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, May 12, 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 better!

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.

Cuba Presentation, May 19



Next Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the Cuba team will give a presentation on the February mission trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba. Come and hear about our church partnership and life in Cuba. There will be time to ask questions and learn more about future trips.

Pentecost Offering



Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. The Pentecost Offering nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

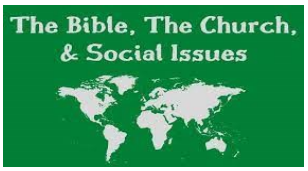
A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will be receiving the Pentecost Offering **next Sunday, May 19.**



Vacation Bible School 2024 Wish List

It takes a village to make VBS a successful program! Please scan the QR code to donate item(s) for our upcoming VBS program June 3-7.

Adult Class, The Bible, The Church and Social Issues



Continues on Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. via Zoom - Now - May 21

While Christianity is a personal religion, it is also an eminently social religion. We are never Christians "on our own." Our faith takes shape and is expressed in the context of the Christian community, the church. The church lives its mission and ministries in the context of social communities, wherever they may be. Christians in the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have emphasized that the church must engage in issues in society. One of the "Great Ends of the Church" is "The Promotion of Social Righteousness." Society is where God is at work. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.

American Spirit this Friday, May 17

Musica Sacra of Sarasota

Join us in the Sanctuary on Friday at 7:00 p.m. as Musica Sacra celebrates American creativity and vision, along with twenty star instrumentalists from the Sarasota Orchestra. The concert also features Maicy Powell from Westcoast Black Theater Troupe, and concert pianist Glenn Priest performing Gershwin's amazing "Rhapsody in Blue" with the orchestra. Closing the concert will be a new composition by Steven Phillips based on "America the Beautiful," with a musical setting of the stirring opening words of the US Constitution. Tickets are $35, and can be purchased in advance at MusicaSacraSarasota.org, and also at the door.

Worship Online

If you miss a Sunday morning worship, or if you are a snow bird heading north you can view the archived live streaming of the contemporary and traditional worship services available at www.firstpressarasota.org/worship-live, and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@fpcsarasota4017. Services are archived for one year, so you can go back and watch your favorite sermon, or send a link to a friend!

LIVE STREAMING

Bible Study Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Women's BIBLE STUDY

As we study our final lesson of Sacred Encounters, we will come to understand that the community of faith relies on the power of Jesus Christ in times of crisis. In Lesson 9 of the PW Bible study, we will study the passage in Acts when Peter performs the miracle of raising Tabitha from the dead. Betsy Taylor will be leading the discussion, "People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples". Join us via Zoom on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us in this study of sacred encounters. The study guide is optional. However, Elaine Barnett can scan you a copy if you would like one. Also contact Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com to get the Zoom information, if this is your first lesson.

Financial Update - April

Financial Update

	Actual	Budget
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	$ 53,222	$ 75,708
Expenditures	76,147	83,718
Year-to-date		
Revenues (pledge, non-pledge, and other receipts)	539,486	491,971
Expenditures	$312,549	$351,083

Thank you for your generous gifts and pledge fulfillments.

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