

# FIRST NEWS



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

**July 29, 2022**

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM  
this Sunday, July 31, 2022  
in the Fellowship Hall or online  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / 5th Sunday Mission Sunday*

Rev. Ginny Ellis  
Sermon: "The God Who Works Wonders"  
Scriptures: [Luke 12:13-21](#), [Psalm 77:1-3, 11-14](#)

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Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.  
Click [HERE](#) for the worship service bulletin.

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

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available  
for viewing on [our YouTube channel](#) throughout the week. Feel free to share  
the link with family and friends!

**PLEASE NOTE: we have a MASK-OPTIONAL policy  
for worship services and on-campus activities.**

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## Praise Band Preview - Fellowship Hall This Week!

Your FPC Praise Band is excited to be hosting another full Praise Service down in Fellowship Hall this Sunday at 10 AM. We've got 5 great tunes lined up for worship. That's a lot of music, so we'll just preview our opening tune, *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*, and our closing tune, *God So Loved*. Click below to check out the videos and we'll be seeing you on Sunday.

[Come, Now Is the Time to Worship](#)  
[God So Loved](#)



**Please remember in prayer:** Millie Bradley, Leah Cutting, John Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, John Johnson, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Sarita Lastrapes, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Wellons family

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; CPT 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 McCutcheon at [amym@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amym@fpc-stpete.org).

### From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

Hi there!

I am back in Florida, enjoying the sun and sea, after equal delights of mountains and cool air from our vacation in Montreat. Being with much of my family was a joy: our three children, our five grandchildren, their families, as well as some 23 various other siblings, cousins, etc. It was a busy and fun time!

I wanted to let you know that the Presbyterian General Assembly was held earlier this summer. The meeting was held in a "hybrid format," with committees meeting in person in Louisville KY but in shifts (three Committees at a time), then all the plenaries (that is, whole group meetings) were held on



Zoom. The GA wrapped up its work on Saturday July 9. We have ordered the post-GA reports for our church. There will be some copies to pick up at the Welcome Center this coming Sunday, or you can download and read it using [THIS LINK](#). I think you will want to be aware of what our elected commissioners have said to the church and to the world at this momentous time. In fact, I plan to meet with the Faith Journey Class at 8:30 this Sunday morning (July 31) to talk about the GA actions and what they might mean for the church. You might like me to offer a fuller class time on these topics in the fall; let me know if you would be interested in this. One of our presbytery's GA commissioners was elder Kathy Sandy from Village Church in Tampa (who was on our Administrative Commission); Kathy said it is good to have some context for the actions that were taken and the statements the GA offered.

Meanwhile I will see you soon, certainly on Sunday (MissionSunday) July 31! Be ready to come to worship, to serve, and to join in a lunch fellowship!

Pastor Ginny Ellis

# MISSIONSUNDAY



**MissionSunday - This Sunday - July 31**  
**5th Sunday is MissionSunday**

*Then he said to his disciples,  
"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.  
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,  
to send out workers into his harvest field." \**

**Worship – Mission – Fellowship**

This Sunday is MissionSunday, a 5th Sunday, dedicated to incorporating local mission projects with our worship! We are stuffing bags for CASA and backpacks for students in partnership with Live Love St Pete. So come, be a part of God's work!

Our worship service will be in the Fellowship Hall. Immediately following the service (in the same room!), we will begin an assembly line for the mission projects. Then lunch will be served, potluck-style with chicken by PDQ.

- Bring a side-dish or dessert to share
- Tell and invite a friend!
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send his workers

**Sunday, July 31st - Fellowship Hall - 10 AM**  
**See You There!**

\* (Mt 9:37–38, The New International Version, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.)

## Lectio Devina resumes next Monday, August 1

We would love for you to join us on Monday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom for Lectio Devina, when we reflect on scriptures that will be used in the coming Sunday's worship service. To join, just click the link: [HERE](#).



From the Sound Booth, we'd like to thank **Bryan Bardin** for his help. Bryan brings his audio and visual experience allowing us to continue and expand our ministry of bringing worship to those who cannot otherwise attend and providing quality sound. Stop by and say hello!



## The Little Free Library at First Presbyterian Church

### Access To Books Can Change Lives

From The Little Free Library Newsletter

A library steward from Kathleen, Georgia received this:

*Just wanted to let you know, we got a message from Maggie's teacher letting us know that her standardized test scores for reading are way beyond average for her grade! I truly think it's because she's been reading up a storm because of the library you implemented! She loves to go up there and get books!!*

Help us make a difference in children's lives. Support the LITTLE FREE LIBRARY @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Take a book, leave a book.  
Ronn Johnson, Steward

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 14

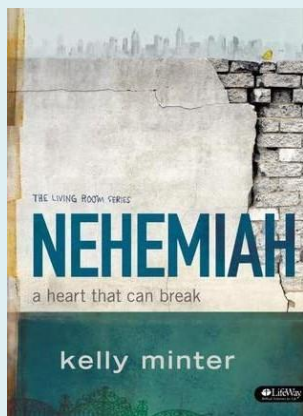
As hard as it is to believe, the end of summer is right around the corner! As kids get ready to return to school, we would like to send them off to the new school year with a blessing! On Sunday, August 14, Pastor Ginny will be blessing backpacks as a part of the Moment for All Ages. So be





sure to encourage the school-age kids in your life to join us in the Sanctuary or tune in to our online service that weekend!

## Ladies, you are invited to a Summer Bible Study: "Nehemiah – a heart that can break"



Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. This study challenges women to let God break their hearts for a hurting, lost world and move them in compassion to lead people to Jesus. This study was written by author, speaker, songwriter, and worship leader, Kelly Minter.

Join us on Tuesday mornings through August 23, 2022  
in the Youth Center  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome – no previous Bible study experience is required. Workbooks will be available for \$20. Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? Contact April Hussung: (727) 420-1758 or [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com).



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!



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!



During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

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 still meeting 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.

### Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **Sundays, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Chapel
- **Sundays, 9 AM**, No Power Hour Sunday School Class, taking a break for the summer
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
  
- **Tuesdays, 9 AM**, Ladies Bible Study on Nehemiah, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, No Christian Meditation, taking a break for July.
  
- **Wednesdays, 7:30 PM**, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal, taking a break for the summer
  
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, No Men's Bible Study, Room N-123, taking a break for the summer.
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))

### Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, July 31**, 5th Sunday Mission; worship in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a mission project, followed by lunch.
- **Monday, August 1**, Lectio Devina resumes

## 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 McCutcheon at [amym@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amym@fpc-stpete.org).

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