

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, April 19, 2026

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, thank you for worshiping 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 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.



Today is Youth Sunday Rooted in Christ and growing in faith, our youth invite us to reflect on the Fruit of the Spirits—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. On this **Youth Sunday**, they will lead us in worship and we will hear reflections from our graduating seniors as they share how God has been at work in their lives. Celebrate the ways the Spirit is moving among us and be inspired to grow deeper in Christ together.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry Volunteer Day Trip

Join us **Wednesday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** for a volunteer day at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma. Volunteers will help sort food and assist with other tasks that support 600-900 people each week. The need is greater than ever, and your help will make a meaningful difference.

To sign up, get details, or arrange a carpool, contact Wendy Miller at (941) 321-8488 or towmiller@yahoo.com.

Financial Update - March

	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	\$ 90,322	\$ 95,072
Expenditures	112,595	109,539
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	664,106	510,458
Expenditures	\$ 290,197	\$ 307,602

Your generous gifts and fulfilled pledges for the first quarter of 2026 are truly appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Realm Directory Check out the directory — all you need is your login. Need help? Call the church office for more information.

The Final Word: Unpacking the Mysteries of Revelation

Curious about the mysteries of Revelation but haven't tried our class yet? Join *The Final Word* for an open, discussion-led exploration of its wild imagery. Together, we'll uncover how this challenging yet profoundly comforting book inspires bold faith in today's world. Class resumes today; the facilitators are Eric Robinson, Doug DeCelle, Richard Cole, Paul Urbanick. Time & Location: 10:05-10:55 in the library.

A Legacy of Care – Adult Education Series

Presented in Partnership with Faith Community Nurse, Cheryl Track

As part of our church's commitment to caring for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—join us for the second of the two-part workshop on end-of-life planning. *Peace of Mind for You* (Pre-Planning) with licensed counselor Anne Swartz. We will explore the gift of pre-planning cremation and burial. Together, these sessions help ensure your wishes are honored while easing the burden on your loved ones. Meet in room 203, from 10:05–10:55 a.m.

New First Connect Class: Just Jesus: April 26, May 3, 10 and 17

Grow closer to Christ and our church community in "Just Jesus," a new four-week study looking at the scriptures of Jesus's life and ministry. Using a curriculum from Union Presbyterian Seminary, we will share meaningful conversations that challenge easy assumptions and deepen our call as his followers. Led by Susan DeWyngaert and Dave Householder at 10:05 a.m. in room 203.

Register for VBS 2026: Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Trade the summer heat for a winter wonderland this **June 15-19**. Kids will discover bravery and resilience through God's strength with frosty games and hands-on Bible lessons. Scan the QR code to register your "Challengers" today! Contact Eric Robinson, Leah Cotter, or Emily Weitekamp with questions.



VBS Needs YOU!

We need **YOU** to help make VBS 2026 a week full of fun, laughter, and faith-filled adventures for our kids! You can join the excitement by leading Bible stories, guiding crafts or science experiments, running games, serving snacks, or helping wherever the action is needed. Grab your spot on the team by filling out the volunteer form with the QR code. Youth under 18 will need a parent or guardian to complete their section of the form. Join us for our **Volunteer Planning Meeting on Sunday, April 26 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**—lunch is on us!



Summer is Coming: Worship Schedule

As summer approaches, we shift to our summer worship schedule:

May 31 – 10:00 a.m. Summer schedule begins with *Faith and Diversity Sunday*

June 7, 14, 21, 28 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

July 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We look forward to sharing this summer season of worship with you!

Online Giving

 For on-line givers, please use the QR code or enter <https://onrealm.org/fpcsrg/give/now> into your favorite browser. Using your mobile device, text "FPC2050" to 73256 to give. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP.

Worship Online

If you miss a Sunday morning worship, you can view the archived livestreaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live or <https://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!

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

