

FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

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

Contemporary Service

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Praise Band

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:11-15; Galatians 3:27-28¹

THE MESSAGE

Series: **The Bible: Book Divine or Misleading Myths?**
Women Need Not Apply

Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D

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.

PRAISE SONG

Celebration Praise Band

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

¹ Timothy 2:11-15 (NRSV)

Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

Galatians 3:27-28 (NRSV)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

FIRST CHURCH LOVES GOD, LOVES PEOPLE

Your loving, generous hearts continue to help others. You donated \$3,524 to assist with the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. In the last year you donated \$13,180.13 to help in Ukraine, \$3,416.25 of that at our February 23 Ukraine Night. God blesses you, and you bless others. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY – MARCH 19

If you know you would like to be a member of First Church or would like membership information, contact Director of Ministries Donna Maynard (dmaynard@firstsrq.com).

INVITATION FOR BIRDWATCHING AND MAKING CHURCH FRIENDS

THE AUDUBON NATURE CENTER, 999 CENTER ROAD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 ~ 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Helen King, member of First Church and Audubon Society, invites you for a morning of bird and wildlife watching – maximum 12 per group. Bring binoculars or borrow from the Nature Center. Reservations with Helen (theking-som@gmail.com) by tomorrow. She will answer your questions also. Enjoy this unique experience in Sarasota!

SAVE THE DATE – EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Sunday, March 26 ~ 12-2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Children's Event – Everyone Invited!

Lunch, Easter Story, Crafts, Games, Egg Hunt

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS - MARCH/APRIL

Copies are available at both entrances or contact the church office for us to mail you one – our pleasure (941-955-0935 or office @firstsrq.com)

REMINDER - FIRST'S BOOK CLUB

TOMORROW 10 A.M. – ROOM 104 AND ZOOM

THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT

All Welcome – even if haven't read

Contact Leah Pittard (rockpitt38@gmail.com)

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: EMBRACING GRACE

March 5 - God, Have Mercy, Luke 18:9-14

March 12 - Lost Sheep, Luke 15:1-7

March 19 - The Father's Embrace, Luke 15:11-24

March 26 - An Enemy's Act of Grace, Luke 10:25-37