

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, May 17, 2026

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, thank you for worshiping here today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of this congregation, please be sure to speak with the pastor after today's worship or share your information on the pew pad or friendship card. 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.fpcsrq.org/streaming 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/Lisa@fpcsrq.org.



Celebrating Steve Phillips's Ten Year Anniversary - Today

Steven has been with First Presbyterian for 10 years! He joined us in 2016 as Director of Music, bringing experience from churches in Tallahassee and Tennessee, along with a rich musical background along the way. We are grateful for Steven's leadership and many contributions to our worship life as will celebrate and honor him on Sunday, please take a moment to share your appreciation.

We Need Your Help at the Food Bank

Each week, FPC's weekly All Faiths Food Bank distribution serves over 200 families, volunteers are essential to making this happen. As many of our regular volunteers are snowbirds who are now leaving for the season, we especially need extra help. Join us Thursday mornings in the south parking lot. We begin packing food at 8:30 a.m., and distribution runs from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. You don't need to stay the entire time — any help is a blessing.

Summer is Coming: Worship Schedule

As summer approaches, we shift to our summer worship schedule:

May 31 – 10:00 a.m. Summer schedule begins with *Faith and Diversity Sunday* in the Sanctuary

June 7, 14, 21, 28 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

July 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We look forward to sharing this summer season of worship with you!

Join us for fellowship time from 9:00–9:50 a.m. Enjoy coffee, light snacks, and time to visit with one another before the worship service begins.

First Connect: Brainstorming Session & Screwtape Apocalypse Study

Join us on Sunday, May 24 and 31 as Eric leads us through a riveting discussion using four “lost Screwtape Letters” C.S. Lewis wrote about the Book of Revelation. Meet Sunday, May 24 at 10:05-10:55 a.m. and Sunday, May 31 at 9:05 - 9:55 a.m. in the library, Eric Robinson will be the facilitator.

Summer First Connect Bible Study: We Need Your Feedback!

As we look ahead to the summer, we are planning to meet together on Sundays from 9:00-9:55 a.m. in the library in June and July. We’d love to get your feedback on a book of the Bible or topic of study! All ideas are welcome! Please reach out to Dave Householder (dphouse47@gmail.com), Eric Robinson (Eric@fpcsrq.org) or Doug DeCelle (douglasdecelle@gmail.com) to share your thoughts.

Do You Have a Heart for Children and Youth?

Our Education & Formation Committee would love to connect with you! There are meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children and students, through Sunday School, Youth Group, special events, and more. There are ways to serve this summer, as well as opportunities coming in Fall 2026. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved, now is a great time to jump in and see where you can help support this important ministry. Please reach out to Leah Cotter (leah.t.cotter@gmail.com) or Eric Robinson (Eric@fpcsrq.org) to learn more and get connected.

Spread a Little Joy: Our VBS Wish List is Live!

How would you like to play a part in creating an unforgettable week for the 45+ campers joining us for Vacation Bible School? We are so excited to welcome these young hearts, and you can help make the magic happen by checking out our VBS Wish List. Whether it’s craft supplies or snacks, your contribution directly impacts their experience and lets them know they are part of a community that truly cares. Scan the QR code to visit our Sign-up Genius and see how you can help!



Last Chance to Join the Horizon’s Bible Study

Horizons Bible Study is now in Part III, “Finding Our Identity.” The ninth lesson, “The Road to Emmaus” (Luke 24:13-35), reflects on moments when faith feels uncertain and reminds us that Jesus walks with us, even when we do not recognize Him. As two of Jesus’ followers journey to Emmaus, they are joined by Christ Himself—revealed only later. Their story invites us to trust that God’s presence is with us, even in times of doubt. Join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.**, led by Harriette Humphreys. If this is your first time attending, please contact Jinny Miller at jinnyrn@gmail.com for the Zoom information.

Pre-Planning Your Memorial Arrangements

Planning your memorial service is a meaningful gift to your loved ones, providing guidance and peace during a difficult time. By sharing your wishes now — favorite scriptures, hymns, or special messages — your service can reflect your faith and life journey. Request a “Memorial Arrangements” packet from the church office. Completed forms will be kept on file in the church office for future reference.

Financial Update

April	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	\$ 84,328	\$ 83,129
Expenditures	95,379	115,320
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	748,434	593,587
Expenditures	\$ 385,576	\$ 422,922
Thank you for your generous gifts and for continuing to fulfill your pledges — your support helps sustain our ministries all year long.		

Realm Directory Check out the directory — all you need is your login. Need help? Call the church office for more information.

Worship Online

If you are traveling this summer or are a snowbird, and you miss a Sunday morning worship service, you can view archived livestreams of both the traditional and contemporary services at www.fpcsrq.org/streaming/ or <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcsarasota4017>. Services are available for one year, so you can revisit a favorite sermon or share a link with a friend.

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

