

# FIRST NEWS



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

**June 24, 2022**

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM  
this Sunday, June 26, 2022  
in the Sanctuary or online  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Ginny Ellis

Sermon: "What We're Here For: Sharing"

Scriptures: [Amos 8:4-6, 9-10](#), [Matthew 25:31-40](#)

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*PLEASE NOTE: Central Avenue will be closed most of Sunday for the Pride Weekend Street Carnival, so when you are driving to FPC from the south, please double-check your route!*

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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 - Summertime

Summertime is officially here, and it is certainly heating up outside. Fortunately, you can enjoy worship in our beautiful, air-conditioned Sanctuary, or online in the comfort of your own home. ☐ Your FPC Praise Band has prepared a couple of cool tunes for you as well: *Lord, I Need You* and *Evidence*. Click below to hear the tunes, and we'll see you on Sunday!

[Lord, I Need You](#)  
[Evidence](#)



**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, Chris 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



*Joined the Church Triumphant*

Lillian Harris  
June 19, 2022

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**

Dear Friends here at First Presbyterian,

Things feel a little different here, with the office next to mine empty. "Where did Megan go?" my brain asks, even as my heart rejoices for Megan, soon to begin her new pastorate. And wasn't it fun to have Art and Jan Ross here last week? Art has been a valued colleague of mine for years, but Sunday I realized that I had never actually heard him preach. I guess we preachers just don't get around much! Anyway, last Sunday was a treat. Folks here at the church seemed to enjoy it too.

Things do change, don't they? People come and go, some for a season (like our people who spend the hot summers elsewhere), as some go forever as life moves on (as we say sad, reluctant farewells to much loved friends and family). I am aware once again, that we are all in God's hands, as are the seasons of our lives and the seasons of life itself. I give thanks for this season, and for each of you, and for our journey together.

Blessings and love to each of you,  
Ginny Ellis



**New Member Inquirer's Class**  
**This Sunday, June 26 in the Youth Center**  
**immediately following worship**

Whether you have been visiting FPC St. Pete for a brief time or for longer, you will want to join us for a new member inquirer's class. This is your opportunity to learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian, plus hear the answers to all those questions you may have about our church, faith, and what you need to do to become a member. We will meet in the Youth Center on June 26 immediately following worship, where we will enjoy a light lunch and a great program from Pastor Ginny. Elders will be on-hand should you wish to join the church following the class. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (727-822-2031). This is a great chance to learn about and join downtown's most welcoming church!



**GOD LOVES US ALL!**

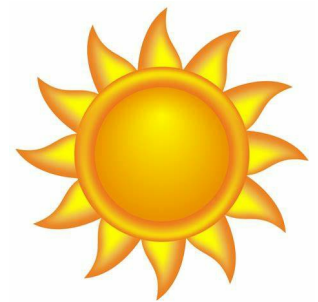
First Presbyterian is proud to be showing its support at the St. Pete Pride Festival along the parade route on the downtown waterfront Saturday June 25. Please join us!

Unfortunately, we missed the deadline for actually marching in the parade (there's always next year!), but if you would like to participate with church friends to spread the message that FPC loves all, just like God does, please plan to **gather in FPC's back parking lot at 2:30 p.m. (updated from last week)** to walk with our new FPC Pride banners over to the waterfront. Please note that 7th Avenue will be closed off by 2:30; just let the policeman stationed there know that you are with the church, then **please park in the grass lot!**

**The parade will step off at 3:30 p.m. (note the time change from an earlier First News items)** from Vinoy Park and run along Bayshore Drive to Albert Whitted Airport. Be sure to bring your water bottles, hats, and sunscreen! Those who are unable to walk are welcome to come to the parking lot to cheer on the group as we head over to the parade route.

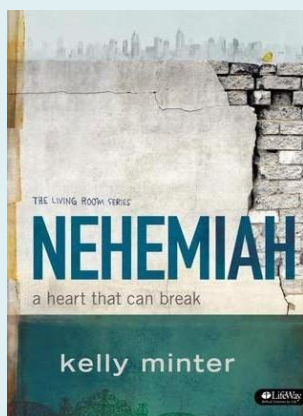
Thank you for supporting FPC's participation!

## Summer House Church - July 23



All are invited to Summer House Church @ the Mossman's on Saturday, July 23rd from noon to 3 PM. Bring a dish to pass, your beverage, and your swimsuit & towel, if you wish. Please RSVP to Karen text (727-400-5079) or email ([karenamossman@gmail.com](mailto:karenamossman@gmail.com)) by July 18. Address: 373 6th Ave N, Tierra Verde.

## Ladies, you are invited to a 7-week 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 in the Youth Center

July 12 – August 23, 2022

9:00 a.m.\* – 11:30 a.m.

\*Note: new starting time at 9:00 a.m.!

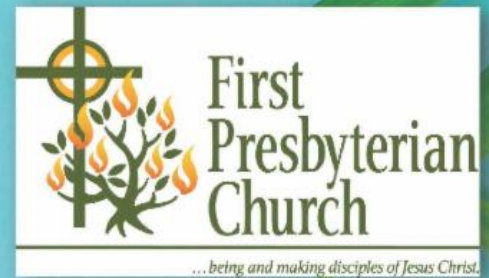
(we know it's summer, come when you can!)

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).

# SUMMER MUSIC SERIES



- JUNE 19** Todd Donovan, baritone
- JUNE 26** Susan Hellman-Spatafora, soprano
- JULY 10** Gerald Arnold, tenor
- JULY 17** Roy Lawson, cello
- JULY 24** Victoria Stout, alto
- JULY 31** Kevin Clark, trumpet
- AUGUST 14** Liam Dunn, piano
- AUGUST 21** Chelsea Gentner, soprano
- AUGUST 28** Kaandis Mance, flute
- SEPTEMBER 4** Leah Kirkland, soprano  
and Anna Kirkland, oboe



## JOIN OUR SUMMER CHOIR

SING IN OUR 10:00AM SERVICE  
ON JULY 3RD AND AUGUST 7TH

TO REHEARSE WITH US, MEET AT 9:30AM IN THE CHOIR ROOM PRIOR TO SERVICE  
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY



### Devotionals Available

Copies of the Jul/  
Aug/Sept edition of "Our  
Daily Bread" and "These  
Days" devotionals are  
now available for pick-up  
from the Church Office  
during normal business  
hours or at the Welcome  
Center on Sunday  
mornings.



### Hiring Nursery Staff



We are looking to hire two good people to staff a nursery for young children on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. If you are interested, or know someone to suggest, please call the Church Office (727-822-2031).

A background check will be required.

## Grieving? Know someone who is?

GriefShare is every Sunday  
at 4 PM, meeting virtually (via Zoom).



Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. This is a great opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Need more information? Want to sign up? Call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.



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 July 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**, Power Hour Sunday School Class, taking a break for the summer
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
- **Sundays, 4 PM**, GriefShare, via Zoom
  
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting in-person on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (next in-person meeting is **June 28**, in the Chapel). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com))
  
- **Wednesdays, 7:30 PM**, **(NEW day and time!)** Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, taking a break for the summer
  
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, 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, June 26**, New Member Inquirer's class, immediately following worship in the Youth Center
- **Monday, July 4**, Church Office closed for Independence Day holiday

**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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