November 13, 2022 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.



Inquirers' Class - TODAY!

The Inquirers' Class begins at 10:00 a.m. today and includes attending 11:00 a.m. worship, followed by further conversation over lunch (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.). If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic congregation, join us in room 225 at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to get better acquainted with you!

Moment for Discipleship Today

Stacy Lenz, a second grade teacher at **Brentwood Elementary School,** will be sharing the Moment for Discipleship at both services today. In the words of **Assistant Principal Holly Brody,** "Mrs. Lenz is one of our Cambridge (advanced work) teachers and does an exceptional job identifying areas of strength and need in our students. She 'moves' students not only academically, but also works to enhance their social development." Stacy has already been to a couple of events at our church and feels honored to speak to the congregation.

Adult Education Opportunities

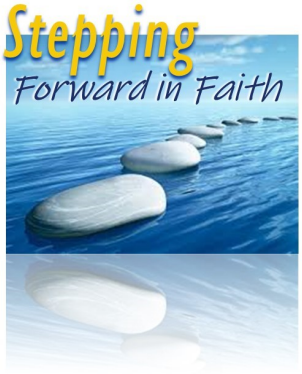
- ***Tyranny and the Founding Fathers,*** **led by Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, Ph.D. Continues TODAY, through next Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.** in room 203
- ***Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance,*** **led by Elaine Barnett via Zoom - Continues next Tuesday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m., through November 22;** email sign-up: ewbarnet@me.com

The Sarasota Music Club will be presenting its concerts at First Presbyterian during the coming year. The next performance, titled "Melodies That Capture the Heart," with **Rick Aaron** playing flute selections, accompanied by **Lee Dougherty Ross** at the piano, will be performed **Friday, November 18, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.** The concerts are free and open to the public so we hope you will come for a morning of beautiful and inspiring music. Bring a friend!

Hanging of the Greens - NEXT Sunday, November 20



Please join us on **Sunday, November 20** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. Snacks will be provided. Contact **Frank Frey** at (941) 587-7992 to register for this event.



Stewardship Update

Thank you to those who have stepped forward in faith with your 2023 pledge. **If you have not made your pledge, it's not too late! All pledges are needed—**you can return your pledge card to the church office or pledge online through the church website: www.FirstPresSarasota.org and select member login. If you haven't seen this year's stewardship video, you may view it by clicking on the link in *News@First.*

Inter-Generational Activity at Mothers Helping Mothers

Sponsored by FPC's Membership and Fellowship Committee

Monday, November 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to noon

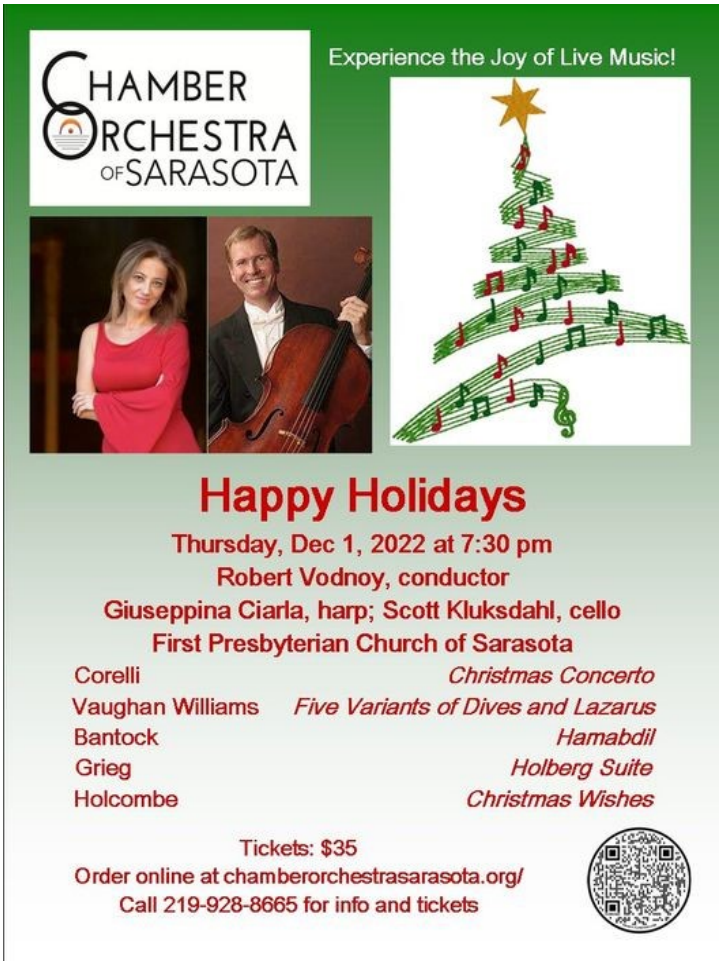
5933 North Washington Blvd., Sarasota (2/10 of a mile south of University Blvd.)

