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 1, 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.

Flowers

The sanctuary flower are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron and Betty Holdsworth's 77th wedding anniversary.

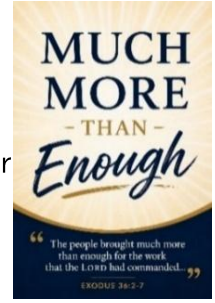
Today, All Saints Day of Remembrance

Following Communion, you are invited to light a candle in memory and honor of a loved one who has passed away. As we gather in remembrance, we give thanks for the lives that have touched our own, the love we continue to carry, and the lasting impact of those who have gone before us. May this time of reflection bring comfort, hope, and gratitude as we celebrate the lives and legacies of those we hold dear.

Stewardship 2027 — Much More Than Enough

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge following Commitment Sunday! We are grateful for the strong response and for the generosity of our FPC family. Every commitment helps support our missions and ministries as we nurture faith, care for one another, and serve our community.

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. Thank you for being part of our church family. Together, we can continue building a strong foundation for the future and sharing God's love through the life and ministry 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 resumes this week with Paul Urbanick!
Schedule: November 1 & 8: Esther; November 15: Sarah; November 22: Hagar.

Coming soon: 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!

Mission & Justice: Supporting Our Sister Church in Milton, FL

Our Mission & Justice Committee budget includes funds to assist with local disasters and to support disaster recovery elsewhere. With the help of the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, we identified First Presbyterian Church of Milton, FL, which is recovering from hurricane Isaias damage while serving neighbors in need.
This small congregation operates a food bank, supports unhoused neighbors, and assists immigrant and refugee families. We recently sent requested sleeping bags and pillows, along with a $3,000 gift to help provide food and emergency assistance to local families.
Learn more at fpcmilton.org or contact Dave Householder, our project liaison, to explore additional ways to help. Their motto says it beautifully: *"A Place Where Love Comes First."*

Celtic Christmas

Planning for this year's "A Celtic Christmas" is well underway and your help is instrumental in making this wonderful tradition both successful and fun! We are in need of several volunteers to help everything run smoothly and would love to have you join us in showing off FPC to the community for "A Celtic Christmas" on December 11 and 12. Please scan the QR code to reach the volunteer sign-up directly, or feel free to contact Sandi Soper at (941) 544-7315 or Kim Schmeits at (941) 284-0001. Thanks, in advance for your support of this cherished tradition!



Upcoming Children & Youth Events!

Today, November 1: Middle School and High School overlapping Meetings with Dinner in Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:00 p.m. Middle School Meeting
6:00-6:30 p.m. MS & HS dinner together, dinner by Joanne Simons (Yum!)
6:30-7:30 High School Meeting

November 15: Beach Clean Up & BBQ at Siesta Beach Turtle Pavillion. NEW! Open to all Families! All ages! 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to timw@fpcsrq.org so we get enough food. One hour of beach trash clean-up and then BBQ. Bring your own chairs! Details coming soon!

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 craftdDay. (No Sunday School)

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