

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, March 24, 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 worshipping 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 Livestreaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services is available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live. Additionally, sermons are archived on YouTube.

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 Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch

All are welcome following the service for an egg hunt outside and potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Children will find colorful eggs filled with tickets. Tickets can be redeemed at our prize table. Meanwhile, all church members and guests will enjoy food prepared by congregation members.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary this Thursday, March 28, for communion and special music at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 29, 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Good Friday service in the chapel at 12:30 on March 29. This short but powerful service will be a service of tenebrae (from Latin, meaning "darkness" or "shadows") where you will hear Mark's account of the Passion of Jesus. You will be able to reflect as the passages are read, musical interludes are shared and the eighth candle on the communion table is extinguished after the scripture reading of the crucifixion of Jesus. Come and be touched by the reality of Good Friday as we await the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Person and Online

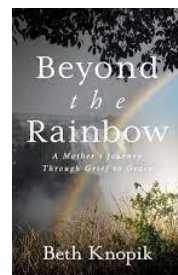
We're excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Next Inquirers Class is TODAY March 24, 12:00 noon

Join Pastor Tim after the Palm Sunday Brunch on **Today**, to learn more about FPC. The class will be held upstairs in Room 203. The class will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Those who wish to join the church will have an opportunity to do so at the end of the class.

A Deeper Dive... New Adult Sunday Class with Beth Knopik

Each Sunday in April, from 10:05 a.m. – 10:50a.m. (between services) in the Chapel, we will explore topics/questions related to Beth Knopik's memoir, *A Grace Disguised, A Mother's Journey Through Grief to Grace*. Beth will lead us through an interactive discussion, delving deeper into each topic. One does not need to read the book to participate.



New Adult Class, The Bible, The Church and Social Issues

Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. via Zoom - April 16 - May 21

While Christianity is a personal religion, it is also an eminently social religion. We are never Christians "on our own." Our faith takes shape and is expressed in the context of the Christian community, the church. The church lives its mission and ministries in the context of social communities, wherever they may be. Christians in the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have emphasized that the church must engage issues in society. One of the "Great Ends of the Church" is "The Promotion of Social Righteousness." Society is where God is at work. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.



One Great Hour of Sharing

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This special offering will be received **TODAY**

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Vacation Bible School is back!

Discovery on Adventure Island: A Quest for God's Great Light.

Join your fellow explorers in music, crafts, science, recreation, and Bible stories to discover how we can find God's light in ourselves and spread it to others. All walks of faith are welcome. Let's kick off the summer together! **When:** June 3- 7, Drop off from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Camp is 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Where:** The Fellowship Hall **Camp Cost:** \$30 per camper. See News @ First and sign up soon as space is limited. The deadline to register your child is Monday, May 6th.



Provide A Shower and Shoes For Someone

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. So, 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 office. Someone will be really grateful.

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Please Wear Your Name Tag

Remember to wear your name tag each Sunday. It is especially helpful to worship guests, new members, and seasonal residents. Replacements may be ordered by calling the church office at (941) 955-8119. The cost of a new name tag is \$7. Visitor name tags are available, please ask an usher.

If you would like receive our Friday E-Newsletter, email info@FirstPresSarasota.org

