

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
The Order of Worship
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 23, 2018

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor
Michael Stuart, Director of Music/Organist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Maynard
Director of Ministries

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE (11 a.m.) *Invocation in B-flat* Alexandre Guilmant

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 119:33-38)

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, your ways,
People: **And we will follow them.**

Leader: Give us understanding,
People: **That we may observe your instructions.**

Leader: Incline our hearts to your testimonies,
People: **That we may trust in your promises,
as we worship you, O Lord.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Peace be with you . . .
People: **And also with you.**

*OPENING HYMN *O Worship the King* **Hymnal 73**
See Screens

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 a.m.)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (11 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY (8:30 a.m.) *Nuvole Bianche* Ludovico Einaudi
Allison Novak, soprano

(11 a.m.) *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn

*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.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN *The Word Is a Lamp* **Hymnal 601**

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:103-105; 2 Timothy 3:14-17
Tommy Luster, Youth Pastor

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Christianity 101: The Bible* Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
Series: *Back to School with Jesus*

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC (11 a.m.) *Give Me Jesus* Arr. Moses Hogan
Allison Novak, Soprano

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11 a.m.)

*CLOSING HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life* **Hymnal 600**

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION *As We Go* **W&S 3183**

POSTLUDE *Tocatta in D BWV 538* Johann Sebastian Bach

*Stand as able.

Psalm 119:103-105

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (NRSV)

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good. (CEB)

Joining First Church Today - Welcome!

Jane Barnett; Craig, Kim, and daughter Abi Johnson; Catherine Stuart

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL CRUISE

Join Dr. Sam and Yvonne Wright on a cruise following the Footsteps of Paul, October 29–November 11, 2019. Spend twelve days aboard the Royal Caribbean Jewel of the Seas, round trip Rome, Italy. We begin by exploring Taormina, Italy, climbing to the mountaintop Greek Theater with its spectacular views of the Mediterranean and Mt. Etna. We sail to Ashdod, Israel to travel to Jerusalem and explore the Garden of Gethsemane and the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Then we dock at Haifa to venture inland to the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of the Beatitudes. We cruise to Limassol, Cyprus and explore ancient ruins. We visit Rhodes, Greece and Ephesus, Turkey where Paul “fought with wild beasts.” In Athens we view the world-renowned Acropolis and the Parthenon. We visit Corinth where Paul founded the church to which he wrote several letters. We sail back to Italy to visit Pompeii, dating almost to the time of Paul, where we can see the spectacular ruins that were covered by ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79.

The Guest Speaker on this cruise will be Dr. Ben Witherington III, prominent evangelical scholar and Jean R. Amos Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. Witherington has written more than forty books, including *The Jesus Quest* and *The Paul Quest*, both of which were selected as top biblical studies works by *Christianity Today*. For more information: www.EO.travel; 800-247-0017.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

SAVE THE DATES

Flu Vaccinations - Sunday, October 7 | 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, October 21 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Music Fine Arts - *Spooktacular Pipes on Pineapple* - October 28 | 4 p.m.

AT THE MINISTRY TABLE

Pastor's Bible Study ~ Women's Study ~ Church Directory Photographs
Campaign Against Hunger ~ Flu Shot Forms

Pastor's Fall Bible Study: *Joel & Jonah* (Free)

Tuesdays - 12:30 p.m. | Youth Hall | October 23 - November 20
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | October 24 - November 28

Sign up at the Ministry Table, Church Office (weekdays)
or www.firstsrq.com.

Women, Come Study/Fellowship Together!

Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth
Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 p.m. | October 10-November 28

This study will engage you with DVD and discussion as Tony Evans, Th.D. outlines an actionable definition of being and making disciples – the necessary priorities and what this role looks like lived in community. You will learn what the impact of discipleship can be on your and our world. Cost of materials - \$15. Newcomers, join to be blessed! Sign up at the Ministry Table today as books will be ordered tomorrow.

NEW First Church DIRECTORY

EVERYONE who worships often or occasionally at First Church is important in our church family. We want EVERYONE to be photographed (October 16-20) for the directory which will help us connect names and faces. (In addition, you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a directory.) Make your appointment soon: Ministry Table TODAY, Monday-Friday at www.firstsrq.com or church office (955-0935). Our goal is 100% participation!

Campaign Against Hunger

~ Help feed Sarasota and DeSoto County children at risk of hunger. ~

List of most needed food items is at the Ministry Table. Bring your donations next Sunday, September 30. Collection barrels will be at both entrances. THANK YOU! Donated to All Faiths Food Bank | Sponsored by First Church's Wednesday Women's Group

United Methodist Women (UMW) Unit Meeting

Tuesday, October 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Program: A New "what's up" – our UMW Unit – SW and Beyond
Speaker: Sandy Segur, SW District Program Resources Officer

FLU VACCINATIONS at FUMC Sunday, October 7 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Quadrivalent Flu Vaccine \$40 | High Dose Flu Vaccine \$60

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 23

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Membership Sunday
8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Braren Library, RM 108
8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship, Chapel
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Nursery, Office Area
9:15 a.m. - Christian Fellowship, RM 103
9:30-10:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

First Church Kids, Youth Hall
9:30 a.m. - Faith Cafe, RM 104
9:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
11 a.m. - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
2 p.m. - Word Weavers, F.H.

Monday, September 24

7:15 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. - Early Care Center (M-F)
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Church Office (M-F)
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Artisans' World Marketplace (M-F)
10 a.m. - Women's Book Club, RM 104

Tuesday, September 25

9:30 a.m. - UMW Mission Mtg., RM 104
10 a.m. - Dorcas Sewing Circle, RM 107

Wednesday, September 26

12:30 p.m. - Women's Group, RM 104
4:30 p.m. - Children's Song Squad, Choir RM

Wednesday, September 26, continued

5:30 p.m. - Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. - Youth Choir, Choir RM
6:30-8 p.m. - Youth Group, Y.H.

Thursday, September 27

12 p.m. - Men's Group, RM 104
7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, Choir RM

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Artisans' World Marketplace

Sunday, September 30

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Children's Home Sunday
8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Braren Library, RM 108
8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship, Chapel
9:15 a.m. - Christian Fellowship, RM 103
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9:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
11 a.m. - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

NURSERY (Office Area)

Infants - 2 years | 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH KIDS (Youth Hall) (Use elevator or stairs in office area.)

Preschool (3 years - Kindergarten) | Elementary (1st - 5th Grades)
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

Christian Fellowship (Room 103) | 9:15 a.m.
Faith Cafe (Room 104) | 9:30 a.m.



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WELCOME to WORSHIP

We Are Glad You Are Here!

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