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, June 7, 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! Summer Worship for Children: During June, when the 10:00 a.m. worship service is in the **Sanctuary**, children may pick up a worship bag from the **narthex**. In July, when worship moves to the **Fellowship Hall**, activity sheets and coloring materials will be available on the tables. Children are welcome to take home any drawings or creations they make. Children may take home any drawings they create. Please return the bags after worship so they can be used throughout the summer. Ask a greeter for help.

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.

Summer Worship Schedule

June 7, 14, 21, 28 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
July 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall
We look forward to sharing this summer season of worship with you! Join us for fellowship time from 9:00–9:50 a.m. Enjoy coffee, light snacks, and time to visit with one another before the worship service begins.

We Need Your Help at the Food Bank

FPC's weekly All Faiths Food Bank serves more than 200 families each week, and volunteers are especially needed as many seasonal helpers head north for the summer. Join us Thursday mornings in the south parking lot — food packing begins at 8:30 a.m., with distribution from 9:30–11:00 a.m. Any amount of help is a blessing!

Last Call VBS Wish List

Our 2026 Vacation Bible School is just one week away! We could still use your help with our VBS Wish List. Would you take a moment today to contribute? Whether it's craft supplies or snacks, your contribution directly impacts their experience and lets them know they are part of a community that truly cares. **Scan the QR code to visit our Sign-up Genius and see how you can help!**

Financial Update May

	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 62,479	$ 101,720
Expenditures	105,369	130,432
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	810,912	695,307
Expenditures	$ 490,945	$ 553,354

Summer is here, a time when giving often slows down. Every gift, big or small, helps us continue serving, connecting, and making an impact.

First Connect Class Concludes TODAY: Screwtape Apocalypse Study

Our in-depth discussion last week has us extending this study for one more Sunday. Join us today as Eric Robinson leads us through the final "lost *Screwtape Letter*" C.S. Lewis wrote about the Book of Revelation. You won't want to miss it, and if it's your first time, it will be easy to jump right in. June 7 9:10-9:55 a.m. meet in the library.

Summer First Connect Bible Study: Revealed – The Word and Work of Christ in the Gospels

Join us beginning Sunday, June 14, for an 8-week summer Bible study. This discussion-based study moves beyond traditional lectures, inviting participants to engage deeply with Scripture, explore its context, and discover the nature of Christ through his words and actions. We will begin by examining Jesus' personal, face-to-face encounters with individuals and what they reveal about his character, mission, and love. All are welcome. Sundays June 14, 21 & 28, July 12, 19, & 26 (9:10-9:55 a.m.) August 2, 9 (10:10-10:55 a.m.) in the library.

Montreat Youth Conference (June 7–13)

We are excited to send six youth and five adult leaders to the Montreat Youth Conference. Please pray for safe travels, meaningful encounters with Jesus, openness to the Holy Spirit, and strong relationships that will continue to grow long after the week ends. We look forward to seeing how God uses this experience to strengthen the faith of our youth and leaders.

Vacation Bible School (June 15-19)

Following Montreat, we will welcome more than 50 children to Vacation Bible School. Please pray for the children, volunteers, and staff as they learn about Jesus together. Pray that seeds of faith will be planted, friendships will be formed, and every participant will experience God's love in a meaningful way. We are grateful for this opportunity to share the good news of Christ with our community.

Do You Have a Heart for Children and Youth?

Our Education & Formation Committee would love to connect with you! There are meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children and students, through Sunday School, Youth Group, special events, and more. There are ways to serve this summer, as well as opportunities coming in Fall 2026. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is a great time to jump in and see where you can help support this important ministry. Please reach out to Leah Cotter (leah.t.cotter@gmail.com) or Eric Robinson (Eric@fpcsrq.org) to learn more and get connected.

FPC Neighborhood Clusters

Last fall, many of you participated in our congregation map project. As a result, we have organized FPC into seven neighborhood clusters designed to help members build relationships, strengthen community, and grow together in Jesus Christ. Cluster leaders are now preparing to begin neighborhood gatherings, and we are still seeking a additional leaders. If you are interested in serving as a cluster leader, please contact the church office at (941) 955-8119 or Janet Olshewsky at (941) 376-4431.

From The Nominating Committee

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is continuing its work to fill leadership positions for next year. The four Session positions for the Elder Class of 2029 have been filled, and we are now seeking members to serve as Deacons and on next year's Church Officer Nominating Committee. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact Co-chairs Victoria Guenther at guentherv@yahoo.com or Seth Stottlemyer at seth.stottlemyer@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support of our church's leadership.

A Celtic Christmas 2026 Planning Team

Do you love *A Celtic Christmas* as much as we do? This cherished annual event is made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're interested in helping plan this year's concert, please contact **Kim Schmeits** at **941-284-0001** or outreachandevents@vianovachorale.org. Our first planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 25**. We hope you'll be part of making this special tradition another success!

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