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, January 12, 2025

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with our pastor after today's worship or share your information with us in the pew pad. 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.

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.

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor and appreciation of Rachel Martin's 20 years of service to First Presbyterian Church.

TODAY is the Second Annual Chili Cookoff



Following the service today, please come to the fellowship hall for the Chili Cookoff and potluck lunch. This was a favorite potluck last year and promises to be a lot of fun once again.

Voting will take place by depositing money in the containers to 'vote' for the favorite; most money collected for a single chili will determine the winner! *All proceeds will go to Family Promise this year.*

We will also celebrate Rachel's 20th anniversary of working at First Presbyterian in the fellowship hall. We will have a basket for notes and cards to Rachel. Be sure to express your gratitude to Rachel when you see her in and around the church. Thank you, Rachel!

TODAY Ordination and Installation of the Class of 2027 Elders and Deacons

Elders: Jaime Bressan, Victoria Guenther, Janet Olshewsky, Denver Stutler, Seth Stottlemyer

Deacons: Jason Chen, Kay Dunn, Andrea Householder, Carol Huffman

Please Join Us for a NEW Adult Class

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts January 19, 26 and February 2, 9: at 10:05-10:55 a.m. in Room 203, taught by Janet Olshewsky.

Christmas is still going on. Scripture tells us that all of us have spiritual gifts, to be used for the common good. Which ones are yours? How can you use yours for the common good? These are questions to be addressed in a new class for adults beginning January 19 and running for four weeks. Please sign up through the church office so we will know how many supplies to order.

Shake It Up With Salt Shakers

If you love food and fellowship, please sign up for the next Salt Shakers. Groups of six to eight people (singles or couples) get together once a month from February through April or May.

Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant or have a picnic or brunch. Sign up forms are in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall and the narthex of the Sanctuary. Last day to sign up is **Sunday, January 26**.

Questions? Call Marcia Schaper (941)539-9207 or Kim Schmeits (941)284-0001.

PW Horizons Bible Study, January 15

Air is the breath of life. The fifth lesson of the PW Horizons Bible Study, Let Justice Roll Down, is "Air Quality." We will study the air pollutants and the fight between corporate profit and human life. All are invited to join us for this Bible study. It is held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month.

Barb Andrews will be leading the lesson on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to meaningful discussions about how we are contaminating our air, factory farms' effect on our air, and which neighborhoods are more likely to be affected. You can participate in one or all of the lessons. The study guide is optional. However, Elaine Barnett can scan a copy if you would like one. Also, contact Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com to get the Zoom info if this is your first lesson.

First Presbyterian Youth Group!

The next gathering is Sunday, January 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will meet on the first and third Sundays of every month. Any youth in 6th grade or older is invited!

We will have a special youth and parent night on January 19 focused on Montreat! We will have a special guest with us, Montreat's Program Director, Susie Burns!

Want to help with youth group? We are always looking for adults to participate in our meetings and outings or provide a meal or snack for the youth. Reach out to Eric at erobinson@firstpressarasota.org.

Volunteer Day Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee for the last Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, the next trip is **Wednesday, January 29.** Be a part of the group from FPC that gathers at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma for sorting food and related activities. This mission partner distributes food to help 600-900 folks each week. To sign up or for more information or to car pool, contact **Wendy Miller** (941) 321-8488 or email towmiller@yahoo.com.

Realm and Online Giving

The wait is over; members and affiliate members are now able to access Realm!
The office has sent a reminder email to get your login to Realm. If you have any questions, please call the church office (941) 955-8119.

For on-line givers, please use the QR code or enter https://onrealm.org/fpcsrq/give/now into your favorite browser. Text "FPC2050" to 73256 to give, using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP.

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