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 7, 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.

Today, Hot Dog Picnic & Potluck



Please come to the Fellowship Hall after worship and enjoy hotdogs and fellowship

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Exciting News!

The DCE search committee and the session are excited to announce that Eric Robinson has been called as the Director of Christian Education. Currently Eric is Mission Coordinator for Providence Presbytery in Rock Hill, SC and the Director of Youth Ministry at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church also in Rock Hill, SC. He has a Masters of Arts in CE (MACE) from Union Seminary's Charlotte campus. Eric will be working remotely 10 hours a week for July and then will move to Sarasota, to start working full time on August 1.

Eric and his wife, Letarshia, have been married for soon to be 18 years. Letarshia is a first-grade teacher who was awarded Teacher of the Year this year and is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA).

Eric says, "I am excited to join the faith community of First Presbyterian Sarasota as your Director of Christian Education. I am appreciative of the missional and family-oriented approach to educational ministry at FPC Sarasota, and I look forward to growing with you."

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students



SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

June 25 – July 28

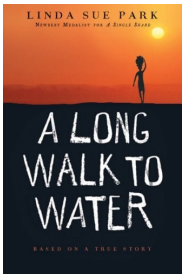
Drop off your donations in the designated boxes on Sundays or in the church office throughout the week.

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.

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.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to join a Presbyterian multi-church mission to the Yucatan in Mexico to install a water filtration system in the village of Othon P. Blanco. There will be team leaders who are bilingual and training to prepare for the work. If your interested see the article in News at First and contact Dave

College/Continuing Education/Technical School Scholarships

Interested students should go to the website www.firstpressarasota.org, go to "Grow" tab and select "Young Adult" and print an application. The application and transcripts must be received by **Saturday, July 15.** Returning applicants need only to have a current transcript sent in along with any updated contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.

Mark Your Calendar

SunCoast Blood Mobile will be at First Presbyterian on Sunday, July 21 from 8:30 a.m.- 1:15 p.m. Contact Cheryl Track to make an appointment, 4tracks@comcast.net, or (941) 320-3828

SUNCOAST BLOOD BANK

We Need Your Help!

We are now serving over 150 families per week at our drive through food pantry and volunteers are needed. Join us on Thursday mornings. We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 9:30 A.M.-11:00 a.m. You don't need to stay the whole time -- any help is welcomed.

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