

# FIRST NEWS



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

**November 12, 2021**

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary  
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, November 14  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Ginny Ellis  
Sermon: "Provoke One Another to Love – Huh?"  
Scriptures: [Hebrews 10:19-25](#), [Mark 13:1-8](#)

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

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The bell choir will perform on  
Sunday, November 14 during our worship service.

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## Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

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

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## FPC Mask Policy

Reminder: FPC St. Pete has a mandatory mask policy indoors during worship and all other indoor campus activities.



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Jim White

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](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).

## ELECTION OF ELDERS Called Congregational Meeting THIS SUNDAY - November 14

The Session and Administrative Commission have called a congregational meeting to be held via Zoom at 1:00 PM Sunday, November 14, for the purpose of electing elders.

The following seven elders are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. As always, nominations can be added from the floor, but the agreement of the person being nominated will be required in order to place a name in nomination. Being nominated by the committee will be:

### Class of 2022 (a one-year term)

- Beth Houghton

### Class of 2023 (a two-year term)

- Jane Egbert
- Al May

### Class of 2024 (a full three-year term)

- Sandi Averitt
- Kathy Bardin
- Don Doddridge
- Bill Shelton

FPC members and affiliates, please register in advance for next Sunday's meeting by clicking [HERE](#).

**\*\*This link is to pre-register, not to join the meeting.** Clicking the link and completing the registration form is the **first** step in the process. The **second** step is to look for a confirmation email you will receive from Zoom, which will contain information about the meeting, including the link to join.

Those who will not be voting but would like to watch the meeting will be able to via YouTube by clicking [HERE](#).

After elders are elected, they will undergo training, they will be examined, and then ordained and/or installed. At that time, the Presbytery's Administrative Commission will be dismissed and the church Pastor will become the Moderator of the Session.

A later congregational meeting will be called for the election of Deacons.

## THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

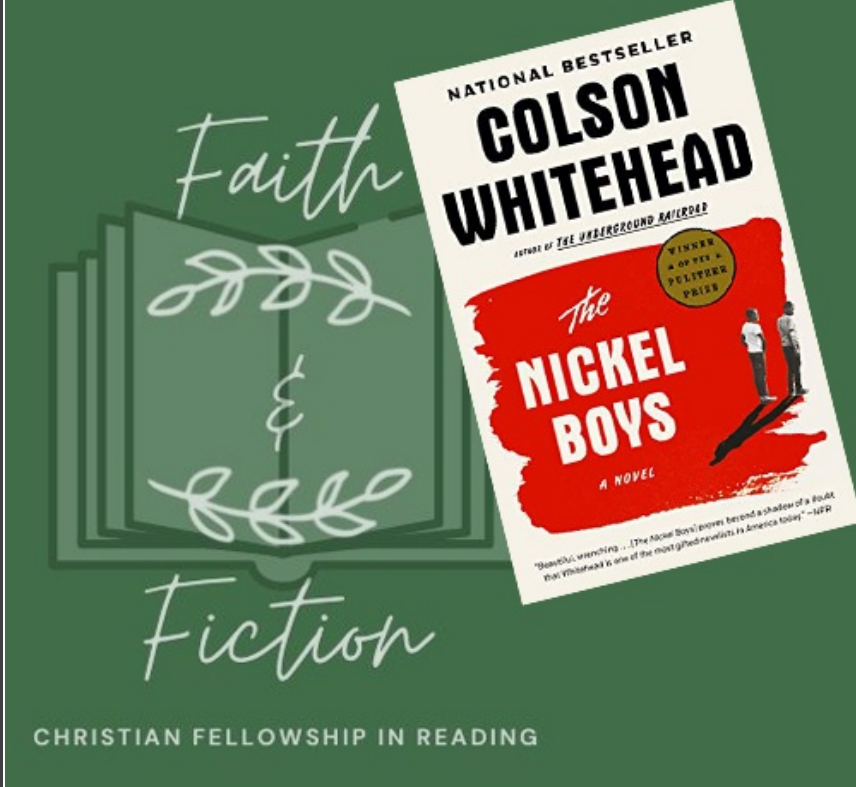
St. Petersburg's RunFest will be held on the morning of Nov 14. The back church parking lot will be closed off for the morning (6:00 to 10:30 AM). Please make your plans to park in our ample grass parking area south of the sanctuary, or in the circle drive in front.



