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 19, 2024

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 Livestreams of the contemporary and traditional worship services are available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live, 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/Lgarcia@firstpressarasota.org.

Cuba Presentation, Today



At 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the Cuba team will give a presentation on the February mission trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba. Come and hear about our church partnership and life in Cuba. There will be time to ask questions and learn more about future trips.

Pentecost Offering



Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. The Pentecost Offering nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will be receiving the Pentecost Offering **today.**



Vacation Bible School 2024 Wish List

It takes a village to make VBS a successful program! Please scan the QR code to donate item(s) for our upcoming VBS program June 3-7. To see a detailed list of items, please see the link in *New@First.*

Church Office

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24. The office will also be closed Monday May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. The voice mail will be monitored in case of emergencies.

Pastor Tim's Bible Study is on hiatus for the Summer

Recognition of Graduates

Parents, grandparents, and students, email or call the church office RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org (941) 955-8119 with the name of your graduate, school graduating from, type of degree obtained, and a brief description of future plans (i.e., entering [name of college] in the fall), **by Tuesday May 27.** We would welcome news of impending graduations from high school, college, technical training programs or graduate schools. There is so much to celebrate!

Worship Online If you miss a Sunday morning worship, or if you are a snow bird heading north you can view the archived live streaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live, and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@fpcsarasota4017. Services are archived for one year, so you can go back and watch your favorite sermon or send a link to a friend!

LIVE STREAMING

Provide A Shower and Shoes For Someone

RESURRECTION HOUSE INC.
A DAY RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS OF SARASOTA COUNTY

The Resurrection House needs **men's** athletic (tennis) shoes that are clean and in good repair. They also need hotel-size toiletries for the folks who come in for showers and supplies. If you have some unused shoes in the back of your closet or can collect some unused toiletries as you travel, please bring them to church. There are collection bins at the sanctuary and fellowship hall entrances and at the church office. Someone will be really grateful.

Celtic Christmas Planning Team

Do you love the Celtic Christmas Concert? We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Celtic Christmas Planning Team. No musical qualifications are needed, and you don't have to be Celitc. Just a willingness to advise and help us produce this high-quality event as an outreach to our city. Call Steven Phillips at (850) 567-3197 to discuss the possibilities.

Financial Update - April

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	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 53,222	$ 75,708
Expenditures	76,147	83,718
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	539,486	491,971
Expenditures	$312,549	$351,083

Thank you for your generous gifts and pledge fulfillments.

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