

Arts Advocate Kick-Off Meeting

Sunday, October 18 • 12:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Join us as we kick off a new season of concerts and arts events at First Presbyterian! Arts Advocates are FPC’s volunteer ambassadors for the arts. They attend events, welcome visiting artists and groups, answer questions, and help provide a warm, welcoming experience for our guests and performers.

Whether you’re a returning Arts Advocate or new to the team, come reconnect, learn what’s ahead, and share your ideas. **New Arts Advocates are especially welcome!** Questions? Contact Stan Romero at stanr12@bellsouth.net.

Adult Sunday School Class: Aging as a Spiritual Journey

Continuing today, Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler will lead the adult Sunday School class, *Aging as a Spiritual Journey*. Together, we will explore stories from the Bible, history, and literature, along with insights from gerontology and psychology, to discover how faith can enrich the aging experience. Participants will reflect on their own journeys and gain practical insights for navigating the joys and challenges of aging. Join us Sundays, today through October 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 203.

Youth Group Events

Middle and High School Youth Group meets the first and third Sundays each month! Questions? Contact Tim Walsh at timw@FPCsrq.org or (941) 356-0801.

Two Ways To Support Our Children and Youth

Sunday School Support (formerly “Substitute”) You don’t have to teach! As a support volunteer, you simply serve as a second adult in the room to assist the lead teacher when needed.

NEED: Sundays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m, only when a teacher or regular support is unavailable.

Youth Group Support You don’t have to lead! Serve as a second or third adult at Youth Group events when Tim, another youth leader, or regular support is unavailable.

NEED: 1st and 3rd Sundays, either 5:00–6:30 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m, as needed.

Want to help support the amazing kids at FPC? Contact Tim Walsh at (941) 356-0801 or timw@FPCsrq.org.

Horizons Bible Study: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

This month, we continue exploring Paul’s relationship with the church in Corinth. Paul compares himself to a mother as he nurtures the early church, while also taking on the role of a spiritual father and disciplinarian as he challenges the Corinthians to turn away from their pagan ways. Join us as we continue this study of Paul’s influence on the early church and consider what his message has to say to us today. **Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m.** The Bible study will be led on Zoom by **Barb Andrews**. For Zoom information and a copy of the lesson, please contact Jinny Miller at jinnyron@gmail.com.

Financial Update		
September	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	\$ 52,246	\$ 76,384
Expenditures	103,184	127,649
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	1,149,385	1,011,519
Expenditures	\$ 877,662	\$ 1,006,698
We are in the home stretch! Together, every gift—big or small—helps strengthen our church. Thank you for giving generously and for being an important part of all we accomplish together!		

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



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, October 11, 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 pray 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.



Stewardship 2027 — Much More Than Enough

As we continue our Stewardship 2027 campaign, we invite you to reflect on all that makes First Presbyterian Church a place of faith, community, and service. Every gift—of time, talent, and treasure—helps make our ministries possible and strengthens our future together. **Commitment Sunday is October 18.** Between now and then, prayerfully consider what you are being called to give in the coming year. Together, we can continue to be **Much More Than Enough** for the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Pray. Discern. Give. Make a Difference.

Welcome

Today we welcome guest musician **Michelle Champion**. She is an attorney who works in estate law in Sarasota and is delighted again to be using the skills she honed as a flute performance major at Southern Adventist University near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Care Team welcomes Ron and Jinny Miller!

Ron and Jinny are joining the team of Doug DeCelle, Pat Higgins, Cheryl Track, and Pastor Tim. The team meets weekly to pray for those experiencing health concerns and walking through grief. We make calls and visits to those who have needs and, we want to offer care, encouragement, and support to our church family. If you or someone you know has a need or could use a call or visit, please contact the church office. Welcome, Ron and Jinny! We're so glad to have you on the Care Team!

