

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, September 13, 2026

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, thank you for worshipping 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.

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.



Immigration Justice Coalition of SW Florida

Today, we welcome Maria Robayo to give the Moment for Discipleship. Maria holds a bachelor's degree in medical technology and a master's degree in health administration. She worked with the Duke Health System as a microbiologist and later served as a Public Health Educator with Wake County in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she worked to empower individuals and families to improve their health and quality of life. She currently serves as Chair of the Immigration Justice Coalition of Southwest Florida, where she works with community partners to advocate for immigrants' rights, dignity, and access to resources.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event, Next Sunday

We are getting ready for another Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event! Join us for this intergenerational opportunity to serve together as we work toward our goal of packing 20,000 nutritious meals for communities in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to roll up their sleeves, work together, and make a difference. Sign up today and be part of this exciting mission opportunity! **Sunday, September 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**



Financial Update

August	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	\$ 112,107	\$ 97,550
Expenditures	105,083	106,477
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	1,097,139	935,135
Expenditures	\$ 774,478	\$ 879,049

The last month of the third quarter has arrived, and every gift, big or small, helps us continue serving and connecting. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Help Fill Two Suitcases for Cuba

Sue Hargis-Spigel will take supplies to Cuba for the Cuba Partners Network Gathering on October 2. Donations are needed by **September 15** and may be left at the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or church office. Items that don't fit will go with our mission team in February.

Needed: Medical and first-aid supplies, including over-the-counter medications, vitamins, bandages, ointments, creams and syringes; and Christian education and craft supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, glue, scissors, craft paper, and Spanish or bilingual Bible story books, games and puzzles. Use the QR code to order supplies that will be shipped to the church from Amazon. **Monetary donations are welcome.** Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Supplies for JGH" in the memo line.



New Adult Sunday School Class: Aging as a Spiritual Journey

Beginning TODAY, Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler will lead a new adult Sunday School class, *Aging as a Spiritual Journey*. Together, we will explore stories from the Bible, history, and literature, along with insights from gerontology and psychology, to discover how faith can enrich the aging experience.

Participants will reflect on their own journeys and gain practical insights for navigating the joys and challenges of aging. Join us Sundays, Today –October 25 (no class October 4) at 10:00 a.m. in Room 203.

Horizons Bible Study: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

It's time for a new season of Horizons Bible Study: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other! Join us monthly on Zoom, led by a different volunteer each month, to explore Scripture, meet other parishioners, and deepen our connection as a church community. Our first session explores Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and the challenges of finding unity in a diverse church—something we continue to experience today. Join us Wednesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. as Becky Loomis leads our discussion on finding community and unity by walking with Jesus. For Zoom information and a copy of the lesson, contact Jinny Miller at jinnyrn@gmail.com.

Youth Group Events

Middle & High School Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month! Questions? Contact Tim Walsh at timw@FPCsrq.org or (941) 356-0801.

September 20: Rise Against Hunger! Start the morning by fasting from something—food, your phone, games, or whatever you choose. Then join us from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we team up with the congregation to pack 20,000 meals for people around the world!

At 3:00 p.m., we'll head to the LOFT for pizza, break our fast, and talk about sacrifice and food insecurity. We'll wrap up at 4:00 p.m.

Two Ways To Support Our Children and Youth

Sunday School Support (formerly "Substitute")

You don't have to teach! As a Support volunteer, you simply serve as a second adult in the room to assist the lead teacher when needed.

NEED: Sundays, 10–11am, only when a teacher or regular support is unavailable.

Youth Group Support

You don't have to lead! Serve as a second or third adult at Youth Group events when Tim, another youth leader, or regular support is unavailable.

NEED: 1st and 3rd Sundays, either 5–6:30pm or 6–7:30pm, as needed.

Want to help support the amazing kids at FPC? Contact Tim Walsh at (941) 356-0801 or timw@FPCsrq.org.

Inquirers Class – Sunday, September 27

Are you new to First Presbyterian Church or interested in learning more about who we are and how you can get involved? Join us for our **Inquirers Class on Sunday, September 27!**

We'll begin with **9:00 a.m. worship in the Fellowship Hall**, followed by time together in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. to get acquainted, learn about FPC and our ministries, and explore ways to get involved. A campus tour follows at 11:30 a.m., then we'll enjoy **lunch and conversation from 12:00–1:30 p.m.**

We're trying a new **one-day format**, designed with busy schedules in mind, especially for families. Everyone is welcome! Let us know if you need child care.

To sign up or learn more, contact the church office at (941) 955-8119 or Janet Olszewsky at (941) 376-4431.

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

