

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT RICHEY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 15, 2018 – MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

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*O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Psalm 95:1, 2*

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITHOUT COMMUNION

PRELUDE: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” – Behnke

***WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME***

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: “Fairest Lord Jesus” No. 306

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: Beloved, we are God's children now;

**All: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel— that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.**

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***WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD'S PRESENCE***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: ***God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Leader: Hear the 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 has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregational Response: “Threefold Amen” (SEATED)

***WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD***

SCRIPTURE: I Peter 1:6-7

\*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: “Failure of Nerve”

Patrice Hatley

SILENT MEDITATION

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "the Apostles Creed" (see card in hymnal rack)

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (see card in hymnal rack)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Allegro" – Cooke

\*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 DEDICATION

***WE GO OUT TO PROCLAIM GOD'S NAME***

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Go with Us, Lord" No. 535

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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\*CONGREGATION TO STAND (those who are able) CCLI # 11273863

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are glad you are here today! Please sign the Attendance Pad so that we will know who you are and where you live. ***Is this your first time here? Please see an usher for your "welcome" gift!***  
And if you are in search of a new church home, we cordially invite you to consider joining this community of faith. Our pastor and elders will be glad to speak with you about church membership.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS  
vs.  
HOUSTON ASTROS  
JUNE 30—PRESBYTERY GAME DAY!**

Come join fellow Presbyterian members on Saturday, June 30, at Tropicana Field for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Presbytery Group Day with the Rays! Lower Box Tickets are \$30 (*a \$75 value*)—your ticket includes a Rays Hat (and if you stay for the Post Game Faith Event, T-shirts will be given out for the first 15,000 fans)! The game begins at 4:10 p.m. (gates open at 2:10 p.m.) Please see Lorie Schaefer in the narthex on Sundays before and after worship; deadline to pay is Sunday, May 27 (*please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church*).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 4/22 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Brits
- 5/5 – 9:00 a.m. Stated Presbytery Meeting at Hope Pres., Winter Haven
- 5/7 – 10 a.-1 p. Church Life Committee
- 5/14 – 10 a.-1p. Administrative/ Property/ Finance Committee
- 5/20 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Hibachi Buffet
- 5/21 – 2:00 p.m. Session

**MISSION ACTIVITIES**

**Every Friday:**  
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Community Worship  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Community Meal  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m. – Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique

**Every Sunday:**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. – Community Meal  
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Envelopes are on the desk in the narthex, which may be used to make a monetary donation to our Community Food Pantry. (If you would like to help in any way, please contact Bob Bierly.)  
**THANK YOU!**

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A span of life is nothing. But the man or woman who lives that span, they are something. They can fill that tiny span with meaning, so its quality is immeasurable. -Chaim Potok

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**PRAYER THANKS**

*To First Presbyterian Church members and friends, Thank you for your loving prayers for my husband Frederick while he was recovering in the hospital, even though you have not met him! He is doing well! We appreciate it!*  
~Robin Stiles' sister, Teresa, & husband Frederick

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

- The Bierlys*
  - Heidi Brown* (daughter of the Bierlys)
  - Karen Buller*
  - Stephen Cook*
  - Jean Corke* (mother of Kathleen Webster)
  - Family of Lory Cors*
  - Michael Davis* (friend of Robin S.)
  - Diane Griffin*
  - Dolores Griffin*
  - Alexander Hamilton* (husband of Roslyn Linnen's niece)
  - Angie Hulgin* (friend of Dolores Griffin)
  - Ginger Leatherberry*
  - Shirley Love*
  - Olivia Maldonado*
  - Jim & Vi McDonald*
  - Leslie Miller* (friend of Bev Webster)
  - Holly Peet*
  - Don & Michele Salerno*
  - Alayne Tiemeyer* (friend of Gladys Almgren)
  - Connie Turkette*
  - Frederick Zarndt* (brother-in-law of Robin S.)
  - Our Military Servicemen and Women*
  - Our President, Our Nation, and Our Church*
- We are keeping names on the prayer list for 4 weeks. Call Gladys Almgren @727-868-6404 or the office.***

**CEDARKIRK**

Experience a special Christian community at Cedarkirk and make this a summer that you will never forget. Summer camp programs are available for campers who have completed grades 1-12 and there is something for everyone. Make your plans today for camp to be a part of your summer. You can register online and find out information at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

**SUNDAY FUNNIES: BULLETIN BLOOPERS!**

*Submitted by Allan Love*

"A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife."

