



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

January 17, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 "Who Is Jesus?" - Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 124](#); [Matthew 16:13-21](#)

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

LIFE &
Faith
SIX QUESTIONS

New Sermon Series

January 19

Who Is Jesus?

January 26

What Matters Most?

February 2

Am I Accepted?

February 9

Where Is God?

February 16

Is the Church Still Relevant?

February 23

What Brings Fulfillment?

Thank You To Our Church Officers



Church Officers Ordained or Installed on January 12

Pictured above are officers ordained or installed at the 9 AM service. They are left to right: Gretchen Letterman, Tony McCoy, Brad Hussung, Karen Mossman, Lynn Kiehne, Leah Cutting, Larry Kirsch, Hannah Rose Wanless, Mickey Huguet, Peter Bardin, Jennie McCoun, Pastor Dawn

Additionally, John Johnson, Robin Lyle and Rue Ann Porter were installed at the 11 AM service.

Here is a complete list of Elders and Deacons for 2020

Elders/Session Members

Peter Bardin
Kyle Brinkman
Uneeda Brewer
Paul Culley
Leah Cutting
Don Doddridge
Mollie Holden
Rhonda Holifield
Mickey Huguet
Brad Hussung
John Johnson
Lynn Kiehne
Karen Kisten
Gretchen Letterman
Robin Lyle
Jennie McCoun
Tony McCoy
Karen Mossman

Deacons

Tom Carnahan
Petra Garnett
Larry Kirsch
Dick Luehrs
Susan Luehrs
Mary McLean
Cathy Milburn
Rue Ann Porter
Linda Santoro
Judie Underwood
Hannah Rose Wanless
Jill Whelpley
Dottie Young



Security Committee Develops Policy Statement

Thank you to the Security Committee members who are dedicated to protecting our people and property. Here is a [link](#) to minutes of their last meeting.

You are invited to join them at their next meeting, Monday, January 20, at 7 PM in N-123.

Wednesday Night Live January 22

5 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room), for children ages 4 - 10

5:30 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Garlic Roasted Chicken, Mac-n-cheese, veggie, and dessert + a kid-friendly meal option. Let us know if you will join us for dinner by calling the Church Office (727) 822-2031.

6 PM - Messy Church, "Weird and Gross Stories of the Bible" (Room S-106) or Financial Peace University (Chapel) or History of the Presbyterian Church in Florida (Fellowship Hall)



Can You Help? We will need a team of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up! If you are ready, willing, and able to serve on at least one Wednesday evening, please email Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org or call the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

Mark Your Calendar "Astronomy and the Bible," led by Kyle Brinkman, will begin at Wednesday Night Live on Feb. 5.



Considering Becoming A Church Member?

Prospective New Member Luncheon,
Sunday, Jan. 26

On Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 PM, plan to join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon. You will learn about our faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to join and be a part of downtown St. Pete's most welcoming church!

Reserve a spot by calling the Church Office at (727) 822-2031. Call Karen Mossman (727) 400-5079 with any questions.

Thank You From Carol Riley And Family



I am so overwhelmed by all your thoughts and prayers as I deal with the loss of my sweet Danny. I truly appreciated the outpouring of love shown to my family. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by such love and support.

Carol has been a VPK teacher at the Day School for almost 25 years and is the former First Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry Coordinator.

'Boomers & Gen Xers New Small Group Being Formed

If you are a 'Boomer or a Gen Xer, you are invited to join a new FPC small group. The first meeting will be a Valentine's Day party hosted by Chris and Karen Mossman on Friday, February 7, at 7 PM. Bring an appetizer to share.

The Mossmans' address is 373 6th Ave N., Tierra Verde. Kindly RSVP by February 5 to Karen at karenamossman@gmail.com.

This small group will meet monthly at members' homes for food, fellowship and prayer.



Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do!

Also, be sure to SHARE our Facebook and Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help us increase numbers of followers of the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!

Please Contribute Your Per Capita Assessment

The 2020 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to \$32.20 per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita assessment.

