

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
The Order of Divine Worship
February 5, 2012

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

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (See Screen)

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m. Service)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD (11:00 am Service)
Prelude on Sing of the Lord’s Goodness Ernest Sands
arr. by E. Goldstein

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather in preparation
People: For good news is about to be proclaimed!

Leader: We gather in expectation
People: For joy is about to break forth in our midst!

Leader: In preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you!

***OPENING HYMN:** *Sing of the Lord’s Goodness* (See Insert/Screen)

CONFESSION AND PARDON Liturgists: 8:30 a.m. - Joyce Johnson
11:00 a.m. - Geoff Spencer

Leader: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall short of your glory.
People: Have mercy and forgive us.

Leader: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

People: Have mercy and change us.

Leader: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.
People: Have mercy and cleanse us.

Leader: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

People: Have mercy and deliver us.

Leader: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

People: Have mercy and forgive us.

Leader: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your Word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

People: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN (11:00 a.m. Service)

Today’s FIRST CHURCH Kids Lesson: “Jesus Clears the Temple
The Point: We do the right thing. Verse: “God is our help and our shield.” Psalm 33:20

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND SERVICE

Scripture Reflection: *When I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled by the Spirit of God to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel of Jesus Christ! I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means through the Spirit of Christ I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. – I Corinthians 9:16, 22-23*

Offertory *I’m Gonna Sing* D. Besig
Rebecca Taysi, Soloist (8:30 a.m. Service)
FIRST CHURCH Singers (11:00 a.m. Service)

* 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*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-45

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

THE MESSAGE NEW REALITIES: **“Come Expecting Hospitality”**
Rev. Art McClellan

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Instructions

The communion table is open to all who will receive the invitation.

8:30 am Communion Instructions

The communion elements are served by intinction, an ancient practice shared around the world. Receiving a piece of bread from the steward, dip the bread in the chalice. The altar is open for moments of prayer. Please return to your seat by the outside aisle.

11 a.m. Communion Instructions

Our ushers will direct the congregation to receive the communion elements. Communion stewards will serve you as you kneel or stand at the altar rail. Lift and cup hands to receive the bread; take a cup when served. You may remain at the altar rail for a time of prayer. There is no common dismissal. Please return to your seat as directed by our ushers. If you are unable to come forward, a communion steward will serve you at your seat.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE **Come Expecting Jesus**
by Chisum/Gordon

COMMUNION SOLO *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual, arr. by Mark Miller
Lynne Meskey, Soprano

COMMUNION HYMNS *You Feed Us, Gentle Savior* (See Insert)
Let Us Break Bread Together **Hymnal 618**

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ, We Are Blessed* (See Screen)
(Sung to the tune of “Be Thou My Vision”)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00 a.m. Service) *Fugue in E Minor* J. S. Bach

Mark 1:29-45
Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ After teaching in the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Communion Stewards

Amy and Bud Davidson Liz and Phil Johnson Maria Mossbarger

Communion Offering

Our *Share the Table* Communion Offering benefits FIRST CHURCH’s sponsorship of Caritas Ministries in support of the Caritas Food Pantry and may also provide assistance on prescription medications and/or local residential utilities. Offerings may be brought to the communion rail or placed in the offering plate.

Homebound Communion Ministry

Consecrated, individually packaged communion elements and a brief communion liturgy are available in the Narthex this morning for you to take and share Christ’s table of grace with anyone you know who is homebound or otherwise unable to worship with us today.

FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events & Reminders

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 today at the Ministry Table or call the church office (955-0935).

FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events & Reminders

Suncoast Communities Blood Drive TODAY

At the Ministry Table

CURRENT REALITIES Workshop Haiti Mission Fair General Conference
Ash Wednesday CROP Hunger Walk

Haiti Mission Fair

11:30 a.m. ~ Saturday, February 11 ~ Fellowship Hall

Learn about Haiti: How earthquake changed it and the work of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women

Guest Speaker - Rev. Larry Rankin

Retired Methodist minister who works with UMMVIM
(United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) in Haiti

Haitian Lunch - \$4

To help us plan for lunch, please sign up at the Ministry Table.

