# 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, November 8, 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 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.

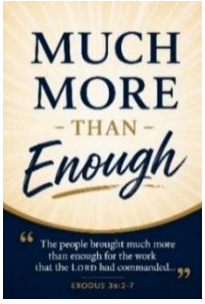
## *Beach Clean-Up*

**Good news! This event is now open to the whole family, and children of all ages are welcome!** Parents are asked to stay with and supervise children in 5th grade and younger, as chaperones are available only for our middle and high school students. RSVP to Tim Walsh at TimW@fpcsrq.org

**WHAT:** Beach Cleanup & BBQ
**WHERE:** Siesta Key Beach – Sea Turtle Pavilion
**WHEN:** Sunday, November 15
**4:00–4:45 p.m.**– Beach Cleanup
**4:45–6:00 p.m.** – BBQ under the pavilion (Sunset is at 5:45!)
Please meet at the pavilion at 4:00 p.m. to check in and pick up county-provided cleanup gear.

## *Stewardship 2027 — Much More Than Enough*

We are deeply thankful for the generosity already shown by our congregation. Each pledge is an investment in the ministries that strengthen our faith, serve our neighbors, and carry forward the mission of FPC. As we continue this journey together, there is still time to make your commitment for the coming year. Every pledge, regardless of size, helps us plan faithfully and confidently for the ministries God has called us to pursue. Thank you for being part of a church family that continues to respond with open hearts, generous spirits, and faith in God's provision. Haven't turned in your pledge yet? There's still time! We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year and submit your pledge as we plan for the future of FPC.



## *Adult Sunday School Class* *Join us for Adult Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in Room 203*

Women of the Bible Speak continues this week with Paul Urbanick!
**Schedule:** November 1 & 8: Esther; November 15: Sarah; November 22: Hagar.

**November 29–December 20:** A New Advent class! Details are coming soon.

## *Volunteers Needed – Church Office Front Desk*

We need volunteers to help at the church office front desk on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You'll help welcome visitors, answer questions, and provide a friendly face to those who stop by. No experience necessary, we'll show you everything you need to know! If you're interested in helping, please contact Rachel at rachel@fpcsrq.org.

## *FPC Volunteer Day Sunday, December 13*

Join in after church from **12:30–2:00 p.m.** to freshen up our church campus for the holidays! Everyone is welcome to lend a hand. Please bring water and gloves. There are plans for projects inside and outside. We look forward to working together to get our campus ready for the season!

## *Celtic Christmas*

"A Celtic Christmas" is just around the corner on December 11 and 12, and we still need volunteers to help make this cherished tradition a success! Join us in welcoming the community and showcasing FPC. Scan the QR code to sign up or contact Sandi Soper at (941) 544-7315 or Kim Schmeits at (941) 284-0001. Thank you for your support!

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

This month, we invite you to study Paul's letters to the church in Corinth. Paul explores the boundaries of Christian freedom and what it means to live in community, reminding us that the congregation should look out for its most vulnerable members. The Bible study will be led by Sandi Soper on November 18 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Jinny Miller at jinnyron@gmail.com for the Zoom information or a copy of the lesson, if needed.

## *Upcoming Children & Youth Events!*

**November 15 Beach Clean-Up see information on reverse**
**November 22: Christmas Tree Decorating & Hot Cocoa and Cookies Around the "Campfire"**
11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Help decorate, have a Chrismon lesson, all with hot cocoa and cookies.
**November 29: Advent Workshop** 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall courtyard. All are welcome as we kick off Advent with a fun make-it-and-take-it craft day. (No Sunday School)

More Details Coming! Questions? Contact Tim Walsh (941) 356-0801 or timw@fpcsrq.org

## *Financial Update*

| October | Actual | Budget |
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| Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts) | $ 83,318 | $ 72,344 |
| Expenditures | 128,761 | 111,404 |
| **Year-to-date** | | |
| Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts) | 1,232,704 | 1,011,519 |
| Expenditures | $ 1,006,423 | $ 1,118,101 |

As we enter this season of gratitude, we are thankful for the generosity that strengthens our church. Every gift helps us continue our ministry and makes a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for sharing your blessings and 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.***