

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

November 1, 2019

All Saints' Sunday
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

10:00 AM - Blended Service, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "By Faith," Dr. Dawn Conti
[Psalm 149](#); [Hebrews 11](#)

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



This Weekend!

Sunday, November 3
Combined Service at 10 AM, Brunch Following the Service

All that we do is for God's Glory!

You are invited to join the G2 (Gratitude and Generosity) Team for brunch Sunday, November 3, 2019, directly following the 10 AM combined service in Fellowship Hall

RSVP: Phone the church office at (727) 822-2031, or email AmyGrossenbacher and mention the Time-Talent-Treasure brunch, number of persons coming and your name.



Music Volunteer Spotlight
MJ Davidson

MJ will conduct the children's choir at Sunday's 11 AM service. She and Jack Rain will also provide a four-hand piano accompaniment for the Chancel Choir.

From MJ:

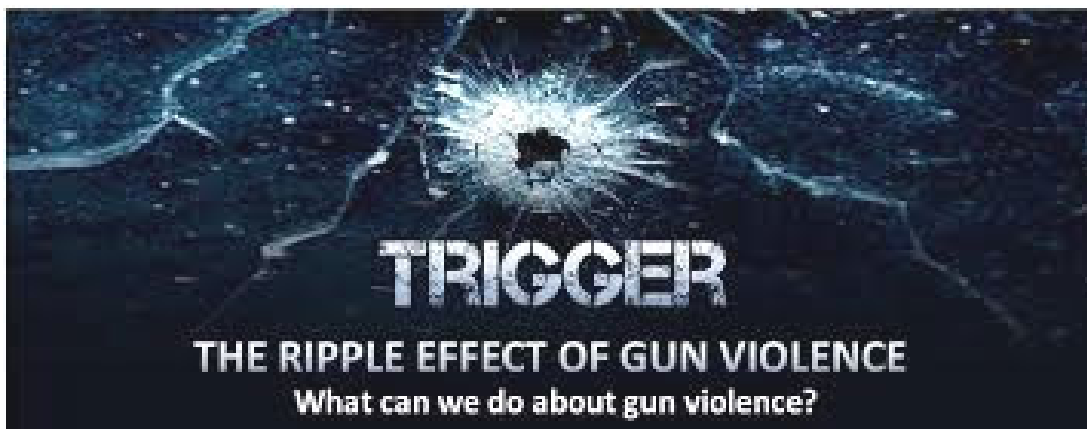
I came to 1st Pres last winter upon our arrival in St Pete. I first attended based on the recommendation of current choir

members and acquaintances Barry Dingman and Joel Cohen. I enjoy the Bell Choir, and will have participated in two invitational choir performances: the Festival choir celebrating Jack Rain, and the upcoming Many Moods of Christmas. I am currently offering a children's music activity Wednesday afternoons as part of WNL, and now into the Holiday season.

These opportunities have allowed me to meet folks and get involved in the church and my new community!

Faith and Fiction: *When Crawdads Sing*

Join us Monday, November 4 as we discuss *When Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Faith and Fiction meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in room N-123.



Recently, interested FPC members and guests attended a Gun Violence Prevention seminar at the church on six Wednesday mornings. As a result, the

following events have been planned:

The movie "Trigger: the Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" will be shown on Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 PM in the Youth Center and again on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

On Wednesday, November 20, at 6 PM, Officer William "Chip" Wells will speak in the Fellowship Hall about making FPC as safe as possible.



Plans for the 2020 Honduras Mission Trip Being Made

Put June 7-14, 2020 on your calendar for our Honduras Mission trip. We have our plane reservations set and are ready to add you to our team! For more information and questions, contact Susan Schlecht at 735-5332 or schlecht21975@gmail.com.

Considering Becoming A Church Member?

Prospective New Member Luncheon

Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30 PM

You can't argue that church membership helps keep us accountable. When we join we offer ourselves to each other to be encouraged, to serve God and to be served by others in times of need. FPC St. Pete is a warm, welcoming body of Christians that would welcome your membership!

On Sunday, November 17 at 12:30 PM join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon where 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 questions.



You can be a part of "The Great American Teach-In"

Do you have a skill or special area of interest that you would like to share with students at Lakewood Elementary School? If so, you might be just the right person for "The Great American Teach-In."

Sponsored by Duke Energy, this year's event will take place on November 13. Opportunities are available throughout the school day. Stay for an hour or the whole day, You can pick up an application in the church office or email [Gay Wasik-Zegel](mailto:Gay.Wasik-Zegel) for an application. Completed applications should be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office by Monday November 4.

For October Session Highlights, click [here](#).

During the children's message Pastor Dawn reads scripture verses which John Calvin said were the "spectacles" (eyeglasses) through which we should look at the world.



ST. PETE FUN RUN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ONLY TWO SERVICES

Due to the Fun Run there will not be a 9 AM service on November 17. We will have the 8:15 AM and 11 AM services. We are hoping many of our members will volunteer to assist runners by passing out water as they pass the church on North Shore Drive.

