

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SARASOTA, FLORIDA**  
**The Order of Divine Worship**  
**February 19, 2012**

Reverend Art McClellan, Senior Pastor  
Elizabeth Goldstein, Director of Music

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Reflection: ...All of you are children because of your faith in Christ Jesus.*  
--Galatians 3:26

MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (See Screen)

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD (11:00 a.m.)  
**Blessed Assurance** setting by Dan Miller

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The mystery of God leads us to worship.  
**People: The love of God dwells in our hearts.**

Leader: The word of God inflames our speech.  
**People: The compassion of God stirs us to care.**

Leader: The word of God compels us to sing.

\*OPENING HYMN: ***In Christ There Is No East or West*** Hymnal 548

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, we have gathered here as one people of God inspired by the Spirit:

Reader 1: To worship more enthusiastically and celebrate more joyfully,

Reader 2: To witness more effectively and speak more truthfully.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, when we stray from the righteous path.**

Leader: Lord, we have gathered here as one people of God led by the Spirit:

Reader 1: To listen more deeply and reach out in love more energetically,

Reader 2: To pray more seriously and live more peacefully.

**People: Lord, forgive us when we forget that we are all God's children. Help us remember the cross - the revelation of your love for everyone - and Jesus Christ who died for every soul on earth.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ is our peace who builds us into one body in God by the Spirit. Christ has promised reconciliation and peace to whoever repents and believes. Let us live as people reconciled, and all God's children's said.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Since we have been reconciled, let us share the peace that has been given us in grace. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**  
**(As the chimes are sounded, please return to your seats.)**

ANTHEM ***I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me*** (11:00 a.m.) Spiritual  
arr. by Philip Kern

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN (11:00 a.m.) Laura Miller  
Today's FIRST CHURCH Kids Lesson: We ask God for strength and courage.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND SERVICE  
Offertory ***I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me*** (8:30 a.m.) Spiritual  
Diane DeMont arr. by Philip Kern

SPECIAL GUEST SOLOIST (11:00 a.m.) ♦Dina Cancryn, Soprano  
Dr. Kris Carlisle, Piano

\* The 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*

OFFERTORY PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION ***We Need a Faith*** TFWS 2181

**GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MESSAGE Galatians 3:26-28 and Deuteronomy 6:5-9

THE MESSAGE **"White in the Prism of Light"** Rev. Dr. Tom Phaff  
**A Celebration of Sarasota African American History**

**THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (See Screens)  
(Singing of the Lord's Prayer with cantor and congregational response)

**SENDING FORTH**

\*CLOSING HYMN ***They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*** TFWS 2223

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00 a.m.) ***In Christ There Is No East or West*** setting by D. Wood

♦We welcome Ms. Dina Cancryn and Dr. Kris Carlisle today and appreciate their contribution to our worship experience. You are invited to return at 1:15 p.m. for dessert and a concert by them at 2 p.m.

**Galatians 3:26-28**

<sup>26</sup>All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. . .<sup>27</sup>And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. <sup>28</sup>Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman.

**Deuteronomy 6:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>So love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. <sup>6</sup>Memorize his laws <sup>7</sup>and tell them to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning. <sup>8</sup>Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and foreheads to help you obey them. <sup>9</sup>Write these laws on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates.

**Welcome Rev. Dr. Tom Pfaff**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Pfaff shares our message in worship today. Reverend Pfaff ministers with Goodwill Industries Manasota and serves as Chaplain and Director of Neighborhood Organizing. He is an ordained minister in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Chaplain Tom served at four United Methodist Churches, including FIRST CHURCH as an Associate Pastor and Youth Director (1988 – 1992), prior to being appointed to Goodwill. He has a Masters in Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Seminary.

**FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Adult Small Groups at 9:30 a.m.**

**All groups are intergenerational and will welcome you.**

**For February 26, choose from the following studies:**

**GPS: The Five Love Languages** (Chapel) – Summary and how to make the languages work in one's life. March study – ***Christianity and World Religions***

**Tasters** (Room 103) – "Fruits of Redemption" – How to bear fruit for God's kingdom. Galatians 5:22-6:10.

**Faith Café** (Room 104) – "Feeling Alone" – Choosing the discipline to remind oneself of God's always nearness, in delights and struggles.

**Christian Fellowship** (Room 105) – "Fruits of Redemption" – How to bear fruit for God's kingdom. Galatians 5:22-6:10

**Lenten Worship Series**

***Crazy Love – The Pursuit of a Relentless God***

**Ash Wednesday, February 22 – Easter Sunday, April 8**

Our seven-week Lenten Worship Series begins Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continues to our Easter Sunday Celebration, April 8. Question: Are we missing something on our spiritual journey that God wants for the people he loved enough to die for? Make your reservation (Attendance Pad or Ministry Table) for the **Ash Wednesday Sacrificial Soup Meal at 6:15 p.m.** (Zenith Parking Garage available at 6 p.m.) **The 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service** in the Sanctuary will include communion and the imposition of ashes.

