



Your  
Weekly News  
from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

August 30, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM - Classic Worship Service, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "Faith and Character: Humility"  
Scripture: [Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16](#); [Luke 14:1,7-14](#)  
Rev. Ruth Elwood

Special Music: Emma Harrison, violin; Jack Rain, piano  
Violin Concert No. 4 in D Major, K.218 I. Allegro - Mozart

Click [here](#) for Sunday's bulletin and announcements.



**Welcome Emma Harrison,  
Violin Soloist**

Emma Harrison began studying the violin at the age of 3. Since starting as a student of the Suzuki method, Emma has played in the Pinellas Youth Philharmonic and Pinellas Youth Symphony for a total of 5 years. She has recently become the second violinist of the Hepburn String Quartet. This fall, she will be playing alongside the Tampa Bay Symphony as well.

This past summer, Emma attended the Brevard Music Center orchestra program. Currently, Emma attends the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) at Gibbs High School and studies with Lei Liu, second assistant concertmaster of the Florida Orchestra. At PCCA, Emma plays in the symphony orchestra and serves on the board of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

**Rally Day, September 8,  
One Service, at 10 AM**

**Wednesday Night Live  
Starts again September 18**

- Welcoming The Stranger
- Christian Coupling
- Children's Super Heroes of the Bible





## Music Department Kickoff Party

Friday, September 6, 6 PM  
at Barbara Mauger's (5034 33rd Ave N)

Please bring a covered dish to share and a beverage if you would like something other than tea or soda. Everyone involved in the music of our church from the chancel choir, praise band, bell choir, and office staff is invited as well as their friends and family.

## Congregational Dinner and Town Hall Meeting September 11, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Earlier this year, the session assigned six sub-task forces the work of discerning God's will for the future of First Presbyterian by identifying recommendations (pertaining to the ministry area of the church they represent) that will best help our church flourish and grow. Their recommendations were recently submitted to a "Revitalization Team" and they stem from the prayers, hearts, thoughtful minds, and months of work of these task force members. We would like to share these recommendations with our congregation on September 11.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, followed by a presentation by the Revitalization Team. Menu will be choice of Chicken or Cheese Enchiladas, Black Beans, Yellow Rice and Mexican Cheesecake. PLEASE RSVP FOR DINNER by completing an insert on Sunday morning or by calling the Church Office (727) 822-2031.



Thank you to FPC members, Eva Popovich, Lyn Greene, Kay Tremblay, George Greene and Lillian Harris who welcomed Day School students on the first day of school



## Love Carved In Stone A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

The Presbyterian Women's Bible study this year will explore the Ten Commandments from a new perspective. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but instead a "love letter" from a loving God? Discover what author Eugenia Gamble suggests it could do.

Plan to refresh your spirit and enjoy fellowship with other women beginning in September and running through May. To join a PW Circle, please contact Rachel Bowron ([rbowron@aol.com](mailto:rbowron@aol.com) or 727-433-0571) who will connect you to a circle that works for you. For a list of circle meeting times, you can also [click HERE](#).

**Yoga With Adam**  
**Sundays Beginning September 8**



Class meets from 3:00-4:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No previous experience needed, but you must be able to stand unassisted for long periods. For childcare, RSVP [childcare@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childcare@fpc-stpete.org) Donations accepted for FPC, but not required.



## Want to Become a Lunch Pal at Lakewood Elementary School?

Mentor training to be held at First Presbyterian Church,  
September 18, 12-1 PM, room S-100

Lunch Pals is a mentoring program to provide students with an additional presence of a caring, consistent and committed adult in their lives. Attend the on-site mentor training at First Presbyterian Church.

Listen...Encourage...Be a Friend

It's easy to get involved at a nearby school!

- Attend the on-site mentor training. [Sign up here.](#)
- Complete a volunteer registration form and provide a copy of your driver's license. [Complete your volunteer application here.](#)
- Enjoy time with a student for 1/2 hour at lunch once a week during the school year

Join Lunch Pals and help the children in our community who need us most to reach their full potential. Contact Keosha Simmons, Lunch Pals Coordinator, with any questions. [simmonskeo@pcsb.org](mailto:simmonskeo@pcsb.org) (727) 588-6000, ext. 1369 [lunchpals.org](http://lunchpals.org)

Be part of the new season of church music. The Chancel Choir invites you to join us for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 PM in the choir room and in the choir loft on Sundays during the 11:00 service. Our Bell Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6 PM and plays during the 11:00 service throughout the liturgical year. [mclear@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:mclear@fpc-stpete.org)



## Help set up, serve, and clean up at Wednesday Night Live

If you are ready, willing, and able to serve on at least one Wednesday night, September 18 - October 23, please email Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org)

## Who To Call With Pastoral Emergency

While Pastor Dawn is out of town August 30-31, please call Rev. Ken Young (207) 841-8562 in the event of a pastoral emergency.

You can also call the Church Office (727) 822-2031 during regular business hours.

## FPC Calendar At A Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

**Coming up in August**

- [September Birthdays](#)
- [September Parent Calendar](#)
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM (Tuesdays through October 8)
- Tuesday, September 3 & 17 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, September 8 - Rally Day! One service at 10 AM
- Sunday, September 8 - Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (regularly scheduled on Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesday, September 10 - Grief Share Support Group, 10 AM, Chapel (meets on Tuesdays)
- Wednesday, September 11 - Congregational Dinner & Town Hall Meeting, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, September 15 - Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
- Tuesday, September 17 - Melodies for the Mind, 2 PM, Choir Room (Contact: [kbenn21188@aol.com](mailto:kbenn21188@aol.com))
- Wednesday Night Live begins September 18
- Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 AM until noon, Room N-123 First of "Five Week Study, Gun Violence Prevention Discussion". Meets every Wednesday through October 16.
- Sunday, September 22 - New Sermon Series begins, "Unraveled"
- Monday, October 7 - Faith & Fiction, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Room N-123 (meets the 1st Monday of each month through April 2020). [Here](#) is the Reading List.

## 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. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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