



Your weekly news from ...

First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

February 22, 2019

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

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

Church News and Events

Summary of what you will see below:

- Festival of Praise and Jack Rain's 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Become a Lunch Pal at Lakewood Elementary
- Co-Coordinator of Holy Communion needed
- Survey request for 9:00 Praise Service congregation
- Great news for Wednesday Night Live
- Thank you to those who volunteered at the meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay



Festival of Praise and Jack Rain's 50th Anniversary Celebration

March 3, 4:00 pm

*Reception honoring Jack Rain in the
Fellowship Hall after the concert*

The 33rd Annual Festival of Praise features Guest Clinician and Organist Michael Hey, Associate Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The event includes the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church as well as singers and musicians from the community. Come hear the festival chorus and the thrilling organ masterworks of Michael Hey.



Jack Rain's 50th anniversary as organist for First Presbyterian Church will be celebrated in combination with the Festival of Praise. We are truly blessed by his music ministry. If you would like to contribute toward a "love offering" for Jack, please put your donation (with Jack's name on the envelope or memo line) in the offering plate any Sunday morning through March 3rd. You may also mail your donation to the church or use the on-line giving feature found at the church's website: fpcstpete.org. (Click on the "Resources" tab and then on "Give.") The offering taken at the Festival of Praise will also go toward the gift for Jack.

Interested in Becoming a Lunch Pal at Lakewood Elementary?

If you are free to have lunch with a child at Lakewood Elementary School one day a week, then this might be the opportunity for you. Becoming a "Lunch Pal" requires an hour-long workshop, offered by Pinellas County Schools. If we have at least 10 interested volunteers, they will provide a workshop at church. So far several people have signed up, but we need a few more. If you are interested in attending a workshop and learning more about this opportunity, please notify Gay Wasik-Zegel at gwzegel@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Please Consider Serving as Co-Coordinator of Holy Communion

Last week, First News featured a request for someone to assume the responsibility of coordination of Holy Communion at all three worship services. Eva Popovich has agreed to serve in this very important job but needs someone to serve with her. Please respond to the church office (or Eva) if you will serve with her as Co-Coordinator.



What You Think Matters

Survey of 9 am Praise Service Congregation

Members and friends, please take a few moments to complete the survey about the 9 am worship service. Your responses will help the Worship and Music Committee better plan for a future of growth and passionate, vibrant worship at FPC. The survey will be distributed as a bulletin insert during the next three Sundays and members are asked to place completed forms in the designated basket at the exit door of the Fellowship Hall or bring it to the church office. You may also download a copy of the survey by [clicking here](#). Deadline for completing the survey is Sunday, March 10.

Great News for Wednesday Night Live



This past Wednesday night we welcomed Debra Brown as our cook for Wednesday Night Live dinners. She's already received great reviews and we are thrilled to have her join our WNL team. Debra works at the Baldwin Women's Residence at the St. Pete Free Clinic. She says she loves to cook and has done so for other churches for over 10 years.

The menu for next Wednesday night includes a mild Mexican Skillet Dinner. Reservations are required by calling the church office, 727-822-2031. Cost for dinner is a suggested donation of \$5 or \$7 per adult.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE SCHEDULE

5:00 Music and chimes in Choir Room
5:30 Kid-friendly meal in Fellowship Hall
6:00 - 6:45 Messy Church in Room S103
6:00 Bible Study with Pastor Dawn and Becky Higman in Fellowship Hall.
Financial Peace University is in the Chapel.

Children will be learning an Easter musical ("Happy Day") to be performed on April 7 during the Contemporary Service at 9:00. For Children 4 years to 5th grade. Adult volunteers are needed! Email Carol Riley.

Thank you to the many members of our church who volunteered their time at the meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay on Thursday. A special thanks goes to Uneeda Brewer for organizing the volunteers.



Calendar at a Glance

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

Coming up in February

- [Click here](#) for February Child Care Calendar
- **February 24** - Yoga with Adam

Coming up in March

- **March 3** - Festival of Praise and Jack Rain's 50th Anniversary
- **March 6** - Ash Wednesday
- **March 6** - FFIM Annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. in room N-123.

Coming up in April

- **April 7** - WNL Children's Choir sings during Contemporary Service
- **April 14 - 20** - Holy Week
- **April 20** - Eggstravaganza, 10:00 am
- **April 21** - Easter

Coming up in May

- **May 3** - Day School Art Show in Fellowship Hall
- **May 4** - Day School 50th Anniversary Celebration

Coming up in June

- **June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact [Susan Schlecht](#) for details.

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