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, May 11, 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! 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. Large print bulletins are available, ask an usher.

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) 955-8119/Lgarcia@firstpressarasota.org.

Mother's Day Flowers Today

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mother's Day by the Deasons.

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are."

- Cheryl Lacey Donovan

We give thanks for all who have *mothered* in any and every way. We wish you a very blessed Mother's Day.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering –Today

May is the time to support the Presbyterian Women (PW) Birthday Offering, a cherished tradition that has funded mission projects for over 100 years. Each year, between one and five projects are selected from many applicants, with each recipient receiving between $75,000 and $150,000.

This year's offering will support the Leland Presbyterian Church Windward Volunteer Housing Facility in the Delta region of Mississippi and the Red Cloud Renewable Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project in South Dakota. To contribute, please use the yellow Birthday Offering envelope. If you're writing a check, include "Birthday Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for your faithful support of Presbyterian Women and their ongoing mission work.

Summer Worship is Coming!

Starting June 1, we shift to our summer schedule with one joint service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, featuring our wonderful choir. Beginning July 6, we'll worship in the fellowship hall with music led by the New Song Band. On August 3, we'll return to the sanctuary for a combined service, followed by a potluck lunch. We'll also bless the backpacks as kids and youth gear up for the school year. Then on August 10, we are back to two services. Join us for Rally Day as we kick off a new year of Sunday School with joy and excitement!

Project Update: Roofing Repairs in Progress

We are excited to share that the much-needed roofing repairs are moving forward, thanks to the generous donations that have made this possible. In total, over 50,000 square feet of roofing is being addressed. The roof is now fully dried in, the flat roofs are finished, and the shingles have been completed. Tile installation is currently ongoing and progressing well.
Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with these important repairs!

First Connect / Adult Education

Doug and Eric's class on Ecclesiastes continues today at 10:05 in Room 203. Our final parent small group meets next Sunday at 10:10 in the Parlor.

Let Justice Roll Down – Final Bible Study Session

Scripture and science together help us recognize the wisdom woven into creation. As we seek justice, our faith invites us to cooperate with nature in sustaining life for all.
Join us for the final lesson of the *Presbyterian Women Horizons* Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down*. This month's topic is **"Sustaining Creation's Health for All."** We'll meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m.**, with **Eric Robinson** leading our discussion.
All are welcome! We look forward to a rich conversation about our shared responsibility to care for the earth and one another.
To receive Zoom details and the study material, please contact **Elaine Barnett at** ewbarnet@me.com.

Children and Youth

Our final children and youth Sunday School for this school year will be next **Sunday, May 18.** Don't forget to sign up for VBS! Also, look for more information coming soon about summer activities!

Recognition of Graduates

Parents, grandparents, and students, email RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org or call the church office (941) 955-8119 with the name of your graduate, school graduating from, type of degree obtained, and a brief description of future plans (i.e., entering [name of college] in the fall), **by Thursday. May 15,, to be published in the May 18 and 25 bulletins.** We would welcome news of impending graduations from high school, college, technical training programs or graduate schools. There is so much to celebrate!

Worship Online

If you miss a Sunday morning worship, or if you are a snow bird heading north, you can view the archived live streaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live and on YouTube at 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!

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

Financial Update

April	**Actual**	**Budget**
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 78,444	$ 78,266
Expenditures	96,023	90,759
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	569,247	555,020
Expenditures	$ 381,778	$ 389,993

Thank you for your generous gifts and for continuing to fulfill your pledges — your support helps sustain our ministries all year long.

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