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, June 29, 2025

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! For the 10:00 a.m. worship in June and July, children are invited to engage in worship through a variety of activity resources. Coloring sheets are available on the tables in the fellowship hall, and a children's activity center is set up in the corner of the room. In the Sanctuary, worship bags with quiet activities are available in the narthex. Feel free to pick one up on your way in.

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)

Today We Welcome Rev. Miguel Estrada

Rev. Miguel Estrada, originally from Guatemala where he was ordained, is married with three children. For the past 18 years, he has served as director of Misión Peniel in Immokalee, Florida, providing spiritual care and practical support to immigrant and farmworker communities. His ministry reflects a deep commitment to justice, compassion, and the love of Christ.

Summer Worship Schedule Is Underway!

Next week, July 6, worship will move to the Fellowship Hall. On August 3, we'll return to the sanctuary for a combined service and potluck lunch. August 10 brings back our two-service schedule and Rally Day with a Backpack Blessing. Stay after worship each week for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship!

Worship Online If you miss a Sunday morning worship, you can view the archived live streaming 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!

Summer Sundays: Ephesians & 1 John

Our Sunday School class continues through the summer with a study of *Ephesians* and *1 John*—powerful books on Christ, salvation, and growing in faith. Join us Sundays, through **August 10, 9:00–9:45 a.m.** in Room 203. (Note: August 10 meets **10:05–10:55 a.m.**) The class is led by Eric Robinson, Richard Cole, Doug DeCelle and Susan DeWyngaert. Please check the newsletter for specific class updates, or email Eric at erobinson@firstpresssarasota.org.

Family Ministry Updates

Once again, thank you to our children, youth, families, and volunteers who made our Montreat trip and VBS such great successes! We are excited for what's next!

Ice Cream Social, July 20 - For The Whole Church Family

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Family Ice Cream Social. We'll gather at **Great Heights Creamery** (1371 Blvd. of the Arts) for a time of sweet treats and even sweeter fellowship. Bring the whole family and come enjoy some cool ice cream and warm community!

Adult Education Class: "Faith in the Early Church" Has Been Rescheduled

This class will be taught on **Tuesdays starting July 22 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom** by Elaine Barnett. Watch for details soon.

Hurricane Season Preparedness

As hurricane season begins, it's important for everyone in our community to take a few simple steps to stay safe. Now is the time to make a plan for your household, gather emergency supplies, and stay informed with reliable weather updates. Be sure you know your evacuation zone and have a place to go if needed. We're also compiling a list of volunteers who are available to assist before or after a storm, as well as individuals who may need extra help. If you're able to help, or if you'd like to be added to the assistance list, please contact the church office. Let's work together to keep everyone safe and supported this season.

Realm Directory

Check out the online directory — all you need is your login. Need help? Call the church office for more information (941)955-8119.

10th Annual Celtic Christmas – Planning Has Begun!

We're excited to announce that planning is underway for this year's 10th Annual Celtic Christmas—a cherished two-performance tradition celebrating music, faith, and Celtic heritage! To help fund this special event, advertising sponsorships in the program booklet are available, and donations are warmly welcomed. Your support makes it possible to share the joy of the season through the gifts of talented musicians and singers. **Míle buíochas!** *(A big Celtic thank you!)* Contact Steven Phillips, SPhillips@FirstPresSarasota.org, for more information.

Consider Volunteering This Summer

Many of our mission partners experience a drop in volunteer support during the summer as seasonal residents head north—but the need remains constant. You can make a difference by stepping in during this critical time. To learn more about summer volunteer opportunities with Resurrection House, Caritas, All Faiths Food Bank, or any of our other mission partners, please talk with Dave Householder or email him at dphouse47@gmail.com. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community this summer!

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