

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

October 4, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

5:00 PM (Saturday) - Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM (Sunday) - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "Our Daily Bread"

Scripture: [Exodus 5:1-2](#); [Exodus 7:8-23](#); [Psalm 1](#); [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Dr. Dawn Conti

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

Note: The 8:15 AM Communion Service, which resumes next Sunday, is held in the Chapel.

New Worship Service Tomorrow

*"See, the Lord
is doing a new thing!"*



JOIN US FOR AN OUT-OF-THE-BOX WORSHIP SERVICE

A TIME WITH GOD AND GOD'S WORD, AND HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 5 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOLLOWED BY SATURDAY NIGHT FUN DOWNTOWN FOR ALL AGES!

NEW LOCATION FOR SUPPER AFTER THE SERVICE:

HAWKERS ASIAN STREET FARE, 1235 CENTRAL AVENUE

Just a reminder that Saturday's Out-of-the-Box worship service is family-friendly. Kids are welcome to be with their parents during the service.

OUR BOX IS OVERFLOWING! Supper Location Information

Thanks to all of you who are jumping OUTSIDE the BOX for our special Saturday evening worship service in Fellowship Hall, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. with supper off-site afterwards.

We had so many RSVPs that we had to change our location for supper afterwards. Now we will meet at Hawkers Asian Street Fare, 1235 Central Ave., which will be ready for us at 6:30 p.m. Hawkers serves a wide variety of small plates and beverages (we'll do separate checks) for us to share. Come share the Saturday fun with your church family!

Tomorrow Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, October 5, 10 AM
On the Front Lawn of First Presbyterian Church



Bring your pets for a short service and individual blessing. If you can't bring your animal, bring a picture! All sizes, shapes, and species are welcome!

Drawing for gift basket!



PEACE & GLOBAL OFFERING Will Be Received Next Sunday

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for

ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



5:00 PM Children's Choir, Choir Room
For ages 4 - 10 years old

5:30 PM Dinner catered by the fantastic
Debbie Brown

Dinner: Parmesan Crusted Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Apple Crisp
+ a child-friendly meal option *

6:00 PM Choose from the following meetings:

Welcoming The Stranger
Offered by Rev. Ruth Elswood, Fellowship Hall

Christian Coupling: A Way to Better Relationships
Offered by Dave Aumack, room S-100

Messy Church for Children: Super Heroes of the Bible

* Call the church office if you will be joining us for dinner (727) 822-2031

These programs run Wednesday nights through October 30.

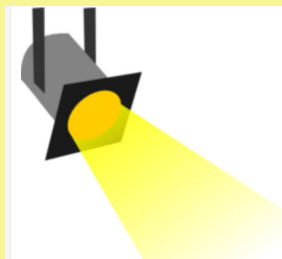
Join Us As A Chorister At **The Many Moods Of Christmas** Concert

Announcing our annual celebration of The Many Moods of Christmas on December 15. You are invited to participate as a chorister. Please access Upcoming Music Events at this [link](#) to sign up to participate. At the same link you can find additional information and a rehearsal schedule.

Last year, we sang to a full house and raised over \$13,000 for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. This year, we will continue our collaboration with the orchestra and choirs from Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Jonathan C. Gibbs High School to create an unforgettable musical experience. The pieces for this year's concert feature a diverse repertoire of choral and orchestral works.

The music packet for this concert is free to you as a local singer (we simply ask that you return your music at the end of the concert). If you are unable to register online for any reason, please contact me in the office and I can walk through the steps with you.

Matt Clear, Director of Traditional Worship Music and the Arts
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Welcome New Member and Volunteer

Bio from MJ (Mary Jane) Davidson:

I grew up in Buffalo, NY, and my husband and I raised our 3 kids in Rochester NY. I taught general and vocal music, and directed musicals in the public schools there for 40 years. My husband and I began to come to St. Pete when he was sailboat racing at SPYC, and our middle daughter met and married a man from here. We rented at the beach, and then downtown for almost a dozen years before finally moving here this past winter.



Both Peter and I were raised in the Presbyterian church, and I began to come to FPC when told the music program is strong. Indeed, from my first opportunity to see and hear first hand, I was excited to get involved here. I joined the Bell Choir, sang in the Festival choir honoring Jack Rain, and began attending 11 AM services. I've gotten involved volunteering at Lakewood elementary school, and have met folks who are members at the Yacht Club, and usher with me at the Mahaffey.

My husband and I have 3 young grandchildren, two of whom live here in St. Pete. They occasionally attend the special events at the church. I look forward to the faith journey FPC offers.



TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY COLLECTION

We want this year's Trunk or Treat to be the best one yet, so we need your help! Over the next few weeks, please bring individually wrapped candy for our Trunk or Treat event, which will be held on Sunday, October 27. You will find collection baskets for your candy donations at the entrance to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Children's Choir Director MJ Davidson makes music lots of fun.



Faith and Fiction Begins Monday, October 7

First Monday of Every Month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM in Room N-123



For book titles, synopses, dates of meetings and discussion leaders' names, [click here](#).

Children's Time Sunday School Learned About Our Church Sanctuary



The Children's Time Sunday School Class took a field trip to our Sanctuary last Sunday. They enjoyed seeing the big Bible up close and learned about the baptismal font.



FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [October Birthdays](#)
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM (Tuesdays through October 8)
- 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)
- Gun Violence Prevention Discussion, Wednesdays through October 16, 10:30 AM, Room N-123.
- Wednesday Night Live (Wednesdays 5:00 PM Children's Choir, 5:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by study groups)
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- Saturday October 5, 10 AM, Blessing of the Animals
- Saturday, October 5, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall, Out-Of-The-Box Worship Service
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- Monday, October 7 - Faith & Fiction, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Room N-123 (meets the 1st Monday of each month through April 2020). [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Tuesday, October 8, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesday, October 15, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))

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. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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