Outstanding 'Bon Voyage' Concert

Congratulations to the talented young musicians of Gibbs High School for the top-notch performance last Sunday. Thank you, Matt Clear, for making FPC part of the concert tour stop.

We hope your trip to New York City and concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral were a huge success.



Honduras Mission Trip Planning Meeting

Find out about this year's Honduras Mission Trip, June 7-14, and help start the planning process at a meeting to be held Sunday, January 19, 5 PM in Room N-123.

Have questions? Contact Susan Schlecht (727) 735-5332, schlecht21975@gmail.com

Now Hiring

FPC Child Care is now hiring for part-time positions!



Applicants must:

- LOVE working with children
- BE dependable & flexible
- BE able to work evenings and weekends
- BE 18 years or older
- BE totally okay getting **FREE CHILD CARE** during hours of work

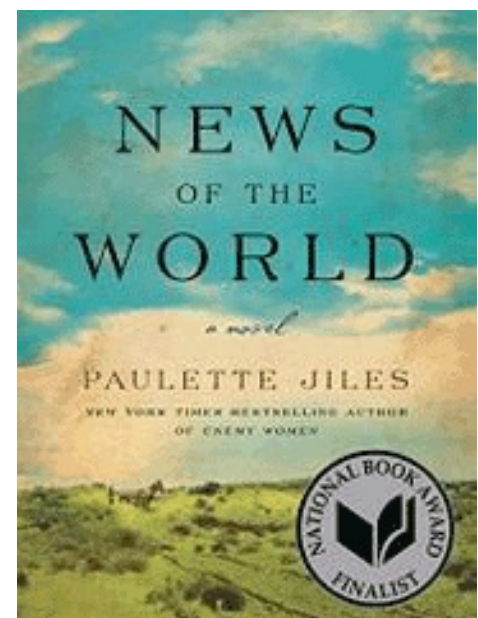
Perfect job for the college student & / or the stay-at-home parent. Send a bio or resume to: childcare@fpc-stpete.org

News of the World Is Featured Book At Feb. 3 Faith and Fiction

Join the discussion on Mon., Feb. 3 at 7:30 PM in N-123.

News of the World, by Paulette Jiles is set in post-Civil War Texas. It tells the story of 71-year-old Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd and his unlikely ward, a 10-year-old girl rescued by the U.S. Army from Kiowa Indian capture.

Discussion Leader: Cynthia Garrels





Festival of Praise

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Sat, Feb. 8, 7:30 PM

Featuring: Jake Runestad, composer and guest clinician; Dr. Kevin Fenton, conductor and guest clinician; The Festival Singers of Florida, First Presbyterian Church

Chancel Choir, and Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Enjoy a brand-new format for the Festival of Praise Concert as singers from across the state of Florida join together to sing the music of internationally-recognized composer Jake Runestad. The concert will feature narration by Jake Runestad, and special guests The Festival Singers of Florida under the baton of conductor and festival clinician Dr. Kevin Fenton, Professor of Conducting and Choral Ensembles at Florida State University.

This will be an unforgettable evening of unity through singing that you will not want to miss!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [January Birthdays](#)
- [January Parent 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
- Women's Bible Study, *Trustworthy*, Tuesdays at 9:15 AM and 6:30 PM in the Youth Center
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation).
- GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Sunday afternoons at 4 PM and Tuesdays at 10 AM; refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Wednesday Night Live, Children's Choir at 5 PM (Choir Room), Dinner at 5:30 (Fellowship Hall), and at 6:30 PM Financial Peace University (Chapel) or History of the Presbyterian Church in Florida (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, January 19, Honduras Mission Trip meeting, 5 PM, Room N-123
- Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Church Office closed
- Monday, January 20, Security Committee Meeting, 7 PM, Room N-123
- Tuesday, January 21, Melodies of the Mind Sing-A-Long, 2 PM, Choir Room
- Tuesday, January 21, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel
- Sunday, January 26, Prospective New Member Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Youth Center
- Sunday, February 2, Congregational Meeting following 11 AM service
- Monday, February 3, Faith and Fiction, *News of the World*, 7:30 PM, N-123

- Saturday, February 8, 34th Annual Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

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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