"The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church."

"The 'Over 60's Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with thanks."

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**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- April*
- 17 Lorie Schaefer
- 22 Pat Woodward
- 26 Wilson Hixson
- May*
- 4 Kathleen Webster
- 6 Bonnie & Bob Bierly
- 11 Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild
- 11 Mildred Pizzuto
- 12 Vi & Jim McDonald
- 14 Vi McDonald
- 14 Pat & Clayton Woodward
- 17 Neomi Appenzeller
- 18 Charles Shaw
- 20 Keith Conley
- 29 Kenneth & Senovia Bonner
- 31 Michele Salerno

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We need to be able to pray. We need prayer just like we need air. Without prayer, we can do nothing.

-Mother Theresa

**Church Staff**

Pastor:  
**Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild**  
Clerk of Session:  
**Bev Webster**  
Treasurer:  
**Ken Webster**  
Church Secretary:  
**Robin Stiles**  
Director of Music:  
**Priscilla Ortoski**  
Custodian:  
**Julie Kovar**

Office Hours  
**9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
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Call the office for an appointment with the pastor.

**SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES: 4/15-4/21**

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Elders Prayer Time  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Light Meal  
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothing Boutique  
**Tuesday**  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting  
**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
8:00 p.m. N.A. Adult/Parent  
**Thursday**  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting  
**Friday**  
11:00 a.m. – Community Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Community Meal  
10:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting

**LITURGIST – Roslyn Linnen**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 4/8**

Attend.: Sun. 4/8: 48; Fri. 4/6: 51 TOTAL: \$1,950.00  
A full report is available through the treasurer’s office.

**FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHING BOUTIQUE OPEN:**

**FRIDAYS: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**SUNDAYS: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



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**WELCOME, PATRICE HATLEY**

Today we are privileged to have our pulpit supplied by Elder Patrice Hatley, who is the Presbytery Coach and Coordinator for Tampa Bay and a member of Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven. Her husband, Ron Hatley, is a classically trained bass soloist. Patrice is retired from Accenture Consulting. We are so blessed and thankful to have her supplying our pulpit today while Pastor Jeff is away!

**PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has given items for these packages—you have helped the community in the name of God; we’ve given out many packets and want to continue serving the Lord in this way. Again, here is the list:

dental floss, toothpaste (regular size), toothbrush, small tissue, small bar soap (1.75 oz.), pair of socks, PCPT one-day bus pass, 12 oz. hand sanitizer, \$5 McDonald’s gift card, travel pack of wet wipes, granola bars, gallon size zip lock bags. (There is a large red tote to collect these items.)  
**THANK YOU!**

*~Lyz Alamo & Roslyn Linnen!*

**APRIL 22 – LUNCH AT BRITS PUB AND EATERY**

Please sign up to join us at our next lunch outing on Sunday, April 22, noon, to Brits Pub and Eatery, 13706 Little Rd, Hudson, FL 34667, 727-378-8508!

Also, mark your calendars for these outings, all of which will be on Sundays at noon: May 20 – Grand Sushi Hibachi Buffet (in Port Richey), and June 24 – Carmelita’s Mexican Restaurant (in New Port Richey).

**OUT OF THE OFFICE**

I will be out of the office through Tuesday, April 17. *~Robin*

**WINTER VISITORS—HURRY BACK!**

We are delighted you chose to spend your winters with us, and we will sincerely miss you when you are gone! There is a blue folder in the narthex where you may note the date you will be leaving next to your name (and please make sure we have your correct address). Please have a safe trip, and stay in touch. We look forward to your return!