

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News
from First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

May 1, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service this Sunday, May 3!

The sermon for this Sunday: "Faith for the Rest of Us"

Pastor Dawn Conti

Scripture: [Psalm 118:2-24](#), [John 20:24-31](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our virtual worship. Please gather bread, crackers, or rolls and something to drink (juice, wine, milk, water) ahead of time for all in your home who will be participating.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Prayer Concerns

Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Lynn Kiehne's father Merle, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser,

Tamara Murphy, Peter Pav, Alan Pfeider, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Brian Herzik, USA; James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. Lt Cdr Charlotte Symonds, USNS Hospital Ship Mercy. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* -James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.



GriefShare groups begin in May

GriefShare groups will begin meeting again next week. Each week we will offer two sessions of this support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will meet **Sunday afternoons from 4:00–5:30 PM** beginning May 10, and **Tuesday mornings from 10:00–11:30 AM**

beginning May 12. Both of these groups will be meeting virtually using Zoom.

Please join us for any or all of our meetings to learn about this journey “from mourning to joy.” For more information on GriefShare or how to join a session, please contact Amy in the Church Office (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org).

Lakewood Elementary School Donation Drive



Have you been looking for ways to help others during the Coronavirus outbreak? Here is a new opportunity. Lakewood Elementary School now has an Amazon “Wish List” to support students and families during this time. Items include games, household items, and non-perishable foods. Simply use this link to access the wish list:

[Amazon Wishlist for Lakewood Elementary](#)

or type the following in your web browser:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2XHID92GHM29P?ref_=wl_share

Once purchased, items will be shipped directly to Principal Stephanie Woodford. She, in turn, will distribute them to families who may lack technology and other resources that the school might otherwise provide. Dates of the drive are **May 1-15**.

Thank you again for your ongoing and extravagant generosity.



Jack Rain, Organist Extraordinaire

This past week, we introduced a new camera angle during the 10 AM Online Service which gives us an even better view of Jack's command of the organ!



Special Thanks To Our A/V Persons Who Produce and Direct Our 10 AM Online Sunday Service

(pictured L-R: Carrie Aumack, Dave Aumack,
Terry Schoenberg)

Online Devotion, Discussion, and Prayer Mondays at 10 AM

Pastor Dawn invites you to join in an online time of devotion, discussion, and prayer **Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00 AM**. Connect with God and each other as we read and discuss the sermon text that will be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!

To join on Monday mornings, click [HERE](#) (please note that you will need a device with a camera and microphone to use this link).

Or, you can join by phone (you will be able to hear, but not see, other participants). Dial +1 929-205-6099. The meeting ID is 542 281 573 You will automatically be muted. You can press *6 to unmute/mute yourself during the conversation.

All of us at First Presbyterian
are working to stay as connected as possible
during this time of social distancing.

- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE let us know by calling the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.
- Help us stay connected by sending pictures!



News From St. Pete Free Clinic

Drive-Up Food Pantry

There has been a 331% increase over the last month in families assisted by the We Help Food Pantry. The number of families with children has more than doubled. The pantry expects to exceed the 11.3 million pounds of food given last year as the shut down continues.

Any Pinellas County resident may access the drive-through food pantry once per month. All that is needed is a valid Pinellas County driver's license. Food will be loaded right into your vehicle. The address is 863 3rd Avenue North St. Petersburg 33701.

Hours are: Mon., Tue & Wed, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM; Thur. 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM; Friday - 8:30

AM - 11:00 AM; Sat.& Sun. - Closed

Some Ways You Can Help

Dozens of men and women and 11 families currently live in the Free Clinic's residential centers. Many have lost their jobs. An encouraging word in the form of a note, a child's drawing, or even a gift card could go a long way to lift their spirits. You can mail notes to the Free Clinic for distribution to the residents at this address: St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Attn: Encouraging Words, 863 3rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Sidewalk In Front Of Church Has Been Replaced



Masks For Westminster

Our friends at Westminster are still in great need of masks. Thanks to all who have donated already! If you are willing and able to sew masks, please consider donating to Westminster. For more information, please call the Church Office or contact Jan Banker (jbanker@wservices.org).

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.
- [May Birthdays](#)
- Until further notice, no groups will be meeting at the church. We will keep everyone posted on any changes.
- If anyone needs help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

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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