

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 24, 2026

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, thank you for worshipping 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.



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.

We Need Your Help at the Food Bank

FPC's weekly All Faiths Food Bank serves more than 200 families each week, and volunteers are especially needed as many seasonal helpers head north for the summer. Join us Thursday mornings in the south parking lot — food packing begins at 8:30 a.m., with distribution from 9:30–11:00 a.m. Any amount of help is a blessing!

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry Volunteer Day Trip

Join us **Wednesday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon** for a volunteer day at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma. Volunteers will help sort food and assist with other tasks that support 600–900 people each week. The need is greater than ever, and your help will make a meaningful difference.

To sign up, get details, or arrange a carpool, contact Wendy Miller at (941) 321-8488 or towmiller@yahoo.com.

Faith & Diversity Sunday May 31 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for the second annual Faith and Diversity Sunday on May 31 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Diversity is a gift from the infinite creativity of Creator God, and this blended service celebrates the rich variety of our human family in gender, ethnicity, age, and orientation. Arts ministry will be offered by vocalist Maicy Powell, Omar Urbina, Thomas Thai, and Matt Jarvis; violinist Sean O'Neil; dancer James Jordan; the New Song Band; the Chancel Choir; and others.

First Connect: Screwtape Apocalypse Study - Today

Join us today and Sunday, May 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.

Get Ready for our Summer First Connect Bible Study!

Beginning June 7, join us on Sundays from 9:10-9:55 a.m. in the Library for our summer Bible study! Our topic is to be determined, and we’d love your feedback. Please reach out to Eric Robinson, Dave Householder, or Doug DeCelle 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!



Whole Group Children’s Sunday School! Summer Faith Journey

All children are invited to embark on a “Summer Faith Journey” TODAY as we explore how the Bible serves as a map for our lives. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall from 10:05 a.m.-10:45 a.m. for interactive lessons, board games, and to receive your very own Summer Faith Journey cards or travel logs. Every young explorer will also take home a special compass to remind them of God’s guidance throughout their summer adventures.

Recognition of Graduates

Do you have a graduate to celebrate? Email Rachel@FPCsrq.org or call the church office at (941) 955-8119 with the graduate’s name, school, degree earned, and future plans. We also welcome announcements for college, graduate school, and technical program graduates for publication in the bulletin. Please submit information by Tuesday, June 2, for inclusion in the Sunday, June 7 announcements . During worship on June 7, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors and commission our Montreat Youth Conference attendees.

Pray for our Youth Going to Montreat Trip

We are so excited to send six youth and six adult leaders to the Montreat Youth Conference from June 7–13 for a week of worship, recreation, and spiritual renewal. Please join us in praying for their safety, their openness to the Spirit, and the lasting relationships they will build. We can’t wait to hear how this intentional time away impacts their faith and our community!

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.

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

