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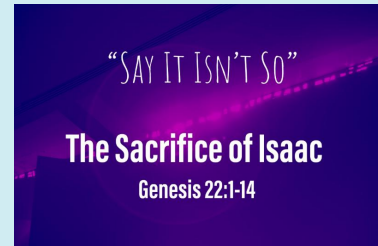
January 18, 2011

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

Join us this Sunday as Pastor Dawn begins a 4-week sermon series on "[Bible stories that make you go, HmMMMMM.](#)"



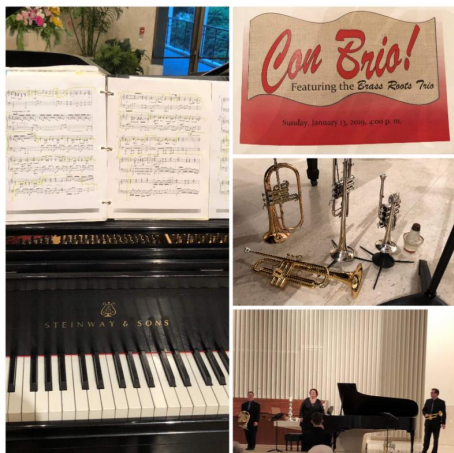
This week's sermon is based on [Genesis 22:1-14](#) titled "Say it isn't so."

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

Other Important Information News and Events

Summary of what you will see below:

- Brass Roots Trio Concert Recording
- Interim Pledge Reminder
- Offering Envelope Information
- Help Wanted - First News Editor
- Welcome Parish Associate Ruth Elsworth
- Baptism of Christina Faustini and her daughter, Alannah Culp
- A Presbyterian Women's Gathering on January 28
- News from FPC Day School
- St. Olaf Choir comes to FPC
- Financial Peace University



Did you miss the Brass Roots Trio last Sunday?

This was a world-class concert at FPC. [Click here](#) to listen to the recording. Prepare to be awed!



Interim Pledge Reminder

A huge thank you to all who have answered the call to continue providing for God's ministry. The 141 of you who have already pledged, have committed to cover 84% the funds needed during the first half of 2019. You are already making a difference.

If the 41% of FPC families who have yet to pledge, would commit to just \$10.35 per week, continued operations would be ensured. Anything more than that would allow us to expand our ministry even farther! Everyone's contribution is needed and appreciated. YOU can make a meaningful

impact, regardless of the amount you give. Your church is relying on you to make a pledge so that accurate plans can be made for income and expenses.

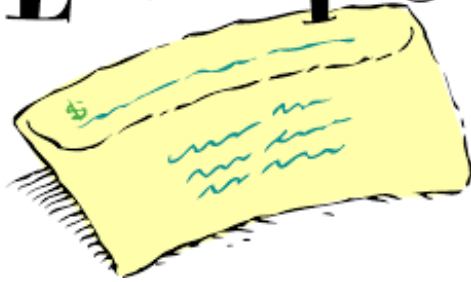
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~2 Corinthians 9:7

Please return your pledge cards to the FPC office, as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for additional information and a pledge card.

Rationale:

In early December, everyone should have received a letter explaining that FPC is transitioning to a July 1st to June 30th budget year. This adjustment is being made to better match the budget cycle to the seasonal nature of our congregation. However, this time of transition leaves us with a fiscal gap between December 31, 2018, and July 1, 2019.

Offering Envelopes



Because printing costs have become extremely expensive, personalized, printed envelopes will no longer be provided. If you wish to continue using envelopes for your offering, you are encouraged to use the ones provided in the pews. There is a place to write your name to ensure that your offering is properly credited.

If you use the dates on the envelopes to track your giving, please contact the church office. Stick-on labels, for each Sunday of the year, will be provided. These can be affixed to your own plain white envelope. If you have any questions, contact Roy Duttweiler at rawdutt@gmail.com.

First News - Help Wanted

Do you enjoy receiving First News each Friday?

We need a new "First News" volunteer to create and send this important weekly communication. Please contact [Diedra Flora](#) if you would be interested in helping your church in this manner. Basic computer skills are needed.



