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 15, 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.

October 6, World Communion Sunday - Combined Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Followed by congregational meeting to elect church officers and a churchwide potluck!

During lunch we will have thought questions on each table for discussion lead by Pastor Tim.
Suggested assignments for potluck dishes:

Last names beginning with A-M-main dishes, N-R sides dishes or salads, S-Z desserts

Please deliver items to fellowship hall no later than 9:30 am cleanup help after lunch will be welcomed!

Next Inquirers Class is TODAY 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.

Fellowship Time Discussion Starters!

After New Song, check the screens! Each week, we will have a Scripture and discussion question. The purpose is for parents and others to take a few minutes of their fellowship time to grow in faith and mission together. This week's topic will focus on food justice!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER®

TODAY! Set-up will start at 11:30 a.m., and meal packing will be 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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

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New Adult Education Class - Continues

"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 continue this Sunday and end September 29, at 10:00 a.m.

EVERYONE MATTERS
The Bible's Vision of an Equal Society

Women's Bible Study

Women's BIBLE STUDY

The kids are back in school, and it's time to begin the new **PW Horizons Bible Study.** We are very excited about the topic this year, *Let Justice Roll Down.* The first lesson is called "Environmental Justice". It is based on scriptures from Ezekiel. Everyone is concerned about protecting the world we share and need from environmental degradation and destruction. All are invited to join us for this Bible study. It is held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month. Feel free to participate in one or all of the lessons.
Merle Chorba will lead this first lesson on Wednesday, **September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** We look forward to lively discussions and learning about various environmental issues. The study guide is optional. However, Elaine Barnett can scan you a copy if you would like one. Also, contact Elaine at *ewbarnet@icloud.com* to get the Zoom information.

Calling All Volunteers

Our partnership with **Brentwood Elementary** is in need of dedicated volunteers to assist with both classroom activities and clerical tasks. If you can spare just one hour a week, your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated. Whether you're interested in helping in the classroom or offering your organizational skills with clerical work, there's a place for you! Smiles for free! Please consider joining us in making a difference. For more information or to sign up, contact Lorraine Foltz, Lmfoltz@ me.com, or 215-589-3237.

New Church Management Software Conversion – We Will See You in the Cloud!

The church is in the midst of a church management software conversion and there is a database house-keeping item we need your help with. We have learned that your birth date will not be converted at all if you did not supply the year with your month and date when you joined the church.

Here is what you can do to help, please view your profile either via our website (www.firstpressarasota.org and select member login) or you can go to the Church Life app. If you notice there is no birthdate showing in your profile or just month and date, we do not have MM/DD/YYYY format for your birthdate. If you would like the church to have your full birthdate, please call the church office (941-955-8119) and we will be happy to make that update for you otherwise your birthday will no longer reflect in our database.
FYI, duplicate email addresses (like spouses with the same email address, etc.) will be removed, leaving one email address per family.
We will keep you up to date with our conversion date and information regarding the new app and online giving that we will be using with our new ACS Realm Connect cloud software.

Financial Update

August	**Actual**	**Budget**
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 75,410	$ 74,104
Expenditures	80,894	87,335
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	861,594	755,805
Expenditures	$637,231	$722,190

Thank you for your generous gifts and pledge fulfillment, especially during the summer months.

Would you like receive our Friday E-Newsletter? E-mail info@FirstPresSarasota.org