Join us Ash Wednesday and each Sunday during our 40-Day Season of Lent as we are reminded of the greatness of our God and the passionate (crazy) love and mercy God proclaims in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we gather to renew our spirits and faith.

**Name Tags**

If you requested a name tag, you will find it at the Welcome Center. To request a name tag, complete a form at the Welcome Center. We encourage everyone to wear their name tag for worship and all other church events.

## FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events & Reminders

### At the Ministry Table

Ash Wednesday    CURRENT REALITIES Workshop    Women's Spiritual Growth Group  
Men's PM Network Edition    General Conference    CROP Hunger Walk

### FIRST CHURCH – NEW REALITIES

For the next twelve months, FIRST CHURCH will participate in NEW REALITIES, a strategic focus and learning initiative for the entire FIRST CHURCH Family. Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard of the Office of Congregational Excellence-UMC Florida, will serve as our Partner Coach. **The FIRST CHURCH Family and all interested participants are encouraged to attend our first congregation-wide forum.**

### CURRENT REALITIES WORKSHOP – Sunday, February 26, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

A lite lunch will be served immediately at noon with workshop to start at 12:30 p.m.

**RESERVATIONS are needed in order to prepare for the Lunch and Workshop.**

Don't miss this important event in the life of FIRST CHURCH!

**Sign up at the Ministry Table or call the church office by Thursday.**

### Women's Spiritual Growth Group

*Come Thirsty* by Max Lucado

**Wednesdays at Noon ~ Room 104 ~ February 29 - April 4**

Explore the WELL of God's love: Work, Energy, Lordship and Love. Cost of materials is \$20. Participants may bring a bag lunch. Sign up at the Ministry Table or call the church office.

### Men's Network P.M. Edition

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Room 105 ~ New Study Begins February 29**

*Why? Making Sense of God's Will* - Adam Hamilton, rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, addresses how we can comprehend God's plan for the world and ourselves. Men, come for learning and lively discussion. Register today at the Ministry Table or just come any Wednesdays you can. You will be welcomed.

### Visit or Volunteer at the UM General Conference in Tampa

General Conference will be at the Tampa Convention Center April 24-May 4. Would you like to experience Conference with some of your First Church family? We are scheduled to take the church bus one or two days! Come go with us and learn more about how the church makes its policies as it sets the direction for the future. Sign up at the Ministry Table and be contacted with additional information.

### CROP Hunger Walk

**Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

**2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 13**

Each day we pray for daily bread, for ourselves and for others, for everyone to have enough. Through your support of the CROP Hunger Walk, we are working together to ensure that this prayer becomes a reality.

Last year, FIRST CHURCH had 33 participants and raised \$3500 in proceeds benefiting countries around the world as well as Sarasota's All Faiths Food Bank. This year, the need is even greater. Please come join your church and community by being a walker, a sponsor or both in the Sarasota CROP Hunger Walk. Visit the Ministry Table today for more information on this worthy cause. During the week, contact Candy Bell 378-0447 or Maria Mossbarger 366-9522.

### 40th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast

**Friday, March 2 ~ 7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. ~ Speaker: Bill Murray**

Ritz-Carlton (1111 Ritz-Carlton Dr.)

\$35.00/ticket    R.S.V.P. by February 22 (FIRST CHURCH has a table for 10.)

Contact Joyce Johnson (955-0935) for tickets.

## FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 19

8:15-10:45 a.m. - Coffee and Juice

8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Braren Library, Room 108

**8:30 a.m. - Worship in Chapel**

9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Nursery, Room 106

**9:30 a.m. - CELEBRATION, F. H.**

9:30 a.m. - GPS Class, Chapel

9:30 a.m. - Christian Fellowship Class, Room 105

9:30 a.m. - Tasters Class, Room 103

9:40 a.m. - Faith Café, Room 104

9:45-10:30 a.m. - FIRST CHURCH Kids, Room 107

10:45 a.m. - Youth Study, Youth Hall

10:45 a.m. - Faith Café, Room 104

**11 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary**

11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. - FIRST CHURCH Kids, Room 107

12 p.m. - Youth Parking Lot Fun

**2 p.m. - Music Fine Arts - Dina Cancryn**

**Concert, Sanctuary**

### Monday, February 20

Early Care Center Closed

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Artisans' World Marketplace (M-F)

6 p.m. - Family Promise Mtg., Room 104

### Tuesday, February 21

7:15 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. - Early Care Center (T-F)

12 p.m. - Rebekah/Sarah Circle, Room 104

2 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 108

5 p.m. - Staff/Parish Mtg., Room 105

6 p.m. - Bible Class, Room 103

### Wednesday, February 22

9 a.m. - Pineapple Gallery Workers, Room 108

5:30 p.m. - Celebration Band Practice, F.H.