Join a FIRST CHURCH Group for a Day at General Conference

Would you like to attend a day of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held in Tampa April 24- May 4? Sign up at the Ministry Table this month to be contacted about being a visitor or a volunteer. We'll take the church bus! Our FIRST CHURCH Coordinators/Hostesses are Mary Baldrige and Leah Pittard.

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Lent begins February 22, Ash Wednesday, and lasts forty days (excluding Sundays) until Easter. We will continue our FIRST CHURCH traditions. We encourage you to make your reservation (Attendance Pad, Ministry Table, Church Office) for our Ash Wednesday **Sacrificial Soup Meal** at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather for worship in the Sanctuary. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us as we begin our observation of Lent in preparation for Easter.

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, March 11 ~ St. James United Methodist Church

Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Ending Hunger One Step At A Time is the theme for the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Everyday millions of people around the world walk to search for their basic needs--food, water, shelter.

Plan now to be a one or five-mile walker or sponsor a walker. Please visit the Ministry Table or contact Candy Bell (378-0447) or Maria Mossbarger (366-9522). Proceeds from the walk will be shared globally and locally at Sarasota's All Faiths Food Bank.

Jazz in the Chapel

February 12 - 4-5 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The February concert of this free series will feature our "Jazz Trio" - Henry Ettman guest drummer, Dominic Mancini on bass, and Tommy Goodman on piano. Special guest Terry Myers will be featured on saxophone and clarinet.

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

All groups are intergenerational and will welcome you.

For February 12, studying:

Christian Fellowship (Room 105) - Freed from Law through Christ, difference between law and grace

Faith Café (Room 104) - Using your gifts for God's purposes, not your own

GPS: The Five Love Languages (Chapel) - Learn the first two of the five. Come any Sundays you can.

Tasters (Room 103) - Freed from Law through Christ, difference between law and grace

FIRST CHURCH Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 5

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Blood Mobile, State St.

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. - Christian Fellowship Class, Room 105

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

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

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

11 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

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

12 p.m. - Lunch w/Pastor for new members, Room 104

Monday, February 6

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

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

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 a.m. - UMW Executive Committee, Room 104

6-7 p.m. - Bible Class, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 8

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

12 p.m. Women's Spiritual Growth Group, Room 104

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

7 p.m. - Men's P.M. Network, Room 105

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

Thursday, February 9

9:30 a.m. - Active Women's Stretching, Room 105

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

7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, February 10

11 a.m. - Bible Class, Conference Room

Saturday, February 11

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

11:30 a.m. - UMW Haiti Mission Fair, F.H.

Sunday, February 12

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. - Christian Fellowship Class, Room 105

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

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

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. - Children's Ministry Leader Mtg., Room 107

12 p.m. - Youth Band Practice, Youth Hall

4 & 5:30 p.m. - Jazz in the Chapel

Find more FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

www.firstsrq.com



The Worship Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of *Grissim H. Walker*, Sr. by Mary V. Walker Ellis.

8:30 a.m. Greeters

Tony and Sharon Kenworthy

11:00 a.m. Greeters

Fred & Linda Huber Lillette Jenkins-Wisner Raynette Lignos Jeanne Mott

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

The Rev. Arthur P. McClellan, Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Goldstein, Director of Music

Kevin Voigt, Celebration Worship Leader

Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

Joyce Johnson, Pastoral Care Assistant • **Mike Dull**, Director of Youth

Laura Miller, Director of Children's Ministry

Paul Anacki, Director of Finance and Administration

Brian Silvas, Church Technology Coordinator

Sue Loncaric, Early Care Center Director • **Debi Adams**, Publications Coordinator

