



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Contact Natalie Raygor (natalie@firstonthird.org) for more information.

Nursery (infant through two-years-old) Loving care is provided during the Sunday School hour and Worship Service.

Summer Stories: This summer our children will have the opportunity each Sunday to leave the service after the Time with Children to go to "Summer Stories" in Room 208 for their worship service (instead of Worship and Wonder). The Summer Stories will focus on stories of finding Peace with God from the beginning to the end of the Bible and a simple craft project each Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on our website or Friday newsletter.

Growing in Grace Children's Sunday School Class – Will resume in September (three-years-old through 5th grade)
Meets at 9am in the Grace Space, at the foot of the stairway to Gilmour Hall.

Top Dogs (3rd-5th grade) – Meetings will resume in September!

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Meetings will resume in September!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAY

"Bible 101" meets in Room 101. Bible 101 studies and discusses the scripture that will be preached that morning. All are welcome. Good discussion group that will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Journey Class meets in Room 303. Will resume in September

The Village Class meets in the Session Room. Will resume in September

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle One (service): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Two (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Three (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Four (fellowship): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Five (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

(all meetings are held on the second Monday of each month September-May)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES/FELLOWSHIP

Knitting Ministry: Will resume in September.

Women on Wednesdays: Will resume in September.

Contact the FPC office for more details. Dates and times subject to change due to holidays and events.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

First Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry congregation. If you would like to receive support from a **Stephen Minister**, please call one of our pastors at 910-762-6688.

ONLINE GIVING

Use this QR code to give securely to the general fund. Looking for other ways to give? Visit the website, firstonthird.org/give, for more information.



REALM

We are using this app to streamline our church communications, making it easier to sign up for events and opportunities! Please reach out to Melissa (melissa@firstonthird.org) in the office or call the office at 910-762-6688 for assistance .

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 7/12:
9:00am Bible 101 Sunday School Class Room 101
10:00am Combined Service Sanctuary
1:00pm Sandy Wallace Funeral Service Sanctuary
Reception to follow in the Gathering Place

Monday, 7/13:
8:30am FPPK Summer Enrichment Preschool
11:00am Columbarium Service for Lou Powers

Tuesday, 7/14:
8:30am FPPK Summer Enrichment Preschool

Wednesday, 7/15:
8:30am FPPK Summer Enrichment Preschool
4:00pm StepUp / CareerUp Boney Hall

Thursday, 7/16:
8:30am FPPK Summer Enrichment Preschool

Men's Breakfast is taking a three week hiatus and will resume on Thursday, July 23rd. Thank you.

Friday, 7/17:
8:30am FPPK Summer Enrichment Preschool
Office closes at 12pm

Saturday, 7/18:
Church Closed

Sunday, 7/19:
9:00am Bible 101 Sunday School Class Room 101
10:00am Combined Service Sanctuary

"What, then, of the American past? There is, to be sure, a great deal of anguish in American history and more hypocrisy. No nation and no people are relieved of these. But there is also, in the American past, an extraordinary amount of decency and hope, of prosperity and ambition, and much, especially, of invention and beauty. Some American history books fail to criticize the United States; others do nothing but... Between reverence and worship, on the one side, and irreverence and contempt, on the other, lies an uneasy path, away from false pieties and petty triumphs over people who lived and died and committed both their acts of courage and their sins and errors long before we committed ours. 'We cannot hallow this ground,' Lincoln said at Gettysburg. We are obliged, instead, to walk this ground, dedicating ourselves to both the living and the dead. "

Jill Lepore, *These Truths: A History of the United States*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

La Rejouissance (Rejoicing)

George Frederic Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign. Visitors, we are grateful you are here this morning to worship with us. We encourage you to stop by the Gathering Place to receive a blue visitor bag and mingle with our pastors and congregants. Thank you for visiting FPC!]

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

God sits enthroned; let the earth quake!

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

O Mighty King! O Lover of Justice!

Extol the Lord; worship at his footstool!

Extol the Lord at his holy mountain!

+ HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and Sisters, why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do it together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

[+You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all the earth. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give our allegiance to the powers of this world and we fail to be governed by your justice, your love. We pass by the poor, the hungry, and the naked, neglecting your call to remember the forgotten. Have mercy, O God, and remember your people. Give us eyes to see our King in every day of our lives, and hear us as we lift these prayers to you..... (our silent prayers of confession) We pray in the strong and merciful name of Jesus Christ, and let all God's people say, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and Brothers, hear this good news!
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life is gone and a new life has begun.
Let us all believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Summer Stories.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Hymn 288)
Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22
Pew Bible, NT p. 24

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to the Lord.

SERMON Dan Lewis

"The Christian Citizen"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN 708
We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934)
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation... As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Alleluia, *from* Exsultate, jubilate W.A. Mozart

Tori Hagendorf, *soprano*

+ DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ HYMN 265
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Jesus Shall Reign David Cherwien

Please contact Emily Warren (910-617-3469) or Tisa Freck (910-262-1028) if you would like to reserve a date for sanctuary flowers. Thank you.

Leading in Worship	
Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor	Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor
Elizabeth McGuire, Associate Pastor	Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
Martha Hayes, organist	

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today's bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org.