

# FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

*Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Contemporary Service Third Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 23, 2022

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor  
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS	Praise Band
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
LORD'S PRAYER	
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
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SPECIAL MUSIC	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING	Job 4:7-9; 9:20-23 <sup>1</sup>
THE MESSAGE	<i>Job's Question: Why Do the Innocent Suffer?</i> Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
PRAISE SONG	
BLESSING	
PASSING THE PEACE	

<sup>1</sup>Job 4:7-9; 9:20-23 (CEB)

Job 4:7-9 (Words from Eliphaz, friend of Job)

Think! What innocent person has ever perished?

When have those who do the right thing been destroyed?

As I've observed, those who plow sin  
and sow trouble will harvest it.

When God breathes deeply, they perish;  
by a breath of his nostril  
they are annihilated.

Job 9:20-23 (Words from Job to friends)

If I'm innocent, my mouth condemns me;  
I have integrity;  
but God declares me perverse.

I'm blameless, yet don't know myself;  
I reject my life.

It's all the same;  
therefore, I say God destroys  
the blameless and the sinners.

If calamity suddenly kills,  
he mocks at the slaying of innocents.

The earth is handed over to the wicked;  
he covers the faces of its judges.  
If not God, then who does?

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### **BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. SAM**

The Gospel of Luke: Jesus in Judea

Join him and the group any week you can.

Wednesdays – 12:30 and 7 p.m.

*(You can choose which time is better for your schedule each week.)*

Room 104 on campus and Zoom

Links sent in 7 a.m. eblast each Wednesday.

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### **DR. SAM CONTINUES HIS SERMON SERIES**

#### **JOB'S QUESTION: WHY?**

January 30 - 5th Sunday Intermission: He Laughed

February 6 - Job's Question: Why Doesn't God Answer Me?

February 13 - Job's Question: Why Do the Wicked Prosper?

February 20 - Job's Question: Why Don't My Friends Understand?

February 27 - Job's Question: God's Response

### **ELECTRIC CART FOR DAUGHTER OF PASTORS**

Laritza is the twenty-eight-year-old daughter of the pastoral couple Nelson and Marilyn of our sister church Iglesia Metodista de Juan Vicente in Cuba. She was born with cerebral palsy. She cannot walk. They cannot afford a car. They have requested \$3,000 to purchase an electric vehicle to be able to transport her to district events. This is a way that our congregation can help make a young woman's life better. If you would like to give, please write "Laritza" on your check, envelope or online. Thank you for your generosity.

### **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH**

Do let us know if you have a change of address (residence or email), phone (land or cell). Seasonal family, please let us know when you are here and when you are at your other home. We want to keep in touch with all our church family, hoping you enjoy hearing from us. Send changes to Administrative Assistant Mindy Kolbe ([mkolbe@firstsrq.com](mailto:mkolbe@firstsrq.com)).

### **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

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