

FIRST NEWS



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

September 3, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, September 5
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Lord's Supper

Guest Preacher: Cary Young
Sermon: "Feasting Together"
Scriptures: [Psalm 142](#), [Luke 14:7-14](#)

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

COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our worship service. If you are joining us online, please gather bread, crackers, or rolls and something to drink (juice, wine, milk, water) ahead of time for all in your home who will be participating.



Updated Mask Policy

Reminder: in response to rising cases of COVID-



19 and in conjunction with updated CDC guidelines, FPC St. Pete has re-implemented a **mandatory mask policy indoors** during worship and all other indoor campus activities.

Guest Musician This Sunday

Gianna Pinizzotto is a senior PCCA vocalist at Gibbs high school. She has loved music since elementary school. She has participated in many school performances over the years, such as All County Choir. Gianna plans to attend college in the fall of 2022, where she will study music therapy and engineering.



Praise Band Preview - Country Fried!

This week your FPC Praise Band will be performing *Come Thou Fount*, and one of the band's favorites, *God So Loved*. For Sunday, we will be changing the style of *God So Loved* from what you hear in the video. We'll be playing it as more of a quick country shuffle, or what we like to call "country fried." ☐ We hope you enjoy it!

[Come Thou Fount](#)
[God So Loved](#)

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



Please remember in prayer: Guy Anderson, Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Elizabeth Hammer, 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

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.

Update from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay Administrative Commission

Greetings from your Administrative Commission!

This week we will meet to refine our written descriptions of First Presbyterian Church, the specifics of the transitional pastor position, and the description of our optimal candidate. We will present our hiring plan to the Commission on Ministry (COM) at its meeting this month. After COM votes on our hiring plan we will proceed to interviewing the candidates Presbytery has pre-selected.

Please pray that God leads us to understand His mission for First Presbyterian and that the transitional pastor candidates that fulfill that mission are ready to serve.

You can communicate directly with the AC using:

email: fpcsp-ptb@googlegroups.com

or by mail at:

Presbytery of Tampa Bay
ATTN: FPCSP-PTB AC
455 Scotland St, Suite 1
Dunedin, FL 34698

In Christ's Love,
Stacey Quick, Co-Chair of the Administrative Commission
Rev. John DeBevoise, Co-Chair of the Administrative Commission

Join us for the Folies d'St Pete Concert Featuring: [St. Pete Baroque, Inc.](#) Next Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at 4 PM

Help us kick off the concert season by joining us for a performance on instruments from the 17th and 18th centuries that use gut strings, Baroque bows, and unique sounds that are not found in modern-day musical settings. Dan Urbanowicz and St. Pete Baroque, Inc. share an A-Z of Baroque styles with a themed twist! An offering will be taken for St. Pete Baroque Inc.



Presbyterian Women's Bible study for 2021-2022

Our Horizons study this year, is "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." Plan to refresh your spirit and enjoy fellowship with other women, beginning in September and continuing through May 2022.

If you are not a current circle member and would like to join, please contact Rachel Bowron (rbowron@aol.com or 727-433-0571) to be connected to a circle that works for you.



Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Through 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 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.

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.



St. Pete Primary School is Going Live!

Join us on September 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM for our Livestream Kickoff Party! Safety is always our top goal, and with that in mind, we've modified our "Once Upon A Dream" event into two separate events:

1. 9/10/2021 Livestream Kickoff Party that will take place online along with

our online auction. The auction opens on 9/5/2021 and the Livestream will begin on 9/10/2021 at 6:30PM. This is a free event, no bidding or tickets required.

2. Spring 2022 Once Upon A Dream in-person event at the Vinoy Sunset Ballroom

The Kickoff Party will feature:

- An energetic evening MC'ed by St. Pete's own Blake Kennedy
- Showcase Singalong featuring students singing to their favorite fairytale tunes (pre-recorded)
- Fabulous Finds at our online auction: trips, gift cards, designer handbags, and more!
- Live Welcome by Ashley Hardy, Head of School
- MC'ed Auction Updates: leaderboards, surprise auction items, and a 50/50 drawing (applied toward tuition)
- Meet & Greet with the teachers and staff (pre-recorded)

It's easy to join the fun!

- **Step 1:** Visit SPPSDream.org and select 'Livestream Kickoff Party' at the top
- **Step 2:** Use the dropdown and select 'Register to Bid' and enter your information
- **Step 3:** On 9/10/2021, select Livestream Kickoff Party and then 'Attend'

Don't want to bid online? No problem! Just visit SPPSDream.org on 9/10/2021 and select 'Attend Livestream Kickoff' to watch the show!

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 September Birthdays



PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed **Monday, September 6** for the Labor Day holiday. It will also be closed on **Thursday, September 9, Friday, September 10, and Monday, September 13** to accommodate PTO for church staff (Johnny Miller and Amy Grossenbacher).

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](#).
- **Sundays, 11:15 AM**, *Westminster Sunday School Class will not be meeting again until Fall.*
- **Sunday, September 12, 4 PM** in the Sanctuary, join us for the *Folies d'St Pete*/St. Pete Baroque, Inc. concert. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next in-person meeting is Aug 31). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123. For more information, please contact Ken Young (youngkd1492@comcast.net).
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Lunch Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (meeting virtually through August; next in-person meeting will be September 24). 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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