

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

December 13, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM - Communion Worship, Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" Dr. Dawn Conti

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#); [Psalm 72:1-7,18-19](#); [Luke 3:1-14](#)

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

**Spectacular Many Moods of
Christmas Concert
Coming Up On
Sunday, December 15**



More than 130 musicians will present The Many Moods of Christmas Concert on December 15 at 4 PM. A diverse repertoire of choral and orchestral works will be featured to include a medieval chant by

Perotin, Bach's *Magnificat*, and selections from the film *Home Alone* by John Williams. Choir members are from First Presbyterian Church and the Pinellas County Center for the Arts. Also participating are the Center for the Arts Orchestra, the First Presbyterian Handbell Choir as well as additional local vocalists.

A free-will offering benefits the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Help spread the word by inviting your family and friends.

[Here](#) are details of the remaining performances in the Concert Series.

**FPC's First Drive-Through
Live Nativity**

Join us for a FREE event that brings the Christmas story to life. On Friday, December 20, from 6 until 8 PM, on the church's front circle driveway, you can journey with Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem and await the arrival of their son, Jesus.



Bring the entire family and invite your friends to see and understand the true meaning of

Christmas at FPC's First Drive-Through Live Nativity. A recorded narrative is provided, as well as delicious refreshments.

We need your help. Volunteer to pose as a Biblical character, help with refreshments, build, paint, set up and tear down sets. There is something for everyone in our church to do. Sign up to help by filling out the bulletin insert or by contacting [David Aumack](#).



Christmas Eve Worship

Invite family and friends to be inspired by beautiful Christmas Eve Services

4 PM - "Happy Birthday Jesus"

Christmas Eve Service in Fellowship Hall

For God's children of all ages. This service will have an especially child-friendly format which includes the reading of a children's Christmas story interspersed with carols, and singing "Silent Night" to the light of glow sticks for kids and candles for adults. After the service, we will sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, and celebrate with cupcakes.

7 PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary with Candle Lighting and Chancel Choir. All are welcome!

Bus transportation will be provided for the Westminster and Presbyterian Towers communities. Please sign up on the bus or call the church office, 822-2031.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The future of FPC St. Pete is in our hands.

The simplest way to grow our church is to grow it one person at a time.

This Advent season, we are challenging each member to personally invite five new people to a Christmas Eve worship service. What better time to introduce newbies to our church than when we are at our finest, on

Christmas Eve?

All you need to do is kindly invite them and give them one of the Christmas season event flyers (which can be found in the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall). You don't have to see to it that they commit to come. All you will need to do is invite, plant the seed, and pray for our congregation's growth. For this to be successful, some of us will have to step outside of our comfort zones! We all need to do our part and invite new people to our wonderful church community.

Let's all do this and together watch our congregation grow!

If you have any questions or concerns about this, feel free to contact Karen Mossman at 727-400-5079 or Karenamossman@gmail.com.

**Thank You,
Sanctuary Guild,
For Hours Spent Decorating
The Church**



Colorful Flags Welcome All To First Pres



CHRISTMAS PAJAMA DRIVE!!

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Pajama Drive for children in the Happy Workers Childcare center. Happy Workers is part of R Club and is located in St. Petersburg at 22nd Avenue South. This agency provides developmentally appropriate children care programs to working families in South St. Pete.

Here's what they need:

15—size 5T 1 – 5 month old

13—size 4T 3—24 months old 3—size 2T

Please bring pajamas beginning on Sunday, December 15 through Friday, December 20. Please place your donation in the baskets outside the Chapel, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

Amy Shore, Director of Development at R Club, will pick up our donations on Friday, December 20th and give them to families in time for Christmas. THANK YOU for your generosity.

The Mission Committee

Last Sunday's Combined Church Service and Christmas Pancake Party, A Festive Kickoff For The Season...



Children's Sermon

Praise Band and
Chancel Choir





Day School students shared Christmas carols



Thank You To Our Scrumptious Culinary Experts For Preparing Delicious Food

Visit From The Jolly Old Elf





Seasonal Hats.....Balloon Animals

God Loves A Cheerful Giver And The IRS Will Reward You Too!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read how you can bless yourself and others by making a year-end contribution to FPC..

To see the deduction limits against your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), [click here](#).
Sources: Vanguard Charitable, Foremost Advice, Wall Street Journal

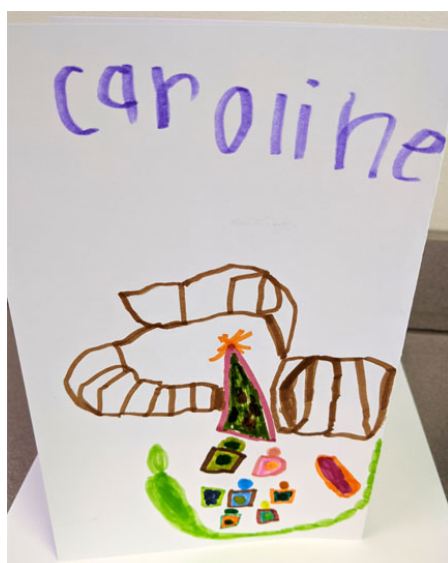


Are you ready to take control of your money? Learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future at Financial Peace University, to be offered on Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:30 PM beginning January 8 through March 4 (skipping

Ash Wednesday). You will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future by using the step-by-step plan created by Dave Ramsey. This 9-week course is being offered at FPC, led by former member, Craig Kilroy.

Cost is \$109 per individual or couple, which covers printed class materials, plus 1 full year of online access to FPU.

RSVP using the bulletin insert, by calling the Church Office or emailing Amy Grossenbacher amyg@fpc-stpete.org .



Christmas Cards Are Created For Migrants and Refugees

The Westminster Class (ages 73-99 years) and the 4-year-old students from the Day School joined forces in making and designing Christmas cards for the migrants and refugees being detained in prison camps here in the states. The mission project was sponsored by the Lutheran Church services.

What joy these lovely pictures will bring!

Monthly Reports from New Hope Clinic, Honduras

Attached are the [monthly reports](#) from Dr. Davila and the New Hope Clinic in Honduras

for August and September.

Read them to marvel at the way Dr. Davila and his staff practice compassionate care for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Orica and Guayape, Honduras. All this happens through your prayers and aid to this amazing mission which blesses us all.

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FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [December Birthdays](#)
- [December Child Care Calendar](#)
- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM (Tuesdays)
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation).
- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Sunday, December 15, The Many Moods of Christmas Concert, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, December 17, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Friday, December 20, Youth Lock-In, 5 PM
- Friday, December 20, Drive-Through Live Nativity, 6-8 PM
- Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services, 4 PM and 7 PM



- Sunday, February 2, Congregational Meeting following the 11 AM service

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 [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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