Welcome To First Presbyterian!

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.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess
Pastor

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 better!

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 Livestreaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services is available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live. Additionally, sermons are archived on YouTube.

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.

October 1 is World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate communion with Christians throughout the world. After the combined 10:00 a.m. communion service, the Mission & Justice committee is holding the first **Mission Fair** since 2019. This year's theme is ***Come See What We Are Doing in Our Neighborhood and Join in the Work***. Please stop at the fair tables outside Fellowship Hall. Are you searching for meaningful volunteer opportunities? You might just find programs at the fair that capture your interest!

After the fair, the Membership & Fellowship committee invites the congregation to a **potluck brunch** in Fellowship Hall. Everyone can contribute by bring food, maybe even something from a country of your heritage. Please bring your tasty dish according to the category of your last name. A–I, breads, muffins, coffee cakes; J–Q, main dishes or proteins such as casseroles, quiches, ham, tofu; R–Z, fruits and salads.

Peace and Global Witness Offering, Sunday, October 1 The Peace and Global Witness Offering supports the efforts of the church at every level and provides witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts to the offering are divided as follows: 25% retained by First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota for support of our own peacemaking ministry; 25% used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50% forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



New Bible Study

Started on September 6, with Pastor Tim offering two Wednesday Bible studies: an in-person Bible study at noon in Room 203 and a Zoom Bible study at 7:00 p.m. Both classes are studying the text for the coming Sunday's sermon. See *News @ First* for Zoom link. Tim's Bible study will continue every Wednesday.

Director of Christian Education

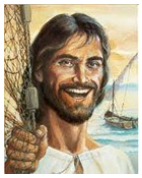
The DCE search committee has posted the position description for a Director of Christian Education on our church website and on several other websites inviting qualified candidates to apply for this full-time position. We will be searching for a person educated and experienced in Bible and Christian Education. This person cannot be a member of our congregation. We are praying for the person who will be our new DCE and a partner of our Faith community.

Sunday School

We are excited to see you at Sunday school! We have begin the Narrative Lectionary. This week classes will explore Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7--God Gives a Promised Child. Sunday school hour starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 10:50 a.m. to allow time for those attending the 11:00 a.m. service. We encourage parents to drop off your children and enjoy coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. **PreK to 5th graders must be picked up by a parent/guardian OR an authorized pick up person.** Please ask a greeter for directions. See *News@First* for more information.

PreK-2nd graders - Room 215, 3rd-5th Graders - Room 222, Middle and High School - The Loft

New Adult Education Class



"Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"
Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. via ZOOM
September 12 - October 17

The beloved Gospel of John has deep and rich theological meanings. It focuses on who Jesus is as the Messiah and what it means to believe in him. John's understandings of Jesus are expressed in important metaphors that point toward Jesus in ways that are rich and meaningful. This study explores major themes in John's Gospel relating to the person of Jesus: Tabernacle, Giver of Living Water, Bread of Life, Good Shepherd, Resurrection and Life, and Passover Offering. These are significant images that move us to a deeper faith and to new visions of what it means, in very practical ways, to believe in Jesus today. This class will be led by **Elaine Barnett**, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com. See more information in *News@First.*

More Fellowship Fun



The Membership & Fellowship team needs volunteers to help with refreshments and cleanup after the 10:00 a.m. fellowship hour. Cleanup after the fellowship hour takes a half hour. Whether you stay 10 minutes or 30 minutes, your help will be greatly appreciated! Stop in the kitchen and let us know when you can help. Everyone is invited to fellowship hour. We serve hot drinks, cold drinks, fruit, sweets, cheese and crackers, chips, and more sweets. Enjoy the opportunity to converse with people from both church services while enjoying your favorite snacks!

Financial Update

August	**Actual**	**Budget**
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$84,946.98	$76,915.54
Expenditures	74,758.79	81,862.80
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	765,047.62	693,729.60
Expenditures	$659,342.22	$666,199.50

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

If you would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, News @ First, please call the church office, (941) 955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.