

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News
from First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

March 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

8:15 AM Communion Worship, Chapel
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Classic Worship with Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday:
"Cross to Bear?" - Pastor Dawn Conti

[Psalm 22:23-31](#); [Mark 8:27-38](#)

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



This is an exciting time in the life of First Presbyterian Church!

Our session approved the hiring of the Rev. Cameron Trimble of Convergence Consultant Group to help us revitalize our church and discern what God is calling us to do next. Rev.

Trimble has more than 20 years' experience working with churches and related organizations to help them renew their missions and increase their vibrancy as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ on earth.

Thank you to everyone who completed a congregational survey!

In addition to reviewing feedback from the congregational surveys, Rev. Trimble will be in St. Petersburg to learn more about our congregation and city, to talk in small groups with church leaders and staff, and to conduct Q&A sessions with the congregation on Sunday March 8, after both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

For more information, you can visit this page on our website:

<https://www.fpcstpete.com/2020-congregational-survey>



Today Is World Day of Prayer

Today people in over 170 countries join together in prayer and action to bring peace and justice to our troubled world. This year's theme "Rise, take up your mat and walk" was selected by a committee from Zimbabwe.

Please join us in prayer as we reflect on the turmoil in their country and the world at large. As people of faith, we are called to act in love and pray for wellness and peace in our time.

Wednesday Night LIVE!

March 11

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

5:30 PM -- Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie Soup, Salad + kid-friendly option. Please call the Church Office (727) 822-2031 to let us know you will join us for dinner.

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

Westminster Communities Limit Outside Visitation

Chaplain Steve from the Westminster Palms community let us know that, due to the threat of the coronavirus, they will be limiting outside visitation (no walk-in visitors) to all Westminster communities until further notice.

Meditation For Christians

"Contemplation is meeting as much reality as we can handle in its most simple and immediate form—without filters, judgments, or commentaries."

--Richard Rohr

We'll meditate as a group again on Tuesday evening, March 17 at 7 PM in the Chapel. We'll listen to a homily from John Main, drawn from his talks called "Being on the Way." Then we'll meditate for 20 minutes. Everyone is invited.



Below is the list of open positions at FPC:

- Associate Minister (full-time)
- Receptionist/Office Admin. (part-time)
- Office Admin. (full-time)

If you know of someone seeking employment, please direct them to our website: www.fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

We are now collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our annual Eggstravaganza (Saturday, April 11). Collection baskets are located by the entrance to the Sanctuary and entrance to the Fellowship Hall.



Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do so! 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!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [March Childcare Parent Calendar](#)
- [March Birthdays](#)
- 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
- Beth Moore Bible Study, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM, Youth Center, Tuesdays
- Men's Community Bible Study, Fridays at 7:30 AM, N-123
- 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)
- Friday, March 6, World Day of Prayer
- March 6 - 8, Rev. Cameron Trimble, consultant, is on campus

- Sunday, March 8, Daylight Saving Time begins
- Sunday, March 8, Rev. Trimble takes Q & A after 9 AM and 11 AM services
- Tuesday, March 17, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel

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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