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, August 10, 2025

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.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.

Family Ministry TODAY is Rally Day & Backpack Blessing

We are so excited to kick off the new Sunday School year! Children and teachers will gather at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard to begin the morning, then head up to their Sunday School classes. We'll also celebrate our annual *Backpack Blessing* during the worship service. **Get Ready for a Wonderful Year Ahead!** We hope to see you today and throughout the year as we grow in faith together.

Pick up a Parent Cue! Grab a copy from your table—this *Faith Formation at Home* resource will guide you and your family through the month ahead.

We Need Your Help! Please take a moment to complete the Children or Youth Registration form using the QR code located on the tables in the **Fellowship Hall** or in the **Family E-Newsletter**, if you haven't already.

Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers

We are so grateful for the many wonderful individuals God has called to serve as Sunday School teachers this year! Their care, creativity, and commitment help nurture the faith of our children and youth each week. If you see someone from this list, please take a moment to thank them!

Jaime Bressan, Mark Carleson, Clare Carter, Lydia Chapdelain, Rebecca Clissold, Stephanie Copa, Leah Cotter, Susan DeWyngaert, Katie Hart, Elise Kidd, Blake Slansky, Heather Manley, Mariah Martin, Scott McCleod*, Kristin Musolino*, June Romero (Teacher and Classroom Support), Sandi Soper*, Tim Walsh, Shelley Watson, Emily Weitekamp*, Kim Whitford** *denotes lead teachers

Wednesday Night Dinners Are Coming Back!

Our intergenerational Ash Wednesday service—with dinner and family activities in the Fellowship Hall—was such a meaningful and well-attended evening that we're bringing Wednesday Night Dinners back more regularly! We'd love your input as we plan. Please take two minutes to complete a quick survey using the QR code. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

Thank You, First Presbyterian Family!

Once again, you've shown incredible generosity by providing school supplies for the students and teachers at Brentwood Elementary. As a Title 1 school with over 70% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, Brentwood has been supported by FPC through the *Invest in Children* mission for more than seven years.

On Monday, August 4, FPC treated over 120 staff members to a delicious Welcome Back Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, served, and donated baked goods and fresh fruits—your kindness helped make the start of the 2025–2026 school year extra special.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Invest in Children Team

Invest in Children at Brentwood Elementary - Volunteers Are Needed

With the start of a new school year, volunteers are needed at Brentwood Elementary! This is a great opportunity for both returning volunteers and those interested in getting involved for the first time. Volunteers can help by listening to first grade students read aloud in small groups, assisting in classrooms, art rooms, music rooms, or lending a hand in the school office.
Information and training will be held on **Sunday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m.**. To learn more or to sign up, please contact our volunteer coordinator, **Lorraine Foltz**, at **(215) 589-3237**. or email: lmfoltz@me.com

First Connect / Adult Education

Faith in the Early Church, taught by Elaine Barnett, continues on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. The Zoom link is available in this week's *News at First*.

Do you have ideas for adult education classes this year? Join us for a special brainstorming session on Sunday, August 17, from 10:05 to 10:55 a.m. in Room 203. All are welcome!

Stay connected—sign up for our First Connect Newsletter by scanning the QR code! The First Connect Newsletter includes all our adult education offerings and up-to-date information.

Youth Group – August 17 NOTE: The Date Change

Join us for a ***Youth Beach Day Bash*** on Sunday, August 17, from 1–4 p.m.! We'll gather at Christ Church Longboat Key (6400 Gulf of Mexico Dr A) for an afternoon of lunch, beach games, and fun in the sun. All youth are welcome—bring a friend!

Fellowship Hour – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall.
We gather for coffee, lite snacks, and friendly conversation after the 9:00 service and before the 11:00 service. All are welcome!

Realm Directory

Check out the online directory — all you need is your login. Need help? Call the church office (941) 955-8119 for more information.

Financial Update

July	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 62,555	$ 62,138
Expenditures	108,342	80,872
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	846,355	771,967
Expenditures	$ 691,109	$711,356

As we move through the summer months, we ask that you give as you're able. Every contribution—no matter the size—helps us remain strong and continue serving our community.

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