

Dear Church Family, please do not depend on the hospitals to inform us when you are admitted. Call us as soon as you learn that you or a loved one will be hospitalized so that we might pray for you and plan to visit you. First Presbyterian is a loving, caring faith community. The congregation at large, our Elders, Deacons, and Ministers and staff are here to serve one another even as we reach out to our city and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Elders

Bill Oughterson - Clerk of Session

2010	2011	2012
Agnes Hayden	Jake Behler	Ken Caldwell
Victor Kennedy	Jon Gottschalk	Fran DuCoin
Bill Laderer	Pat Hendricks	Polly Shafer
Collette Milberger	Karl Meier	Bob Simpson

Deacons

Cathy Ellis - Moderator

2010	2011	2012
Karen Schoner	Cathy Egbers	Bill Barr
Wendy Womble	Cathy Ellis	John Friede
	Marcia Renaux	Greta Thomas

Sunday Church School

Assistant Superintendent - Pat Hendricks

Interim Pastor

Dr. Raymond W. Gamble

Staff

Mark Enyart - Director of Music

Lisa D. Barry - CE Director

Alex Graves - Contemporary Worship Leader

Michelle Hibline - Executive Secretary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE **10:00 a.m.**



May 16, 2010

“What Happens in Prayer”

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First Presbyterian Church of Stuart, FL
Order of Worship ~ May 16, 2010

Prelude: *"Morning Has Broken"* Arr. Bish

Words of Welcome and Highlights of the Church
Distribution of First-time Visitor Packets

***Greet one another in Christ's Love**

The Lord loves us with an everlasting love. Let us show a sign of that great love to one another.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Mother, and from the Sovereign Jesus Christ.

People: We hear God naming our names and calling us to join the company of the saints.

Leader: We are God's chosen ones, valued in our uniqueness and commissioned for service to all.

People: How can we be saints when our labor seems fruitless or servants when our strength is spent for nothing?

Leader: God does not measure our success but rather our faithfulness.

People: We will turn to God for the strength we need, for greater knowledge and more eloquent speech.

Leader: You are not lacking in any spiritual gift; God is faithful, and will provide for you. Amen.

All: Amen

***Hymn of Praise: #25** *"Immortal, Invisible"*

***Prayer of Confession:** Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Christ's name. We claim to be faithful, but we don't obey Your commandments. We boast of our hope, yet we don't live by faith. We gather security about us while others go hungry. We purchase things constantly as though we could buy peace of mind. We hear Christ's words of assurance, but we don't live in His promises. Forgive our ambivalence, O Lord, as we repent in Christ. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri (Hymnal #623)**

First Scripture: *Matthew 6:7-13* Ken Caldwell

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Offering: *"Great is the Lord"* Althouse
The Chancel Choir

(please sign Fellowship Roster; pass along pew; return it to center aisle)

***Doxology (Hymn #625)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Children's Sermon

Congregation sing: #579 *"Jesus Loves Me"*
(Children dismissed to Sunday School)

Second Scripture: *Romans 8:19-27* Ken Caldwell

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Message: *"What Happens in Prayer"*
C. Spencer van Gulick

***Hymn of Parting: #433** *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

***The Charge**

***Benediction**

"God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude *"Toccata in Seven"* Rutter

***The Congregation will please stand.**

****Please clasp the hands of others.**

Hymns are available in large print. Please see an usher.

Please silence all beepers, cell phones and electronics.

Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 16th

- 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service (Worship Center)
- 12:30 pm Youth - YMiLive videotaping

Monday, May 17th

- 9:00 am Porcelain Group

Tuesday, May 18th

- 2:20 pm Mini TAL
- 7:00 pm Session

Thursday, May 20th

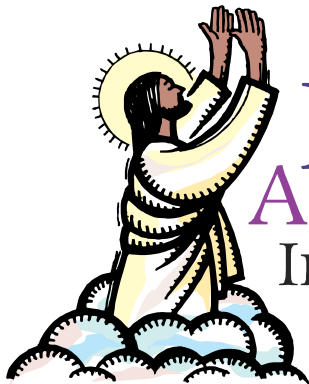
- 10:30 am Bible & Book Study
- 1:00 pm Singletons



Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday

- 10:30 am Special Combined Worship Service (Worship Center)
- 11:45 am Church Picnic (Pavilion)
- 1:00 pm Beach Trip (Jensen Beach)



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Church Office Hours

9 am - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

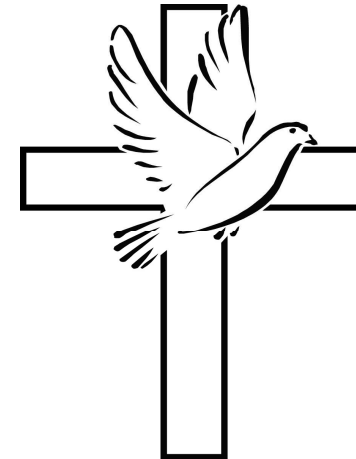
If you need to contact the office outside those times, please call and leave a message for a specific staff member.

Should you have an emergency, a contact number is on the recording.



First Church Weekly News

May 16th - 23rd
2010



Child Care During Worship Service

Nursery care is provided for small children during the service.

Older children may attend Children's Sunday School.

Welcome!

As we draw close to God in worship, let us also draw close to others in love and friendship. Pray earnestly, sing joyously, listen intently and greet one another sincerely.



In Need of Prayers ...

David Kohnhorst
Abby Hendricks
Catherine Hopper



Bob Simpson
Sarah Vazquez
Ona Walls



Flower Calendar

We encourage members & friends to remember loved ones by donating sanctuary flowers for Worship each Lord's Day. We still need flower orders for **May 23rd & 30th**. The flowers are taken, by the Deacons, to the sick and shut-in. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the Church Office at 692-0500.

Fellowship Hour



Following the Traditional Worship Service today **the Elders, Class 2011** will host the Fellowship Hour in the Worship Center. Please bring a friend, or someone sitting beside you, to enjoy light refreshments and warm fellowship. Next week, May 23rd, **the Fellowship & Outreach Committee** will host the Fellowship Hour. Please join us!



Contemporary Fellowship Hour

Following the Contemporary Worship Service, there will be a Fellowship Hour. Please join us for refreshments and warm fellowship.

Prayer Requests



Forms are available in the pew racks and/or on a table in the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to complete one and give it to an usher before service begins, so it may be included in the Morning Prayer. You may also put your request in the offering plate to be added to our Prayer Chain.

Traditional Service

Greeters

Mary Fulton
Wendy Womble

Ushers

Paul & Judy Ladd
Al Montgomery
Vance Fulton

Lay Reader

Ken Caldwell

Acolyte

Alec Ellis

Attention Session Members ...

Please pick up your Session Packets from the Church Office for the Session Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, **May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Thank You.



Special Thanks!

Thank you again to C. Spencer van Gulick for being our Pulpit Supply today. Your service to First Pres is greatly appreciated.



Up But Not Away!

Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurred on May 13.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (*Luke 24:52, NRSV*).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (*Matthew 28:20*), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus' body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.