April 23, 2023
Announcements

We're glad we can worship together today!
We hope that you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve with one another.

Our Inquirers' Class Has Been Postponed.

If you want to learn more about this exciting congregation and are interested in a future class, please speak with Pastor Tim or call the church office (941)955-8119.

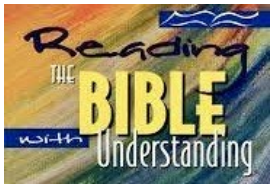


New Church Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.
The deadline for submissions for the Sunday announcements and the weekly E-Newsletter is Tuesdays by noon.

Celebrate with SURE!

Tomorrow, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church hosts the SURE Celebration. SURE network members invite you and your friends to come and join in the spirit of excitement as we strive to keep justice rolling. Be with Pastor Tim when he welcomes all the SURE congregations, friends and supporters to our church.



Reading the Bible With Understanding
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - May 23

For Presbyterians the importance of Scripture, along with Faith and Grace are foundational beliefs. This class introduces important ways to consider when interpreting different parts of the narratives, poetry, wisdom, and letters that make up the Bible. We'll consider what Presbyterian believe about the nature of the Bible and which translation is best for each of us. Together we'll take a broad look at the Biblical story in its many forms. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Sign-up by emailing email ewbarnet@me.com

Session 2. Understanding and Choosing a Translation
Session 3. Interpreting Narrative Passages
Session 4. Interpreting the Gospels
Sessions 5. Interpreting Poetry and Wisdom Literature
Session 6. Interpreting Letters



You Are Cordially Invited to First Presbyterian Preschool's ***First Roots Gala*** held at Sarasota Yacht Club **April 27, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

We are going to have an amazing evening with delicious food, crafty cocktails, awesome DJ, incredible auction, and fun activities including the wine pull, again. Ticket price is $125 per guest. To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, April 24.

A SuperStar Love Note

In response to our adopting another Brentwood class, we received the following Love Note:

Hi! This is Steve French from Brentwood Elementary. I wanted to reach out and say THANK YOU First Presbyterian for adopting our class again this year. My class and I greatly appreciate all the support Brentwood has received from First Presbyterian! We are excited to pick out some much-needed classroom materials and prizes for the class. The kids are just as appreciative and excited as I am!

Steven French 4th grade teacher



Traveling Day Camp

Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp is back!
June 12– 16
see News @ First for more information

Church Office Help Needed

Do you have a couple hours a week to help out? Are you outgoing and friendly? Then we need YOU! We are looking for help at the church office reception desk. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering incoming calls and transferring calls to appropriate staff members. Shifts are three hours. Openings are: Mondays 9:00-12:00 and Monday 1:00-4:00, Tuesdays 9:00-12:00, Wednesdays 9:00-12:00. No prior experience is needed.

Contact Rachel Martin at RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org for more information.

Recognition of Graduates

Parents, grandparents, and students, call the church office (941) 955-8119 with the name of your graduate, school graduating from, type of degree obtained, and a brief description of future plans (i.e., entering [name of college] in the fall), by Sunday, May 7. We would welcome news of impending graduations from high school, college, technical training programs or graduate schools. There is so much to celebrate!

Recommendations for Officer Candidates

It is our privilege and responsibility as Presbyterians to elect our own leaders, and the Nominating Committee is organizing for the work of the coming year. They would like to know names of members whom you believe to be gifted for service as elders, deacons, or members of next year's Nominating Committee. Position descriptions and nominating forms are available in the entryway (along with a box for you to submit completed forms). **The due date for submissions is Sunday, May 7.** Please be in prayer for the committee as they undertake this work of discernment.

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Your gifts make a difference!

Online: If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button.

Texting: Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.

Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives at our church office.

If you would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, please call the church office, (941)955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.