



**December 25, 2022 / January 1, 2023
Announcements**

*We're glad we can worship together today!
We hope that you experience the love of God
and of this congregation as we worship,
celebrate, and serve with one another.*



Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25, one service at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

In-person and live-streamed, singing Christmas carols and telling of the Christmas story in a fun way with audience participation.



First Sunday of Christmas Worship Service

- a special intergenerational service!

Sunday, January 1, one service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

- NewSong Band
- Chancel Choir
- Connor Landers - French Horn
- Rev. Floyd Churn - sermon
- Carrie Mills - Children's Moment
- Children's play stations in front

Launch the new year with your spiritual family!

Epiphany Sunday with Communion

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. NewSong and 11:00 a.m. traditional worship services

Come and receive your special "star" with a word on it to inspire you throughout the year ahead. Be like the wise ones long ago who followed that special star that led them to Jesus.

Offering Contributions for 2022

The last day to receive contributions to be credited towards this year is **Saturday, December 31**. Please bring your donations to the church office (by Friday, December 30) or put them in the mail; they must be postmarked no later than December 31.

Supplies Needed for February Trip to Cuba Partnership

FPC has been planning a trip to Cuba for Partnership Relationships with the Presbyterian Church in Cuba. This country struggles with a lack of normal supplies, electricity, and day-to-day means for earning money. Each one planning to go on this trip will be traveling with a second suitcase to leave in Cuba. (Do you have one you would like to donate?)



Items that support the Matanzas Presbytery churches and programs:

Fever reducers and pain relievers: aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen
Anti-diarrhea medications; Anti-nausea pills
Antihistamines, allergy medications: Benadryl, Claritin
Antibiotic creams and ointments
Cough syrup, drops, lozenges
Cetaphil (sensitive skin care), oral antiseptics
Antacids, e.g., Tums, Pepto Bismol tablets
Vitamins, iron supplements; Band-aids, bandages

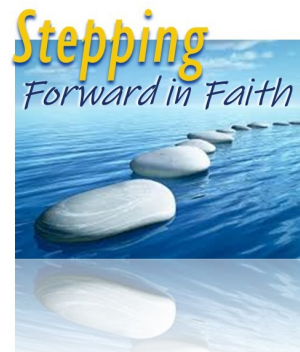


Power outage supplies:

Rechargeable lights—such as solar-charging Luci lights or hand-crank power lights (available on Amazon or other online sites)

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those who have stepped forward in faith with your 2023 pledge. **If you have not made your pledge, it's not too late! All pledges are needed—**you can return your pledge card to the church office or pledge online through the church website: www.FirstPresSarasota.org and select member login.



FPC Sarasota Giving Options



Offering baskets will be available near the entrance. Your gifts make a great difference!

Online: If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button.

Texting: Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.

Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives at our church.

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track**, Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

If You're in the Hospital . . .

Be sure to notify the hospital that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, and would like visits from your pastoral care team.

Stop the Bleed Training



Stop the Bleed is a grassroots national awareness campaign and **call-to-action**. *Stop the Bleed* encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. You never know when YOU will be the one needing to help a loved one or someone else.

Our Health and Wholeness Ministry will be hosting *Stop the Bleed* trainers from Blake Hospital **Tuesday, January 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Friday, January 20, 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Take Action. Sign up for a Bleeding Control Class by contacting Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse, 4tracks@comcast.net, (941) 320-3828 **by Monday, January 9, 2023.**

Gratitude from the Invest in Children Steering Committee



THANK YOU for sharing such an abundance of love for the Brentwood Elementary School children and their families! Because of your generosity, we were able to increase the grocery store gift cards to \$200 for each family. What a helpful, amazing gift! All the gifts through the Blessing Tree project certainly brought joy and support to these families in such difficult times. The Invest in Children Steering Committee sends heartfelt thanks and wishes for a blessed Christmas to all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Rev. Timothy Boggess Preaching on 'Day 1'® Radio Program - Christmas Day!

Our pastor, **Timothy Boggess**, is the **featured preacher December 25** on "Day 1", the nationally broadcast ecumenical radio program is **accessible online at Day1.org.**

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, **News@First**, and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!