Welcome Ruth Elsworth *Parish Associate*

God called me to ministry later in life, after I retired from a lifelong career in early childhood education. I worked for



many years for the Florida State University System and always regarded my work with children and families as a sacred calling, dedicating my working life to improving the quality of early childhood education for all children, especially those from low-income families.

My call to serve in ministry is a continuation of my desire to be of service to all God's people. Micah 6:8 guides my ministry - "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" In seminary I spent almost a year working as a resident chaplain at Tampa General Hospital in Florida, where I learned much about ministering to the spiritual needs of people experiencing crisis and illness. My first ordained call was to serve the elderly as chaplain at Palm Garden Health Care Centers. Later I served the First Presbyterian Church in Jasper, Florida as interim pastor. In December, 2017 I was called to serve as Parish Associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, and am now joyfully blessed to provide pastoral care here at First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg.

On a personal note, I am married to my dear husband, Lon. Between us we have five children and eight grandchildren. They are the joy of our lives!

The Sacrament of Baptism



Last Sunday during the 9:00 service, Christina Faustini and her daughter, Alannah Culp were baptized. It was a very special moment.

A Presbyterian Women's Gathering

*Monday January 28th
10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall*



We will be making prayer jars for the Lenten season to give to young families of our church and day school.

Lunch Included (\$5.00 donation for lunch & craft supplies)

RSVP by January 21

(rbowron@aol.com or call church office 727-822-2031)

Free childcare is provided with reservation.

(child-care@fpc-stpete.org)

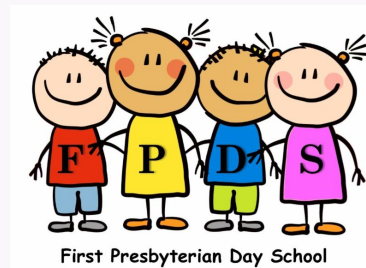
There is a job for everyone! No experience or skill required.
Be ready to have lots of fun and fellowship.
Bring scissors and a glue gun if you have them.

News from the FPC Day School

January 21 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day

January 22 – Open House at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

- If you would like to learn more about what's ahead for your child at FPDS, you are welcome to join us for our annual Open House. We will begin with a presentation in Fellowship Hall followed by tours led by our Advisory Committee members.
- Please invite your friends and family who are interested in FPDS to our Open House. Help us spread the word! Thank you!



January 28 – Registration for siblings, alumnae and church members

January 30 – Registration for PMOs, MOPs, and Beth Moore

February 1 – Registration for Community

St. Olaf Choir
February 8, 2019
7:30 p.m.



One of the premier choirs in the US, this 75 voice chorus is the premier a cappella choir in the United States. For over a century, the choir has set a standard of choral excellence and remains at the forefront of choir artistry. The ensemble's annual tour brings its artistry and message to thousands of people around the world.

Tickets are \$35 (discount available for groups of 10 or more and for Students). Get your tickets by [clicking here](#) then be sure to select the St. Petersburg concert. Tickets should also be available at the door.

In the past, this has been a sell-out event at FPC.

Financial Peace University

9-week Course at FPC

\$109 per individual or couple

Learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . With Financial Peace University, 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 nine-week course is being offered at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening (6-7:30 pm) in the Chapel and is led by former FPC member, Craig Kilroy.

This is an extension of the FPC Wednesday Night Live Program. Dinner is offered at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall as well as activities for the children including choir and Messy Church. Childcare for younger children is also provided with reservations.

Go to the Event on the FPC website to get more information ([Click here](#))

Calendar at a Glance

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

Coming up in January

- **January 28** - Presbyterian Women Craft Day. [Click here](#) for details. RSVP by 1/21.

Coming up in February

- **February 3** - Yoga with Adam returns after an extended holiday break.
- **February 8** - Concert Series - St. Olaf Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- **February 13 - April 17** - Financial Peace University - A 9-week study in the chapel. \$109
- **February 21** - Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Coming up in March

- March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Coming up in April

- **April 14 - 20** - Holy Week
- **April 21** - Easter

Coming up in June

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

Reminders:

- Return your interim pledge to the office or offering plate ASAP.
- Check out the new FPC website (fpcstpete.com)
- Subscribe to the [FPC YouTube channel](#).

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