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, July 28, 2024

If You Are New Here Whether you are searching for a church home or visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with our pastor after today's worship or share your information with us in the pew pad. 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.



August 11
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Backpack Blessing

August 18
10:00 AM
Rally Day

August 25
10:00 AM
Start of Sunday School

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students



SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Deadline has been extended to August 4

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes on Sundays or in the church office throughout the week.

MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

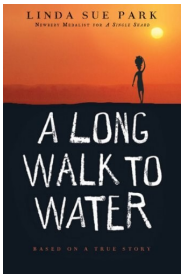
Expo dry erase markers • Sharpie markers • Crayola markers • 3M Post-its • tissues • composition books • spiral notebooks• eraser packs • colored pencils

Cash donations or checks are welcomed. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "School Supplies" on memo line.

A donation of $25.00 will fill a backpack for a student at Brentwood.

Back-to-School tax holiday July 29 — August 11

The Summer Book Read for First Presbyterian



A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

This book begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two-hour walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan: refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. The paperback book can be purchased from Amazon for approximately $6.25. See *News@First* for more information.

Fall Salt Shakers Coming Soon



Joining Salt Shakers is a wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other. Groups of 6-8 people (singles or couples) meet once a month from September through November/December. Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant, or have a picnic or brunch. Sign up forms are in the foyer of Fellowship Hall and the narthex of the sanctuary. Questions? Call Marcia Schaper (941)922-5245 or (941)539-9207 (cell). Last day to sign up is the end of August.

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