

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Contemporary Service

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS

Celebration Praise Band

PASTORAL PRAYER

Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:1-4; 2 Peter 3:15-16¹

THE MESSAGE

Series: *The Bible: Book Divine or Misleading Myths?*
Why These Books and Not Others?

Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D.

PRAISE SONG

Celebration Praise Band

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

Luke 1:1-4 (CEB)

Many people have already applied themselves to the task of compiling an account of the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used what the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed down to us. Now, after having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, I have also decided to write a carefully ordered account for you, most honorable Theophilus. I want you to have confidence in the soundness of the instruction you have received.

2 Peter 3:15-16 (CEB)

Consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as our dear friend and brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, speaking of these things in all his letters. Some of his remarks are hard to understand, and people who are ignorant and whose faith is weak twist them to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

DR. SAM'S SERMON SERIES

Sermon Series: The Bible: Book Divine or Misleading Myths

January 29— Are There Mistakes in the Bible? 2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 21:1

February 5— Were There Dinosaurs on the Ark? Genesis 6:5-6, 11; Romans 15:4

February 12—Are Tattoos Taboo? Leviticus 19:27-28

February 19—Women Need Not Apply? 1 Timothy 2:11-15; Galatians 3:27-28

DR. SAM'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays ~ 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. ~ Room 104/Zoom

Dr. Sam will lead a Bible Study on the "Jewish" Gospel of Matthew. No book is needed other than your Bible. Attend as you can.

GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet received your envelopes or would like giving envelopes, contact Director of Finance and Administration Julie Miller (financial@firstsrq.com; 941-955-0935).

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR NURSERY ATTENDANT

Care for and teach children 6 weeks to 3 years – Sundays 10:30 – 12:30 plus special services with advance notice (\$20 per hour). Contact Alyssa Machado (amachado@firstsrq.com; 954-376-9186).

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR

The flower calendar is in the Office Lobby. The current cost is \$100. You may take the flowers after the 11 a.m. service or leave them to be shared with others.