April 16, 2023

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.

Today We Welcome Robert C. – "RC" Smith as our guest preacher. He grew up in a Quaker family outside of Philadelphia. After joining the Presbyterian Church at the age of 21 he felt called to the ministry, and graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1981. RC served six churches in Pennsylvania over 37 years, before moving to Sarasota in 2018. He has served as interim pastor for three congregations in Peace River Presbytery until retiring just over a year ago. RC's wife, Barbara, is also a Presbyterian minister who serves Salem Presbytery in North Carolina as their Transitional General Presbyter.

Let's Celebrate! Today we thank the First Presbyterian Church volunteers at Brentwood Elementary School! The following have shared the love of Christ with the students and staff at BES this school year: Jim Angelini, Bob Bittner, Diane Bittner, Sue Beach Carter, George Chorba, Floyd Churn, Lorraine Foltz, Kari Frankenberg, Andrea Householder, Diana Hovorka, Harriette and Phil Humphreys, Elaine Moffitt, Alan Nelson, Susan Sanderson, Larry Schaper, and Mary and Tony Williams.



For seven years the **Invest In Children** Steering Committee has given heartfelt leadership to their involvement with Bentwood Elementary. Thanks be to God for these faithful members of the Steering Committee: George Chorba, Kay Dunn, Lorraine Foltz, Rachel Martin, Alan and Linda Nelson, Sandi Soper, Mary and Tony Williams, and Coordinators Jinny and Ron Miller.

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY



OAK STREET STAGE IS BACK

The Lubben Brothers in concert @ Oak Street Stage

Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Check out their website www.lubbenbrothers.com

Triplets and high-energy acoustic musicians from the farmlands of Iowa, The Lubben Brothers specialize in tight vocal harmonies and an eclectic blend of folk instruments involving banjo, mandolin, tin whistle, accordion, hammered dulcimer, and fiddle. Diving into classical music at a young age, their modern songwriting style merges their folk roots with complex pop ideas.
Suggested $20 donation.

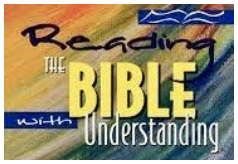


You Are Cordially Invited to First Presbyterian Preschool's First Roots Gala held at The Sarasota Yacht Club Thursday **April 27, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** We are going to have an amazing evening with delicious food, crafty cocktails, awesome DJ, incredible auction, and fun activities including the wine pull, again. Ticket price is $125 per guest. To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code.

Want To Learn More About this Exciting Congregation?



Our next inquirers' class will be on **Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.**
We will meet together in class (room 225) from 10:00 – 11:00 am, worship together from 11:00 – 12:00 noon, and then have lunch and continue our discussion from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.
Please RSVP to the church office (941) 955.8119 to make reservations
We hope to see you there!



Reading the Bible With Understanding
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. April 18 - May 23

For Presbyterians the importance of Scripture, along with Faith and Grace are foundational beliefs. This class introduces important ways to consider when interpreting different parts of the narratives, poetry, wisdom, and letters that make up the Bible. We'll consider what Presbyterian believe about the nature of the Bible and which translation is best for each of us. Together we'll take a broad look at the Biblical story in its many forms. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Sign-up by emailing email ewbarnet@me.com

Session 1. Do You Understand What You Are Reading?
Session 2. Understanding and Choosing a Translation
Session 3. Interpreting Narrative Passages
Session 4. Interpreting the Gospels
Sessions 5. Interpreting Poetry and Wisdom Literature
Session 6. Interpreting Letters

Important SURE Date

Mark Monday, April 24, 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on your calendar. SURE will be combining the Nehemiah Action with their Annual Celebration this year. Everyone is invited (and bring a friend) to join with SURE's network members on April 24. We will be looking forward to a wonderful summer and upcoming conversations in the Fall when we will once again host our SURE House Meetings. Cheer with our First Presbyterian family as Pastor Tim welcomes all to our church.

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity
SURE



Church Office Help Needed

Do you have a couple hours a week to help out? Are you outgoing and friendly? Then we need you! We are looking for help at the church office reception desk. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering incoming calls and transferring calls to appropriate staff members. Shifts are three hours. Openings are: Monday 1:00-4:00, Tuesday 9:00-12:00, Wednesday 9:00-12:00. In May we will also need help Mondays 9:00-12:00. No prior experience is needed.
Contact Rachel Martin at RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org for more information.

Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee

Family Promise Giving Day

This coming Thursday, April 20 is Family Promise Giving Day, a 24-hour online campaign to raise awareness and funds to support families experiencing homelessness. This year, low-income families need our help more than ever. We're asking friends to "Give an Hour" whether that's an hour of time volunteering, an hour's worth of salary as a donation, or an hour spent raising awareness about the crisis of family homelessness. Just one hour can create change that lasts a lifetime. Together, we can prevent children from experiencing the trauma of homelessness and keep them with their families, safe at home.
You may donate conveniently at https://www.familypromisesarasota-manatee.org/.
Donations may also be sent to 8499 S. Tamiami Trail, PMB 267, Sarasota, Florida, 34238.



FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Your gifts make a 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 or scan the QR code.
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 office.