



Your weekly news from ...

## First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

March 1, 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

Pastor Dawn's sermon for this Sunday is "This Wonderful Ordinary Life". The scripture is [Mark 9:2-10](#).

[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
- Ash Wednesday Service and Dinner
- Survey request for 9:00 Praise Service Congregation
- There's a Volunteer Opportunity Just for YOU!
- Session Highlights for February
- Save the Date: FPC Work Day
- Information regarding Qualified Charitable Distributions
- March birthdays



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

**This Sunday! March 3,  
4:00 p.m.**

*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. You may also mail your donation to the church or use the on-line giving feature found at the church's website: [fpcstpete.org](http://fpcstpete.org). The offering taken at the Festival of Praise will also go toward the gift for Jack. Hope to see everyone at the reception given in his honor in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.



Observe a meaningful Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A dinner of Shepherd's Pie, rolls and dessert will be offered at 5:30. Reservations are required by calling the church office at 727-822-2031. WNL Children's activities will be held as usual. The adult program will be replaced with the Ash Wednesday service beginning at 6:30 p.m.



**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 two 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.

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## There's a Volunteer Opportunity Just for You

### **Co-Coordinator of Holy Communion**

Schedule volunteers to prepare the elements for Communion during 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, [eva1popo@gmail.com](mailto:eva1popo@gmail.com)) if you will serve with her as Co-Coordinator.

### **Once a year, prepare the elements of Communion for the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services**

On the Saturday before Communion Sunday, prepare the elements for Communion. Specific directions and training are provided. This is the perfect opportunity to volunteer with a spouse or friends. The job takes about two hours. Contact Eva Popovich ([eva1popo@gmail.com](mailto:eva1popo@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

### **Help set up and serve dinner for Wednesday Night Live.**

Because we now have a marvelous cook who does all of the cooking and most of the kitchen clean-up, this is an EASY and fun job. Come to the kitchen by 4:45 and set the tables, get the drinks prepared, serve the food, eat a great dinner and then help clear the tables. Stay around for a good

### **Join the FPC Social Media Team**

Interested in editing First News or our church website? Would you like to create posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the church? Please contact Diedra Flora, [diedraflora@aol.com](mailto:diedraflora@aol.com), to volunteer or get more information. Training will be provided.

### **Interested in becoming a Lunch Pal at Lakewood Elementary School?**

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. This workshop will be provided at the church at a date to be determined. If you are interested in attending a workshop and learning more about this opportunity, please notify Gay Wasik-Zegel at [gwzegel@gmail.com](mailto:gwzegel@gmail.com).

### **Interested in becoming a Guardian Ad Litem?**

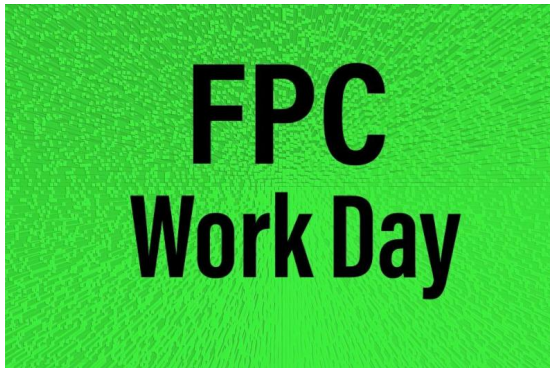
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time of Bible study and reflection. Call the church office, 727-822-2031, if you are willing to help ONE Wednesday night.



[Click here for highlights from the February Session meeting](#)



## Save the Date!

Property Committee is hosting an all church work day on Saturday, April 6. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get to know others. More information to follow in the next weeks.

## Information from the Finance Committee on Qualified Charitable Distributions

For those who made Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to FPC from your IRA, please be aware that many financial services firms do not distinguish between charitable distributions and taxable distributions on the 1099R. In order to ensure that this tax strategy remains valid, the appropriate amount must be properly communicated to your tax accountant and/or entered into tax reporting software. Your financial advisor should be able to provide documentation, if required by your CPA. It is also important to note that, CPA's may not think to ask if you made a QCD so it is your responsibility to make them aware. FPC will include a comment on quarterly and annual contribution reports specifically stating QCD amounts gifted to the church.



## Happy Birthday!

[Click here](#) for a list of members celebrating their birthdays in March.

[Calendar at a Glance](#)

## Coming up in March

- [Click here](#) for March Child Care Calendar
- [Click here](#) for Youth Newsletter for March
- **March 3** - No Yoga with Adam this Sunday due to Festival of Praise Concert
- **March 3** - Festival of Praise and Jack Rain's 50th Anniversary, 4:00
- **March 4** - FFIM Annual meeting at 1:30 pm in room N-123
- **March 6** - Ash Wednesday Service; dinner at 5:30 and service at 6:30; there will be Choir and Messy Church for children
- **March 13** - No Messy Church during WNL due to Spring Break
- **March 17** - Becky Higman will preach during all three sermons
- **March 21** - Celebrate Our Seniors: Deacons Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

## Coming up in April

- **April 6** - Church Work Day
- **April 7** - WNL Children's Choir sings during Contemporary Service
- **April 14 - 20** - Holy Week
- **April 14** - Palm Sunday Combined Service at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary
- **April 20** - Eggstravaganza, 10:00 a.m.
- **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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