Sara Leclerc, Church Secretary/Program Assistant

Bob Russell, Facilities Supervisor • **Alan Connor**, Facilities Assistant

Rev. John Tuff, Christian Counselor • **Kathi Stufflebean**, Nursery Caregiver

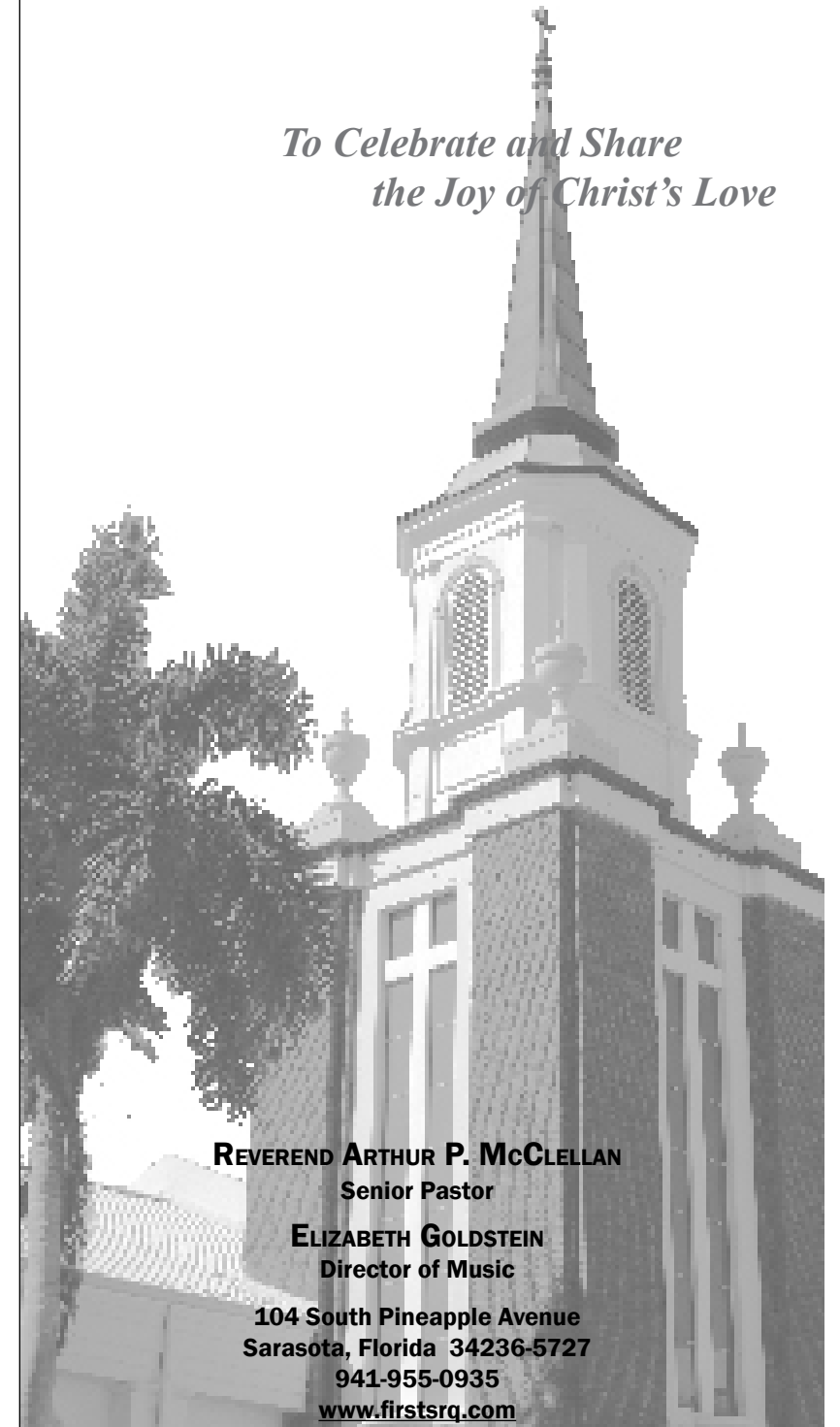
February 5, 2012

FIRST CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation



*To Celebrate and Share
the Joy of Christ's Love*



REVEREND ARTHUR P. McCLELLAN
Senior Pastor

ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN
Director of Music

104 South Pineapple Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236-5727

941-955-0935

www.firstsrq.com