

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 6, 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.



Learn More About Our Next Visit to Cuba Today at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone who is interested in experiencing a personal connection with our sister church, Juan G. Hall, in Cárdenas Cuba, is welcome to join us TODAY at 10:00 am in the parlor to learn more about our next mission visit in February. If you are interested but unable to make the meeting, please contact Carol Papa, carolpapasrq@gmail.com or Graham Hart, 2grahamhart@gmail.com.

Today's Adult Sunday School Class

Paul Urbanick will lead a class on Esther, using as a resource, *The Woman of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. This is an analytical and interactive study. Please read the book of Esther before the class. Join us at 10:00 in Room 203 above the church office.

New Youth Group Events Begin Tonight!

Middle and High School Youth Group events will be held on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month beginning this week! Contact Tim Walsh with any questions: timw@FPCsrq.org or (941) 356-0801.

Tonight: Middle School Youth Group from 5:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by a combined dinner with the High School Youth Group from 6pm to 6:30pm, then High School Youth Group from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. We will be brainstorming service projects, fellowship events, worship and study events, trips for the year and more! Meet in Fellowship Hall.

September 20th: Middle School and High School Youth are encouraged to fast from something for the morning (no food? no phone? no games?) and then help out at the Rise Against Hunger church-wide event from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This fun and impactful event will see kids join forces with adults in our congregation to help pack 20,000 meals in an effort that supports nutrition, education, and economic empowerment projects worldwide. At 3:00 p.m. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will head up to the LOFT to break our fast together with some pizza and a discussion on sacrifice and food insecurity in our community. The event ends at 4pm.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

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



Help Fill Two Suitcases for Cuba

Help us fill two suitcases for Juan G. Hall! Sue Hargis-Spigel will take the 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, as well as Christian education and craft supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, glue, scissors, craft paper, and Spanish or bilingual Bible story books, games and puzzles. A more detailed list can be found in the *News@First*. Monetary donations are welcome. Please 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 **Sunday, September 13**, Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler will lead a new adult Sunday School class, *Aging as a Spiritual Journey*.

As Job reminds us, *"Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom"* (Job 32:7). Aging is a journey filled with opportunities for spiritual growth, reflection, and deeper understanding. 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 have opportunities to reflect on their own journeys and gain practical insights for navigating the joys and challenges of aging.

Join us **Sundays, September 13–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 to begin a new season of Horizons Bible Study: United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other! This monthly Bible study, held on Zoom and led by a different volunteer each month, is a wonderful way to meet other parishioners, explore Scripture together, and deepen your connection with our church community. Try something new—it's good for your brain! Our first session will explore Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The church in Corinth was culturally and economically diverse, and the challenges of finding unity within the church are ones we continue to experience today. Join us on Wednesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. as Becky Loomis leads us in exploring how, by walking with Jesus, we can find community and unity in our church. Please contact Jinny Miller at jinnyrn@gmail.com for the Zoom information and a copy of the lesson, if needed.

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, beginning with worship in fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m.

Following worship, we will move to the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. We'll spend time together getting acquainted, learning about First Presbyterian Church, the ministries, and opportunities to get involved. We'll also take a tour of our campus before moving to the fellowship hall for lunch and the second part of our gathering.

Lunch is from 12:00–1:30 p.m. and is an important part of the class. It will be a relaxed opportunity to continue the conversation, ask questions, and get to know Rev. Tim Boggess, along with other church leaders and members of the FPC community.

We're trying a new format for our Inquirers Class! This one-day class is designed with busy schedules in mind, especially for people with families and those who may not be able to attend a multi-day class.

Everyone is welcome! Let us know if you will need child care. To sign up, or to find out more contact the church office at (941) 955-8119 or Janet Olshewsky 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.

