



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

November 22, 2019

Christ the King Sunday

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

The sermon for this Sunday is "What Kind Of King Is This?" Dr. Dawn Conti

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#); [Luke 23:33-43](#)

Special Music: "Et in Spiritum Sanctum" from *Mass in B Minor*
Christopher Holloway, Baritone
Amy Collins, oboe; Vicoria Lopez, oboe; Jack Rain, organ

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

**Spectacular Many Moods of Christmas Concert
Coming Up On December 15**



More than 130 musicians will present The Many Moods of Christmas Concert on December 15 at 4 PM. A diverse repertoire of choral and orchestral works will be featured to include a medieval chant by Perotin, Bach's *Magnificat*, and selections from the film *Home Alone* by John Williams. Choir members are from First Presbyterian Church and the Pinellas County Center for the Arts. Also participating are the Center for the Arts Orchestra, the First Presbyterian Handbell Choir as well as additional local vocalists.

A free-will offering benefits the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

[Here](#) are details of the remaining performances in the Concert Series.



99 Gift Cards Provided By First Pres To Lakewood Elementary

Our FPC congregation is amazing!

Because of you, 99 gift cards were provided to Lakewood Elementary School for distribution to less fortunate families who might not have had a Thanksgiving meal.

The FPC Mission Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to each of you. Additional thanks goes to Melody Proud who designed a lovely card (pictured above) into which each gift card was placed.

When Anne Wade Stone and Gay Wasik took the gift cards to Lakewood Elementary, Kymber Cullum, Volunteer Coordinator, and Stephanie Woodford, Principal, introduced them to a third grader who will benefit from this outpouring of generosity. The student lost his mother when he was in first grade and became one of the worst behavior problems in the school. He couldn't read, but today he continues to improve his reading skills and is also well-behaved. He asked us when he could have a Lunch Pal!



Pictured left to right are: Anne Wade Stone, Gay Wasik, Stephanie Woodford & Kymber Cullum

Men's Meal Ministry Needs Your Help In Feeding The Homeless

Your church's Men's Meal Ministry, led by Peter Bardin and Brad Hussung, has been overseeing this mission outreach for several years. But your help is needed*. Less than \$500 a month is spent, which breaks down to approximately \$2.50 per meal. Please consider making a contribution to help us continue feeding the less fortunate in our midst. Simply include "Men's Meal Ministry" on your check and know that it will make a difference!.

*Make a contribution of any size, or sponsor a meal for \$500.

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.

You can leave your car at First Pres and ride in the church bus to First Methodist. If you wish to take advantage of this, please call the church office to reserve space (727) 822-2031.

Christmas Pancake Party with Games, Crafts, & A Visit From Santa on December 8



On Sunday, December 8 we will have one combined church service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. A Christmas theme will prevail as the congregation sings beloved carols, and the Day School students present two special Christmas songs.

Following the 10 AM service, a Christmas Pancake Party will be held in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by our Men's Meal Ministry. Also get in the holiday spirit with fun games, cool crafts, and a special visit from Santa.

Be sure to invite friends and families to this wonderful kickoff of the Christmas season. Please RSVP by calling the church office (727) 822-2031.

FPC Hosts Water Station For St. Pete Run Fest



Last Sunday, First Presbyterian's "Radical Hospitality" was extended to the runners in the St. Pete Run Fest as they passed the church on North Shore Drive. Church members lined the street handing water to the runners. The Praise Band was there, musically providing support for the runners and entertaining the on-lookers.



Wayne Specie



Michelle Carothers, Carrie Aumack

The Praise Band: Bob Powers,



Tony McCoy & Becky Aumack

Burt Rushing and Vit Gulbis.



Sam and Becky Higman



Linda Champion



Pastor Dawn

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

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar, offered Dec. 11, at 6 PM 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

Call First Presbyterian Office for more information: (727) 822-2031.



Christmas Greenery Donations

Christmas is almost here, and it is time to decorate the



church. You are invited to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend to help purchase poinsettias and greenery.

Please fill out the green envelope in the pews, and put it in the offering plate. Be sure to designate the individual to be honored or memorialized on the outside of the envelope.

An insert listing the names of those honored or remembered will be compiled for inclusion in the bulletin.

Donations Needed More Than Ever For The Free Clinic

There is never a greater need for donations of food than during the Holiday season. This year the need is greater than ever.

Please donate food to the Free Clinic using the food collection bins in Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary (under the north steps to the balcony). The St. Petersburg Free Clinic picks up the donations and distributes the food to those in need and to other charitable organizations.

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). No Yoga this Sunday Nov. 24
- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation) No GriefShare on Nov. 26
- Tuesdays through December 3, "Breathe" Bible Study
- Tuesday, November 26, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, First United Methodist Church, 7 PM
- Tuesday, December 3, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, December 8, Combined Worship Service, 10 AM, followed by a Christmas Pancake Party
- Wednesday, December 11, GriefShare: Surviving The Holidays, 6 PM
- Sunday, December 15, The Many Moods of Christmas Concert, 4 PM, Sanctuary

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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