*](#)
[*His Mercy Is More*](#)

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

PLEASE NOTE: As of the time of this publication (Friday at 9:30 AM), it looks like we will get some rainfall and potentially some wind from what will likely be Tropical Storm Fred as it nears the Tampa Bay area on Sunday morning. **We are planning to meet in person for our 10 AM worship service!** HOWEVER, we are keeping an eye on the forecast and will send out an email over the weekend if the projected forecast changes. Please use your discretion and stay safe!



Please remember in prayer: Guy Anderson, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Sarah Fechter, Teresa Gasper, Elizabeth Hammer, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, 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.

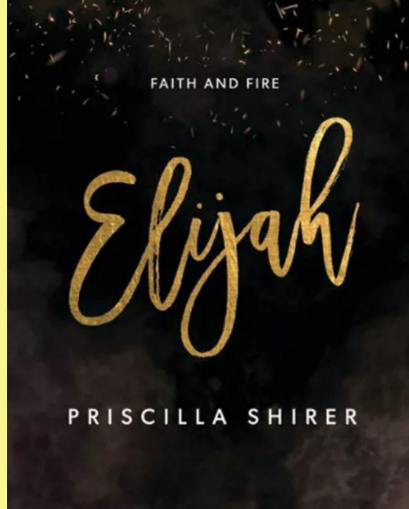
Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for an end to this situation.

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.

**Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study
STARTS NEXT TUESDAY!**



August 17 - 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 pre-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.



The FPC 2021-2022 Concert Series

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the exciting concerts and performers featured in this year's Concert Series and be sure to mark your calendars!

Create To Share Meal Ministry

The Create To Share Meal program allows our church to provide one meal to a First Presbyterian person in distress or stress due to: death in the family, major surgery/ prolonged illness or hospitalizations, traumatic relocation due to fire, flooding, etc., or birth in the family. Each meal consists of an entrée or casserole, vegetables, rolls and dessert.

Two things to consider:

1. We could use volunteer cooks or delivery people! We have the recipes.....you have the kitchen or car. Just helping once or a few times will be appreciated. Financial donations are much appreciated if you are unable to bake or drive.
2. If you or someone you know could use a meal due to one of the aforementioned circumstances, please call Evelyn Moorefield at 727-430-3196 or Marilyn Mulcahy at 714-580-5619. All information is confidential.

You're invited to dream big for our school!

This is an exciting time in the St. Petersburg Primary School classrooms on our campus, which will be buzzing with learning later this month when the school year starts again with the school's first-



ever Kindergarten class.

To celebrate this new chapter of growth beyond preschool, the parents of St. Pete Primary (formerly First Presbyterian Day School) have organized another first: an inaugural fundraising event, "Once Upon a Dream," on Sept. 10, 7-10 p.m. at the Vinoy Sunset Ballroom (at the golf course on Snell Isle).

First Presbyterian members and friends are invited to share this magical evening, which will include live entertainment, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet grilled cheese station and cash bar, as well as silent and live auctions. Go to SPPSDream.org to reserve your ticket and/or become a sponsor, browse the auction items, and learn more about St. Pete Primary's future dreams.

For 52 years, First Presbyterian Church has served families in St. Petersburg through its outstanding school, with the children of countless church members proud to be alums. How wonderful it would be for FPC members to attend the Sept. 10 event to meet and mingle with school parents and staff, and to help the school and its families continue to dream big about the future!

St. Pete Primary continues to have a dynamic and engaging relationship with First Presbyterian Church, with school instruction including chapel and faith-based programming. Please feel free to contact School Director, Ashley Hardy, 727-894-5889, for more information, or visit their new website: stpeteprimary.org

All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible.

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- 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 during this time.
- 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.

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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 August 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 (new location!).
- **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.*
- *Monday morning online devotionals are taking a break for the summer.*
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is Aug 17); virtual . For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- *Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer...will start back up after Labor Day.*
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (next in-person meeting is August 27); otherwise, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (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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