

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 27, 2026

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.

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.



Inquirers Class is Today!

We'd love to have you join us! Even if you didn't register, please come—we'd be happy to see you! We'll gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor for a relaxed time of getting to know about First Presbyterian Church, meeting others, asking questions, and learning more about our church family. Lunch will be served at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

No registration is needed. Just come as you are—we'll be glad you're here!

World Communion Sunday One Service 10:00 a.m. Next Sunday, October 4

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for worship as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Christians around the world will gather at the Lord's Table, reminding us that we are part of a global community of faith.

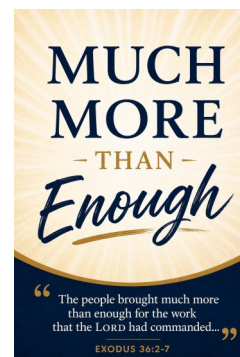
Children are welcome to help carry in the bread at the beginning of the service. Those who wish to participate should be in the narthex by 9:45 a.m.

Stewardship 2027 — Much More Than Enough

Good News!

Our Stewardship 2027 campaign officially kicks off this Sunday, September 27. Inspired by *Exodus 36:2-7*, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your time, talent, and treasure help build our church's future. Watch for weekly updates leading to **Commitment Sunday, October 18.**

Pray. Discern. Give. Make a Difference.



Potluck Lunch - World Communion Sunday

Join us for a special potluck lunch as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday** together following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A–I: Main Dishes; Meats, casseroles, quiches, etc.

J–Q: Salads, Vegetables and Fruit

R–Z: Muffins, Pastries, Coffee Cakes & Desserts

Dishes may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall kitchen before the service.

All are welcome! Come celebrate, eat, and enjoy fellowship together.

World Communion Offering

All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the Table, we experience the grace of reconciliation—bringing people together across differences and around the world. On **Sunday, October 4**, we will receive the **World Communion Offering**, which supports ministries that foster fairness, peace, and global connection through racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Together, we can help share the grace of reconciliation with people and communities around the corner and around the globe.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry Volunteer Day

Wednesday, September 30 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon Join us for a morning of service at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma, where volunteers help provide food, support, and resources to farmworker families and others in the community. We'll help sort food and assist with other tasks that support Beth-El's work. Each week, Beth-El serves 600–900 people, and the need continues to grow. No special experience is needed, just a willingness to lend a hand! Come spend a few hours serving alongside others and making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. To sign up, get details, or arrange a carpool, contact Wendy Miller: (941) 321-8488 towmiller@yahoo.com

Adult Sunday School Class: Aging as a Spiritual Journey

Continuing today, Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler will lead the 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 through October 25 (no class October 4) at 10:00 a.m. in Room 203.

We Want to Hear From YOU!

Adult Education Classes are off to a great start this year! Woman of the Bible (lead by Paul Urbanick) and Aging as a Spiritual Journey (lead by Dent Davis and Mary Ziegler) have each had great attendance, so thank you for your continued interest. To plan what classes will follow, we've put together a simple *two-page survey*. Use the QR code for the survey. Don't miss the second page of the survey. Hit NEXT after page one and THANKS.



Youth Group Events

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

October 4 Youth Group Outing is an "Escape Room" event! Get your thinking caps on and be ready to solve a mystery! Text Tim Walsh if you're interested. Lookout for details coming this week via email.

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, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., 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 5:00–6:30 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m., as needed.

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

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

