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# First Presbyterian Church

St. Petersburg

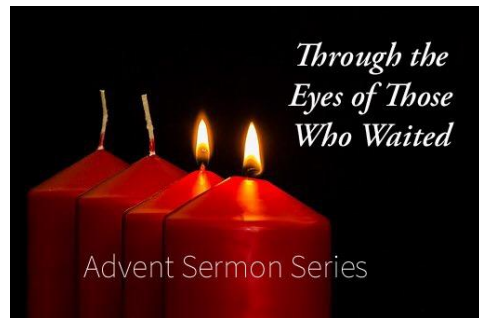
December 7, 2018

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## This Sunday at FPC

### Worship Services:

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary



Pastor Dawn continues her Advent sermon series: ***The Biblical witness of those who waited for the first coming of Christ.*** This week's sermon will focus on Advent through the eyes of Joseph. [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

The **Day School** and **Messy Church** children sing at the 9:00 service. Join us for refreshments after the 9:00 service.

Yoga with Adam at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. This will be the last class until February 3, 2019.

Happy Birthday to long-time member Bob Reed who turns 100 years old this Sunday!

### Last Minute Appeal

Did you enjoy our 2 Isiah's last Sunday? David Aumack (9:00 a.m.) and Rob Johnson (11:00 a.m.) lit the Hope candles in the Advent Wreaths. This Sunday, December 9th, we have Elizabeth. Emma Zuercher is our 9:00 a.m. person. The 11:00 a.m. role is suddenly open due to illness. If you can play Elizabeth this week, or a Shepherd next Sunday at 11:00 a.m., call Sally Horrell at 727-512-4839. She will send you the part and help find you a costume. Thank you.

## Christmas with the Master Chorale

Friday, December 7  
8:00 p.m.



### Ticket Information:

Tickets at the door are \$25. Arrive early as we expect a good turn out.

## TONIGHT!

Valet parking provided. Hope

you will join us!!

Here's a glimpse of what you will hear (recorded at their rehearsal last night) - [Click here](#)

## New Hope Christian Fellowship - Christmas Concert



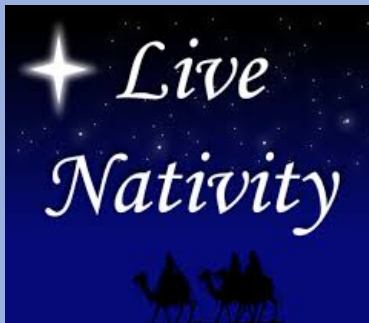
We have several members on the leadership team as well as many members who volunteer by providing and serving dinner once a month. All are welcome. New Hope is located at 2nd Avenue N and 14th Street.



### Carols Around the Table

**December 9**  
**6:00 p.m.**

[Click here](#) for more info or contact Carol Riley (CRiley@fpc-stpete.org) if you would like to sponsor a table and participate in our table decorating contest.



### Live Nativity

December 15th  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Front lawn of FPC**

[Click here](#) for details on how you can participate.

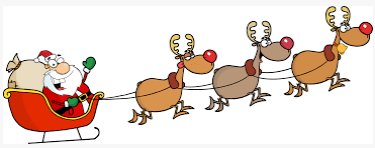
## The Many Moods of Christmas December 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas favorites you know and love. The choir and Orchestra will be bigger than ever as we partner with Pinellas County School for the Arts at Gibbs High School.

Tell a friend; bring a friend. You will not want to miss this!  
[Click image for printable and shareable poster.](#)

Freewill offering to support the St. Pete Free Clinic.





# Twas the Night Before Christmas

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m.

Come in your pajamas for a fun evening of games, crafts, refreshments, balloon artist and a visit from Santa. [Click here.](#)

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## Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

### *Have You Ever Considered Making a Charitable Gift From Your IRA?*

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, perhaps you should!

Here is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your traditional IRA directly to qualified charities, such as your church.



If you are 70½, it is tax smart to fund your charitable gifts by Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). These reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which may also reduce your Federal taxes, and surcharges on Medicare and Part D Drug Plans.

Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and reduces the taxable amount of your traditional IRA distribution.

If you are over age 70 1/2, consider taking advantage of the QCD. If you aren't at that age yet, consider how you can intentionally position yourself to take advantage of these rules once you do turn 70 1/2. Start by evaluating how much you save in tax-advantaged accounts and how you spend your savings to support your retirement lifestyle. By using, or preparing to use, a QCD, you can meet your RMD requirement, satisfy your charitable intents, all while saving money on taxes both today and into the future.

Most brokerage firms will assist you with these transactions, only requiring that you provide the name, address, and other pertinent information about the charities. From there they will either disburse the checks directly to the charities, or send the checks to you to pass along. There are no IRS limitations on how many or how small the distributions may be to your favorite charities (other than the \$100,000 total per year limit), so it only depends on your brokerage firm and any limitations they may have.

**NOTE:** This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific individualized tax advice. You should discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax adviser

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## Healthful words from our Faith Community Nurses



Be safe this Holiday Season. Some of the more common Holiday Hazards are:

- **Medications** - Be sure visitors in your home put their medications in a locked area where children can't get them.
- **Batteries** - Small batteries can cause blockages if lodged in the ear, nose, throat, stomach or intestines. Acid burns can occur if batteries open inside the body.
- **Alcohol** - Ethanol found in liquor, perfume, mouthwash and hand sanitizers can be poisonous. After just a couple of swallows, it may cause a drop in blood sugar leading to confusion, convulsions or coma.

Phone number for Florida Poison Information Center is: 800-222-1222

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## Faith & Fiction Book Club - Coming up for January 7th



**An American Heroine in the French Resistance**, by Virginia D'Albert-Lake. [Click here](#) for details.

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## The stage is set as we prepare our hearts for Christmas . . .

**Thank You** to the Sanctuary guild and an army of dedicated folks who spent many days decorating the Sanctuary, Chapel and Fellowship Hall. And thanks to those who installed the stage/platform in the Sanctuary for our upcoming concerts. The beauty of our worship space and the beautiful music help guide us as we anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many thanks to all who worked so hard with these preparations. Below, the stage is set for ***Christmas with the Master Chorale*** this Friday at 8:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday to all of our December birthdays! [Click here](#) for the list.

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# Calendar at a Glance

## Coming up in December

- December 7 - Concert Series - Christmas with the Master Chorale **at 8:00 p.m.** \*See above for ticket details.
- December 9 - Day School children will sing at 9 am service
- December 9 - Carols around the table at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- December 15 - Live Nativity
- December 16 - Ordination/Installation of Elders & Deacons in worship
- December 16 - Many Moods of Christmas at 4:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for printable and shareable poster.
- December 21 - Youth Lock-in. Contact [David Aumack](#) for details.



## Christmas Eve

- 4:00 p.m. Family Service in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service with Candle lighting and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary



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