Piano Perfection Featuring: Vanessa Wei, piano

Our inaugural concert in this year's concert series features local pianist Vanessa Wei performing classical piano repertoire on the Steinway Grand Piano in our Sanctuary. **Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4 PM.**



[Here](#) are further details of the entire Concert Series



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful.



Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- What to do about traditions
- How to find hope for the future

The Seminar will be offered Nov. 19, 10 AM - Noon and Dec. 11, 6 - 8 PM. Call First Presbyterian Office for more information: (727) 822-2031

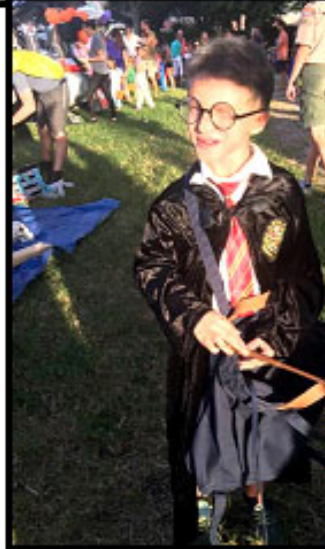
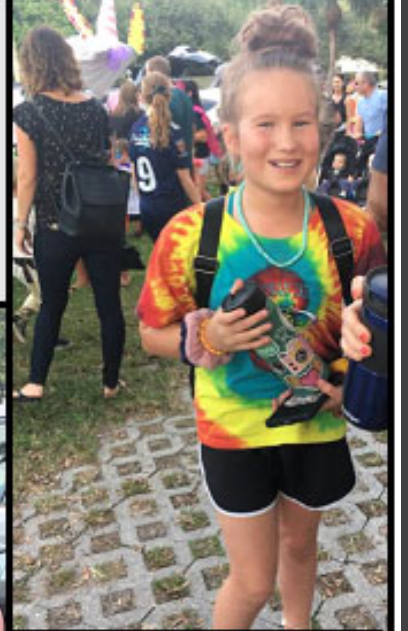


Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church will join three other St. Pete congregations (Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist, and St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral) in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM at First United Methodist Church (212 3rd St. N.). The FPC chancel choir will be singing. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



**2019
TRUNK OR
TREAT**



Trunk or Treat experienced great response from our community this year.

Thank you to all those who hosted cars, volunteered, cooked, cleaned up or made chili. Congrats to Eva Popovich for having the best chili this year! A special thank you to the CE Committee members for all their hard work.

Carrying the Processional Cross

by Nancy Sanford

It has been a wonderful experience being the Crucifer at the 11 AM Worship Service. I accepted the opportunity because I wanted a chance to serve in this gentle way. It would offer a different perspective from my previous service to our church. Apart from learning what to do when, the experience brought not only a different point of view of our congregation but more personally what it means to carry the cross and be part of the worship service.



There were a few new words to learn too... There is the white 'alb' we wear and its belted 'cincture,' for instance. I learned how high and the correct form to hold the 6 lb. brass cross and staff. I learned to check the length of the first hymn to be sure my pace down the aisle allowed the choir and elders enough time to be seated before the end of the hymn!

I always smiled to nurture joy as we passed by you. The single disadvantage was that I love singing hymns and I missed doing that at the beginning and end of service! But walking down the aisle we hear your voices. There's a connection made there in hearing you sing. After pausing at the Chancel steps, with the bright lights bearing down, and Jack's playing of the organ, there is a moment to 'feel' our gathering together like this. Seated facing our congregation on the Chancel, it's much easier from that perspective (than from a pew) to see us as one group, as 'family', but also as individuals connected in this shared time and place in the presence of God. It is a wonderful experience to hear the choir and organ 'up close'. It is special to see the communion table more intimately as coming from a holy service to each of us.

I had intended to serve until the end of the year but I am moving soon which has already impacted my attendance. I'll be in Largo which may mean that I will find community with a church nearby. It was a privilege to serve as 'Crucifer'. I am very grateful to have had the experience. Thank you.

Officer Training Class



Left to right, Peter Bardin, Ruth Elswood, Larry Kirsch, Gretchen Letterman, Tony McCoy, Karen Mossman, Rue Ann Porter

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [November Birthdays](#)
- [November 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)
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation)

- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Sunday, November 3, Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Sunday, November 3, One Blended Service, 10 AM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, November 3, Time, Talent, Gifts Opportunities Fair and Brunch after the 10 AM service in Fellowship Hall (see article in First News)
- Tuesday, November 5, "Breathe" Bible Study begins (meets through December 3)
- Sunday, November 10, "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" movie, 1:30 PM, Youth Center
- Tuesday, November 12, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Wednesday, November 13, "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" movie, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, November 17, Inaugural Concert Series Performance, "Piano Perfection," Vanessa Wei, pianist, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, November 19, Surviving The Holidays, GriefShare, 10 AM
- Wednesday, November 20, Police Officer Wells speaks on Making FPC Safe, 6 PM
- Wednesday, December 11, Surviving The Holidays, GriefShare, 6 PM

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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