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 15, 2025

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.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.

Today We Welcome Robert C. ("RC") Smith as our Guest Preacher

RC grew up in a Quaker family outside of Philadelphia. After joining the Presbyterian Church at the age of 21, he felt called to the ministry and graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1981. R.C. served six churches in Pennsylvania over 37 years before moving to Sarasota in 2018. He served as interim pastor for three congregations in Peace River Presbytery until he retired. His wife Barbara, is also a Presbyterian minister.

Summer Worship Schedule Is Underway!

We're three weeks into our summer schedule with one joint service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Starting July 6, worship will move to the Fellowship Hall. On August 3, we'll return to the sanctuary for a combined service and potluck lunch. August 10 brings back our two-service schedule and Rally Day with a Backpack Blessing. Stay after worship each week for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship!

Financial Update

May	**Actual**	**Budget**
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 60,725	$ 95,140
Expenditures	103,004	106,172
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	629,972	650,160
Expenditures	$ 484,782	$ 496,165

As we head into the summer months—a time when giving often slows down—we ask that you give as you're able to help sustain our ministries. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us stay strong and serve our community.

Family Promise "Restock Room" Grand Opening

Tuesday, June 17, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 South Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida (park in rear parking lot and enter through the Early Learning Center doors). The "Restock Room" is designed to accept new and gently used donations of household goods (no furniture or clothing) to fill the wish list for families returning to housing after a period of homelessness. This includes neighbors and friends who lost their homes in the fall 2024 storms. Please bring a friend and an item to donate. Save a spot TODAY by emailing FPSMRESTOCK@gmail.com. We have volunteer opportunities for all ages! Volunteering is good for your health and even better for your community! See you on June 17.

Summer Sundays: Ephesians & 1 John

Our Sunday School class continues through the summer with a study of *Ephesians* and *1 John*—powerful books on Christ, salvation, and growing in faith. Join us Sundays, **June 1–August 10, 9:00–9:45 a.m.** in Room 203. (Note: August 10 meets **10:05–10:55 a.m.**) Led by Eric Robinson, Richard Cole, Doug DeCelle & Susan DeWyngaert.

Adult Education Class: "Faith in the Early Church" Has Been Postponed

This class will be taught **Tuesdays TBD via Zoom** by Elaine Barnett.

VBS Thank You

45 children had a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School! Through games, Bible stories, recreation, music, science, and crafts, our "Road Trip travelers" went on an incredible journey.
Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, prayed, and helped make this week such a blessing. We're grateful for each of you and the joy you brought to this special week of learning and fun!

"Light My Path" Youth Montreat Youth Conference - Update

Four of our FPC youth had an incredible trip to Montreat! Montreat offers a truly unique experience where our young people are fully immersed in fellowship, worship, fun, and life together in an inspiring setting. They're energized, ready to let their lights shine, and can't wait to return next year!

Realm Directory

Check out the online directory — all you need is your login. Need help.
Call the church office for more information.

Volunteers Needed – Food Bank Thursdays

Many of our regular volunteers are away for the summer, and we need your help! FPC partners with All Faiths Food Bank to serve over 150 families each week, and the number is growing. Join us Thursday mornings—packing starts at 8:30 a.m. and distribution runs from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. You don't need to stay the whole time; any amount of help is appreciated. No experience is needed—just a willing heart. Come be part of this vital ministry to our neighbors in need.
Please note: There will be no food bank on Thursday, June 19.

10th Annual Celtic Christmas – Planning Has Begun!

We're excited to announce that planning is underway for this year's 10th Annual Celtic Christmas—a cherished two-performance tradition celebrating music, faith, and Celtic heritage! To help fund this special event, advertising sponsorships in the program booklet are available, and donations are warmly welcomed. Your support makes it possible to share the joy of the season through the gifts of talented musicians and singers. Please see the flyer in the narthex or in the fellowship hall for details.
Míle buíochas! *(A big Celtic thank you!)*

Consider Volunteering This Summer

Many of our mission partners experience a drop in volunteer support during the summer as seasonal residents head north—but the need remains constant. You can make a difference by stepping in during this critical time. To learn more about summer volunteer opportunities with Resurrection House, Caritas, All Faiths Food Bank, or any of our other mission partners, please talk with Dave Householder or email him at dphouse47@gmail.com. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community this summer!

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

