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, September 1, 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.

Family Mission and Games
TODAY 10:10-10:50 in the Fellowship Hall



Come join us for a time of games and mission. We will make **kindness cards** for the patients at the Doctor's Hospital. We'll also have fun **board games** set up to enjoy as a family!

Remember learning about kindness during our children's message? The kindness cards we will make will help lift someone up!

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
~ Ephesians 4:32

Sunday School Begins *September 8, 10:10-10:50*

We will meet first in the courtyard, where your teacher will lead you up to your classroom. Look for more details and logistics next week!

Parents here is an easy way to fill out the registration and permission form for this year.

Use this QR code for children K-5

Use this QR code for youth 6-12

Today We Welcome Reverend Craig Miller

Craig obtained a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1980 and recently retired from full-time ministry after serving churches in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida. He is a member of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and served Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Tampa for twelve years. The Millers live in Sun City Center and attend Peace Presbyterian Church in Bradenton. Craig was our supply pastor from June 5 - September 25, 2023

RISE AGAINST HUNGER®

Mark your calendars and sign up to *Rise Against Hunger* (RAH) with your church family on **Sunday, September 17.** We need 100 volunteers! All ages are welcome to help package over 24,000 meals. Set-up will start at 11:30 a.m., and meal packing will be 1:00—3:00 p.m. The mission of RAH is to end hunger by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable populations. RAH offers meal-packaging events to create fortified, dehydrated, shelf-stable meals that are transported by RAH to identified areas of food insecurity. Use the QR code to register.
This will be FPC's 6th meal-packing event. Let's work together once again to make a difference!

Sign Up to Volunteer

Scan me

First Presbyterian Church

New Adult Education Class - Starting TODAY

"Everyone Matters" will explore a fundamental value that addresses this issue: the idea that every person is precious and important. This principle is strongly supported by the Bible, which emphasizes the inherent worth of every individual. The class's content and conclusions are based on Joshua Berman's book, Created Equal: How the Bible Broke with Ancient Political Thought (Oxford University Press, 2008). It will be taught by Rev. Doug DeCelle and will be held on five Sundays in September at 10:00 a.m.

EVERYONE MATTERS
The Bible's Vision of an Equal Society

Helping Flood Victims - Thank You

Thank you for your generous gifts the last 2 weeks to assist flood victims from Tropical Storm Debby find temporary housing and other necessary supplies. Your donations have totaled over $2000. Eric Robinson applied for and receive a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of $7500. Those funds will be used to help with those with the most immediate needs through Family Promise. From Sarasota County we received 100 clean up bucket kits and some storage containers for those affected. FEMA is now here taking applications for longer term assistance. First Presbyterian has made help available for those in need at a critical time. THANK YOU.

Be an Arts@First Advocate! Rescheduled to September 8 You are invited to represent this loving spiritual family as an Arts@First Advocate. As an advocate, you would be on site to assist the many performing arts organizations on the church campus for concerts and events. Advocates will choose events from the master schedule on a rotating basis, helping us build relationships of encouragement and support in our community. Our first orientation session is **September 8, Sunday, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.** Join us at the front of the sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Men Need Groups, Too! We are hoping to start a men's group at FPC. Please take a minute to fill out our interest survey in the *News@First* and stay tuned!

men's group

Next Inquirers Class is September 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in more information about this dynamic congregation, please grab a cup of coffee and join us in room 223. Led by Rev. Tim Boggess

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