Mothers Helping Mothers is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization providing necessities, such as clothing and baby items free of charge to families in Sarasota, Manatee, and surrounding counties. They are a valued partner with Family Promise. **Mothers Helping Mothers** needs our help on **Monday, November 21.** Join our FPC group as we sort donations, stock the shelves, and work to improve their store. There will be tasks appropriate for youth and adults. For more information contact **Joanne Simons** - SimonsJC1@gmail.com or 703-798-7330. Use this link to sign up to help: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BAEAC29A1FC1-mothers



A Rare Musical Experience - This Thursday, November 17, 6:00 PM

The Hermitage Artist Retreat and Oak Street Stage have teamed up to present pianist and composer Conrad Tao in concert and conversation. At age 25 Tao is a rising star, having performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and now anticipating his Carnegie Hall debut. His music is alternately explosive and contemplative, and is delivered with flawless mastery. The event gives us a chance to hear a virtuoso pianist and composer's inner thoughts in dialogue with his music. Because of generous donors, this evening is presented free of charge. Registration is requested at **hermitageartistretreat.org**. The usual $5.00 registration fee is waved for all FPC members and friends using the promo code: **OakSt**



Musical Enjoyment This Afternoon!

Looking for something to do this Sunday afternoon? Come out to ***Woody's River Roo*** to hear ***Goodbye Eddie,*** featuring **Ted Eastmoore** and **Jimi Camastro** from our ***NewSong Band*** and **Steven Phillips** on the keyboard, 1:00–5:00 p.m. Join some First Presbyterian friends and hear great classic rock tunes. 5717 18th St, E., Ellenton





Invest in Children
The Blessing Trees are Coming!



Next Sunday, November 20, the Blessing Trees will appear! These are special trees, filled with gold stars that offer opportunities to provide gift cards for some of the **Brentwood Elementary School students and their families** who are in need of support this Christmas. Watch for the trees and be a blessing to these families. See the flyer in the bulletin today for more details. Thank you in advance!

Preschool - A Visit from the Fire Department



Recently, the First Presbyterian Preschool students learned about the heroic work of firefighters. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders volunteered in the classrooms to teach students about fire safety. Mr. Sanders, a firefighter, showed students his tools and gear that he wears when he responds to emergency calls which help keep him safe while helping others.

The students conceptualized, and collaboratively created a firetruck from a large box, cardboard, construction paper, paint, and a lot of teamwork. Once their firetruck was ready, they moved it to the playground for all of the classes to explore and engage in dramatic play.

Help Our Homeless—Thanksgiving Wednesday Luncheon



The greatest need of people experiencing homelessness is friendship and family. Give the gift of your friendship with the Sarasota Ministerial Association at the **22nd Annual Thanksgiving Wednesday Homeless Luncheon Benefit.** Come and volunteer at First Baptist Church in the gymnasium, 1661 Main Street, 34236, **11:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., this Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 23.** Sign up by emailing Chaplain Tom Pfaff@gmail.com. Come give the thanksgiving gift of yourself.

Advent Workshop

The four weeks before Christmas—the season of Advent—is a time of waiting and preparation as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. We are excited to begin Advent with a special workshop on **Sunday, November 27, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** This is an intergenerational opportunity for you to connect with your church family. There will be lots of activities for all.

One way to teach children about watching and waiting—but not waiting in vain—is with flower bulbs. **Special thanks go to Pat Feeney** for coordinating the supplies you will need to plant your own **paperwhite** and watch it grow at home.

Join the fun and fellowship and make some amazing holiday crafts--including Advent wreaths for your dining table, front door, or to give as a gift. We will have fresh greens, ribbon, decorations, and candles for your family to create your own beautiful **Advent wreath!** ***(if you can donate ribbon, small Christmas ornaments, or other decorations you may have, please drop them in the church office or bring them to the workshop.)*** **We hope to see you there!**



Ways You Can Provide Hurricane Ian Relief



There are many ways you can join with fellow Presbyterians in the efforts to help our neighbors as we move to long term recovery from hurricane Ian.

- Give to our own First Presbyterian Sarasota Ian Relief Fund. Our mission committee will use it to support work being done by and for our sister churches and members in Peace River Presbytery.

- Give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or the Florida Chapter of PDA (FLAPDAN) *Make a note on the memo line of your check.*

- Volunteer for work teams through Church of the Palms and their partner Praying Pelicans https://www.ppm.org/pcusa. Teams are transported to specific jobs then returned to the church. Tools and supplies are furnished.

- Contact the Peace River Presbytery partner *Inspiritus* at (239) 560-1554 OR Kathy at Fla.pdan@pcusa.org who can also assist with placing volunteers.

- Recruit a First Presbyterian work team. Teas could be for yard work, cleaning out houses, or rebuilding.

Dave Householder is trying to keep up with activities our presbytery and its churches are working on and will try to help you or a team find a place to work. Dphouse47@gmail.com

HEALTH *and* WHOLENESS

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

If You're in the Hospital . . .

Be sure to notify the hospital that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, and would like visits from your pastoral care team.

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available as you exit. Your gifts make a great 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

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, ***News@First,*** and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!