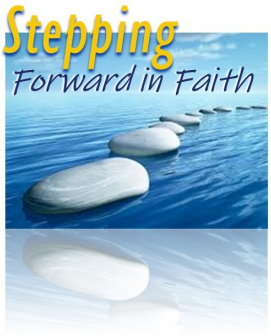


October 2, 2022 Announcements

We're glad we can worship together today! We hope that you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve with one another.



World Communion Sunday TODAY - One worship service in the sanctuary. We will welcome back our 2020 bridge pastor, Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wiggins as guest preacher.

Peace and Global Witness Offering TODAY

This offering supports the efforts of the church at every level and provides witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts to the offering are divided as follows: 25% retained by First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota for support of our own peacemaking ministry; 25% used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50% forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



Announcing the Arrival of Our New Pastor

Next Sunday, October 9, we look forward to **Rev. Dr. Tim Boggess** beginning as new pastor of First Presbyterian, Sarasota! He will preach in both worship services. Then there will be a reception to welcome him at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Come and give Rev. Boggess a warm greeting!

Adult Education Opportunities (class descriptions in *News@First*)

- ***Tyranny and the Founding Fathers,*** **led by Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, Ph.D.**
  - Sundays, October 16 – November 20, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. during the Fellowship Hour
- ***Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance,*** **led by Elaine Barnett via Zoom**
  - held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., October 18 - November 8
  - Sign-up by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com

Family Promise Moment for Discipleship

Next Sunday, October 9, the Family Promise Director, **Tara Maffei,** will speak briefly at both services and will be available to meet with people during the fellowship hour.

Family Promise Casual Luncheon and Recognition Event

- Saturday, October 22, 2022, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. on grounds of St. Boniface Episcopal Church. No charge. **Register by October 8; email Joanne Simons,** SimonsJC1@gmail.com

Handbell Workshop - **Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

Terri Chapman, Associate Conductor of Ring Sarasota and Music Director at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church will conduct a beginning handbell workshop teaching handbell techniques. Let **Karen Olson** know if you would be interested in the workshop: klolso@comcast.net.

Children and Youth at FPC

The Youth and Children Ministry is off and running! Click on the link in *News@First* to view the upcoming events and find out more about Sunday School, ideas for *Practicing the Practice in Your Home,* and ways that you can volunteer.

Mark Your Fall Calendars for Family Intergenerational Events

- **October 30 - Pumpkin Carving Party**
- **November 27 - Advent Workshop**

SURE House Meeting

Say 'Yes' when a SURE network member calls to invite you to a **SURE Annual House Meeting.** SURE's 22 congregations are gathering in small groups to share what justice issues are of concern. What do you feel passionate about? Is it affordable housing, the environment, growth in our area, racism? We'll know when you come forward with your concern. The concerns will be tallied and then voted upon during SURE's Community Problems Assembly in November. Research teams begin their work when the concern with the most votes take precedence. Let your concerns be known as we gather during SURE house meetings.

Invest in Children - Brentwood Elementary School



More volunteers needed!

To join the FPC group of volunteers, contact **Jinny or Ron Miller** at church or call them at their Sunnyside home, (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554), or by email at jinnyron@gmail.com.

NAMI Walks Your Way - **October 8, Payne Park**

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is sponsoring a walk in Payne Park. The event is to promote public awareness of mental health and reduce stigma, raise funds, and build community.

• **REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.** • **WALK KICKS OFF: 9:30 a.m.** • **CLOSING CEREMONY: 11:30 a.m.**

Register: https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1241

A Big Thank-you to Our Church and Preschool Blood Drive Donors

At our last Blood Drive, Sunday, September 18, 2022, we registered **18 donors** to give, collected **16 units** of red blood cells, and our blood drive saved up to **48 lives.**

Be a Congregational Health Promoter with Our Health Team!

First Presbyterian has been promoting health and wholeness for **15 years** through our health ministry! If you are interested in working with the Health Ministry Team and Faith Community Nurse, **Cheryl Track,** to implement health care programs, education and events, you can print the application and flyer describing the virtual training course held on **Wednesday, November 9,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. through the link in *News@First*. Please contact Cheryl Track for more information, 4tracks@comcast.net, 941-320-3828.

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available as you exit. Your gifts make a great difference!

Online: If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button.

Texting: Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.

Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives at our church office.

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, ***News@First,*** and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!