Our church will be assisting RunFest in the following ways:

- Our Praise Band will play for the runners from approximately 8:00 to 10:00 AM, so feel free come a little early to support them!
- We will staff a water table behind the church. We need **VOLUNTEERS** for this! We need a set-up crew early in the morning, volunteers to pass out drinks to the runners, and volunteers to help clean up. Click the link below to let us know when you can help, then pick your spot and click *Submit and Sign Up*: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA4A623A75-stpete](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA4A623A75-stpete)
- We will pray for the safety of all those participating.

Faith & Fiction will next meet on December 6th, at 7:00 p.m., in person, in room N123 where we will discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. If there is sufficient interest in meeting via Zoom, we will include that option and have a hybrid meeting.



Please let Linda Santoro know if you prefer to meet virtually via Zoom at [lindajsantoro@gmail.com](mailto:lindajsantoro@gmail.com)



**FPC Concert Series: *The Sounds of Glory*  
Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

*The Sounds of Glory* will include famous masterwork Glorias by Bach, Palestrina, Mozart, Vivaldi, and Beethoven

Featuring: Tampa Oratorio Singers, accompanied by a full orchestra

Tampa Oratorio Singers is a 60+ voice auditioned concert chorus, comprised of talented volunteer singers (some multi-generational) from all walks of life encompassing the entire Tampa Bay Area. Hear their concert *The Sounds of Glory* featuring famous masterwork Glorias by Bach, Puccini, Mozart, Vivaldi, and Beethoven. Offering will be taken for Tampa Oratorio Singers.

**Grieving?  
Know someone who is?**

**GriefShare begins Sunday,  
November 14 at 4 PM and will  
be 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.**



**Tenor/Bass Day was a huge success last Wednesday (November 3)!**

### **Thanksgiving...A Time to Remember** *Marilyn Mulcahy's Memories*

"My Dad traveled, but on Thanksgiving we always gathered together - Mom, Dad, my brother Jimmy and myself. We would celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving meal, you know, the usual...but for me, it was turkey, green beans (for color), mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and then cover EVERYTHING with gravy.



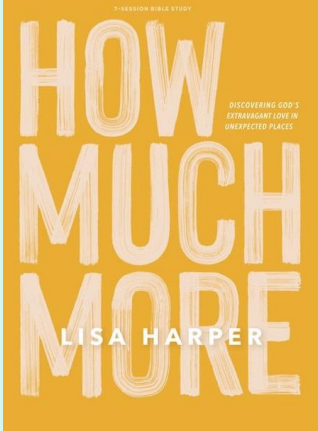
However, the best part of Thanksgiving was getting a big spoon and scooping out the dressing from the cold turkey.

Later that night I would sneak down to the kitchen and create my own sandwich of Wonder Bread, mayo, and turkey....what a great way to end the day!

Those were great, good days with my family...but time moves on, and I became involved with the New Hope Christian Fellowship Serving others...isn't that what Thanksgiving truly means?"

**Ladies, you are invited to join us  
for a Lisa Harper Bible Study:**

***How Much More*  
Discovering God's Extravagant Love**



## in Unexpected Places

This study tackles some overlooked or misunderstood passages in Scripture, uncovering how they amplify the love and goodness of God.

Join us on Tuesday mornings through November 30, 2021  
9:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? 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!



### 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.

Online Giving



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 November 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.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
  
- **Tuesdays, 9:15 AM**, Ladies Bible Study, Youth Center.
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is **Nov. 23**). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).
  
- **Thursdays, 6 PM**, Handbell Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- **Thursdays, 7 PM**, Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
  
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123. For more information, please contact Ken Young ([youngkd1492@comcast.net](mailto:youngkd1492@comcast.net)).
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123; otherwise, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))
  
- **Friday, November 12 (today)** - Church Office will be closed.
  
- **Sunday, November 14**
  - **RunFest**; volunteers will man a water table for runners; Praise Band plays outside from 8-10 AM; parking for 10 AM worship service will be limited to the front circle and grass lot.
  - **Congregational Meeting**, 1 PM (via Zoom)
  - **GriefShare** starts, 4 PM (via Zoom)
  - *The Sounds of Glory* concert, featuring Tampa Oratorio Singers, accompanied by a full orchestra, 7 PM, Sanctuary

## 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 \(Grossenbacher\) McCutcheon](#).

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