Love is First

We are delighted that you are joining us for worship today! We are a curious, inclusive, and diverse gathering of imperfect people united by our common hope in Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, and service we seek to know and show the transformative love of God found in the pages of scripture and revealed in the person of Jesus. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here.

Sunday, July 21, 2024

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out-of-town, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with our pastor after today's worship or share your information with us in the pew pad. We would love to get to know you.

Prayer Concern? Please let us know how we can be praying for you by filling out the welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or by calling the church office (941) 955-8119.

Children Of All Ages Are Welcome in Worship! At the New Song (9:00 a.m.) service there are coloring sheets on the tables and an activity center in the corner. At the traditional (11:00 a.m.) service, children are invited to take a worship bag hanging in the narthex. Sunday School is from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the children's wing on the second floor. Ask a greeter for directions.

To Aid In Worship In the sanctuary, a T-Coil Hearing Loop is available for people with equipped hearing aids. Headphones to amplify sound are also available at the tech booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship Online Livestreams of the contemporary and traditional worship services are available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live, and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@fpcsarasota4017.

Ways To Give There are many ways you can support the mission and ministries of First Presbyterian. During worship, you may place your gift in the offering plate or you can scan this QR code, it will direct you to our online giving portal. Additionally, you can mail a check to the church office. Thank you for your gifts. Questions? Contact finance manager, Lisa Garcia; (941) 955-8119/Lgarcia@firstpressarasota.org.

Blood Drive TODAY

SunCoast Blood Mobile will be at First Presbyterian TODAY, Sunday, July 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

SUNCOAST BLOOD BANK

Did you know?



- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- Less than 10% of the eligible U.S. population (38%) donates annually.
- There is no substitute for human blood.
- One in seven people entering a hospital need blood.
- Females receive 53 percent of blood transfusions. Males receive 47 percent.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma and platelets.
- Fifteen tests (eleven for infectious diseases) are performed on each unit of donated blood.
- Healthy adults who are 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds are eligible to donate whole blood.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students



SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Deadline has been extended to August 4

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes on Sundays or in the church office throughout the week.

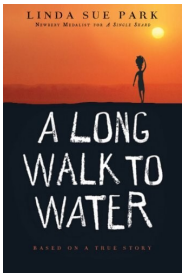
MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

Expo dry erase markers • Sharpie markers • Crayola markers • 3M Post-its • tissues • composition books • spiral notebooks• eraser packs • colored pencils

Cash donations or checks are welcomed. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "School Supplies" on memo line.

A donation of $25.00 will fill a backpack for a student at Brentwood.
Also needed: dry erase boards and notebooks.

The Summer Book Read for First Presbyterian



A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

This book begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two hour walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan: refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. The paperback book can be purchased from Amazon for approximately $6.25. See *News@First* for more information.

Financial Update

June	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 63,678	$ 52,921
Expenditures	85,376	96,411
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	727,688	618,036
Expenditures	$485,118	$546,538

Thank you for your generous gifts and pledge fulfillments, especially during the summer months.

Would you like receive our Friday E-Newsletter? Email info@FirstPresSarasota.org to be added to our distribution list.