

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 14, 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! Summer Worship for Children: During June, when the 10:00 a.m. worship service is in the **Sanctuary**, children may pick up a worship bag from the **narthex**. In July, when worship moves to the **Fellowship Hall**, activity sheets and coloring materials will be available on the tables. Children are welcome to take home any drawings or creations they make. Children may take home any drawings they create. Please return the bags after worship so they can be used throughout the summer. Ask a greeter for help.

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.



Summer Worship Schedule

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! Join us for fellowship time from 9:00–9:50 a.m. Enjoy coffee, light snacks, and time to visit with one another before the worship service begins.

Supporting Our Sister Church in Cuba

Food insecurity continues to be a serious challenge in Cuba. Through a partnership with three other U.S. sister churches, First Presbyterian helps provide food for ministries at Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, including meals for elderly members, a Sunday community meal, and children and youth programs. We are placing another food order this month, but costs have risen significantly. If you would like to help, please send a check to the church office with “JGH Food” on the memo line. Thank you for supporting our sisters and brothers in Christ in Cuba.

Financial Update May

	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	\$ 62,479	\$ 101,720
Expenditures	105,369	130,432
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	810,912	695,307
Expenditures	\$ 490,945	\$ 553,354

Summer is here, a time when giving often slows down. Every gift, big or small, helps us continue serving, connecting, and making an impact.

Summer First Connect Bible Study: Revealed – The Word and Work of Christ in the Gospels

Join us beginning Sunday, June 14, for an 8-week summer Bible study. This discussion-based study moves beyond traditional lectures, inviting participants to engage deeply with Scripture, explore its context, and discover the nature of Christ through his words and actions. We will begin by examining Jesus' personal, face-to-face encounters with individuals and what they reveal about his character, mission, and love. All are welcome to join in the library on Sundays June 14, 21 & 28, July 12, 19, & 26 (9:10-9:55 a.m.) August 2, 9 (10:10-10:55 a.m.) No class July 5.

Vacation Bible School (June 15-19)

Starting on Monday, we will welcome more than 50 children to Vacation Bible School. Please pray for the children, volunteers, and staff as they learn about Jesus together. Pray that seeds of faith will be planted, friendships will be formed, and every participant will experience God's love in a meaningful way. We are grateful for this opportunity to share the good news of Christ with our community.

Do You Have a Heart for Children and Youth?

Our Education & Formation Committee would love to connect with you! There are meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children and students, through Sunday School, Youth Group, special events, and more. There are ways to serve this summer, as well as opportunities coming in Fall 2026. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is a great time to jump in and see where you can help support this important ministry. Please reach out to Leah Cotter (leah.t.cotter@gmail.com) or Eric Robinson (Eric@fpcsrq.org) to learn more and get connected.

College/Continuing Education/Technical School Scholarships

Interested students should go to the website www.fpcsrq.org, go to "Connect" tab and select "Youth & Families" and print an application. The application and transcripts must be received by **Monday, July 27**. Returning applicants need only to have a current transcript sent in along with any updated contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.

FPC Neighborhood Clusters

Last fall, many of you participated in our congregation map project. As a result, we have organized FPC into seven neighborhood clusters designed to help members build relationships, strengthen community, and grow together in Jesus Christ. Cluster leaders are now preparing to begin neighborhood gatherings, and we are still seeking additional leaders. If you are interested in serving as a cluster leader, please contact the church office at (941) 955-8119 or Janet Olszewsky at (941) 376-4431.

Usher Training – July 5

All current and prospective ushers are invited to attend an usher training session on **Sunday, July 5**, at 11:15 a.m. following worship. An additional training will be held in October. This training will review hospitality practices, worship procedures, safety protocols, and the important role ushers play in welcoming people to First Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a longtime usher or interested in serving for the first time, we encourage you to attend. For more information or to sign up, contact James Jordan jej.jordan@gmail.com or call the church office.

From The Nominating Committee

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is continuing its work to fill leadership positions for next year. The four Session positions for the Elder Class of 2029 have been filled, and we are now seeking members to serve as Deacons and on next year's Church Officer Nominating Committee. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact Co-chairs Victoria Guenther at guenther.v@yahoo.com or Seth Stottlemeyer at seth.stottlemeyer@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support of our church's leadership.

A Celtic Christmas 2026 Planning Team

Do you love *A Celtic Christmas* as much as we do? This cherished annual event is made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're interested in helping plan this year's concert, please contact Kim Schmeits at 941-284-0001 or outreachandevents@vianovachorale.org. Our first planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 25**. We hope you'll be part of making this special tradition another success!

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