### Wednesday, February 22 (continued)

6-8 p.m. - UMYF, Youth Hall

**6:15 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Sacrificial Meal, F.H.**

**7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary**

8-9:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 23

12 p.m. - Men's Midweek Group, Room 105

### Friday, February 24

11 a.m. - Bible Class, Room 103

### Saturday, February 25

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

9 a.m. - Youth Parking Lot Fun

### Sunday, February 26

**Membership Sunday**

8:15-10:45 a.m. - Coffee and Juice

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**8:30 a.m. - Worship in Chapel**

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Find more FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
**Geoff and Poppy Spencer's first Wedding Anniversary.**

### 8:30 a.m. Greeters

Jayne Cory    John Arbuckle

### 11:00 a.m. Greeters

Fred & Linda Huber    Lillette Jenkins-Wisner    Raynette Lignos    Nancy Checchia

Children are invited to join us for FIRST CHURCH Kids during the worship service. After the Children's Moment our FIRST CHURCH Kids leaders will escort the children to Room 107 in the Family Life Center.

### Christian Counseling Ministry

To make an appointment, contact Rev. John Tuff at 1-941-214-8780

### Church Staff

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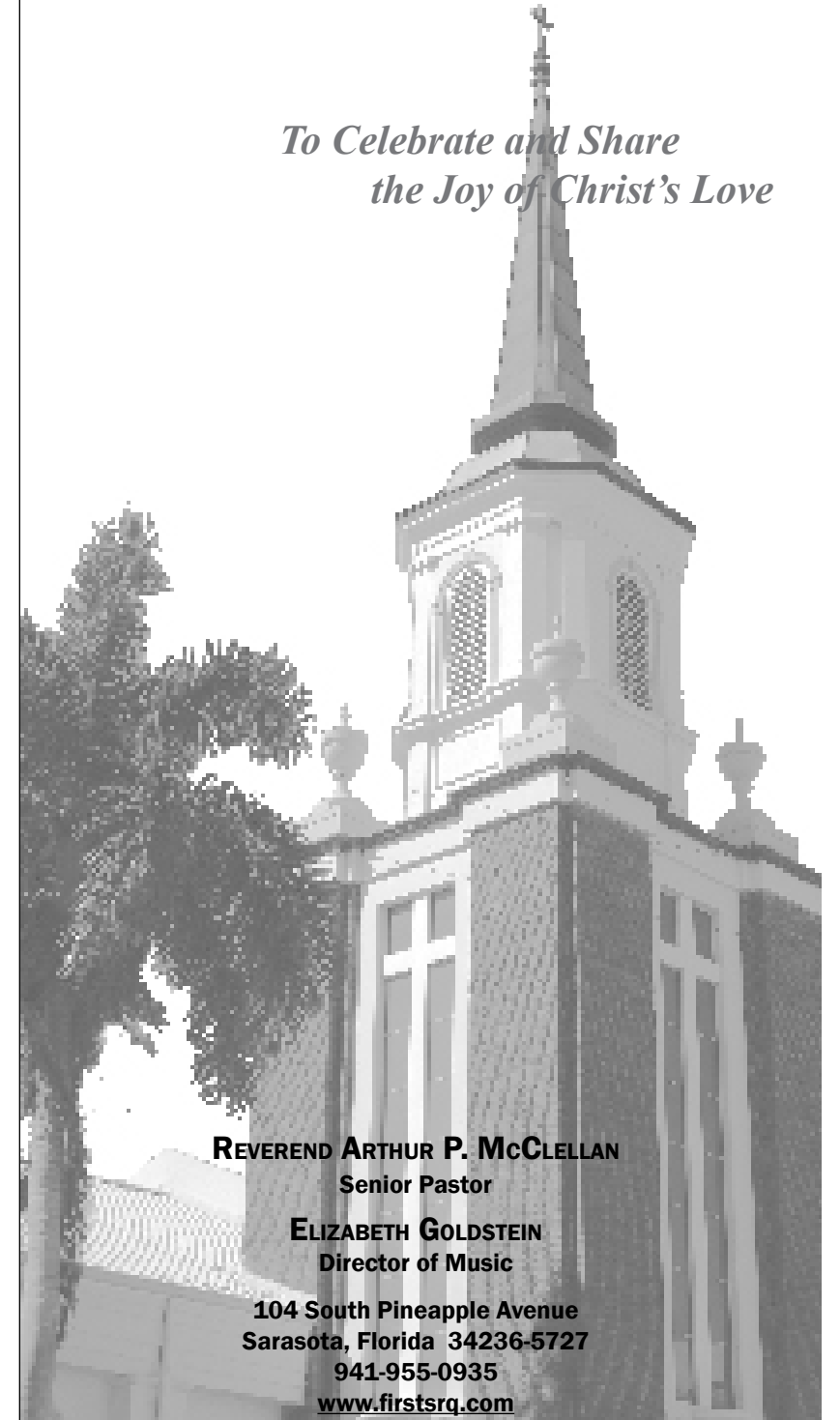
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