

Need to Know

GED CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION

We are collecting gently used clothing for all ages and household items such as kitchenware, blankets, and sheets. Financial donations are also encouraged to help provide ride-share transportation. Donations will support students and families in the Suncoast Technical College's GED Newtown Program.

A collection bin is located in the church lobby through March 8.

APHASIA CENTER ARTS NIGHT

Friday, March 6
6:00-8:00pm

Local stroke survivors will be showcasing their abilities through Art & Music. Mocktails and Appetizers will be served. Complimentary admission.

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT

The South West District is holding a training event for laity and clergy on Saturday, March 7 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at Harvest UMC in Lakewood Ranch. The training will focus on "Connecting to Your Community" and feature worship, speakers, and workshops. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch and childcare.

Email Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com for details.

CARITAS FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY CLOSING

After serving the Sarasota downtown neighbors since 1980, the Caritas Food Pantry will be closing on Thursday, March 5. The current arrangement has become unsustainable without a new, permanent location with sufficient storage space. The search is on for a new site in the area that will provide and store food, in order to reinstate a full service Caritas Food Ministry. The existing utility payments, food, transportation, prescriptions, and work attire services at Herring Center will continue.

Celebrations



We recently had a wonderful opportunity to Zoom with our Zoe Empowers families in Rwanda.

Let's Worship Together This Easter.



APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Worship
Sanctuary 7:00pm

APRIL 5

Easter Sunrise Service
Bayfront Park 7:15am

Easter Worship Service
Chapel 8:30am
Sanctuary 11:00am

Church Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

2:30pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom
4:00pm Caring Connections - Room 104

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:30am Worship - Chapel
9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom
11:00am Worship - Sanctuary
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
5:00pm Youth Group - Youth Hall

First United Methodist SARASOTA

March 1, 2026

104 South Pineapple Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236
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This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.

First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

PRELUDE (11:00am)

Chorale Prelude on **WERDE MUNTER**

Percy Whitlock

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

Laura Ross, *Kids & Youth Director*

HYMN SING/PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal 384

*PASSING THE PEACE / KIDS LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL (11:00am)

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (11:00am)

Hymnal 296, v5

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT (11:00am)

Aphasia Community Center

Susan Quigley, Becky Reese

PRAYER

Joyce Johnson

Pastoral Care/Faith Community Nurse

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00am)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our crying come unto Thee.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Amen.

Richard T. Gore

OFFERING AND PRAYER

On Communion Sundays, we receive a special offering for the Caritas ministry, which helps the less fortunate in our community with utilities, work boots, bus passes, and groceries. Please place your offering in one of the baskets/boxes as you exit the service, mail a check to the church, or you may give online at SRQgives.com.

OFFERTORY (8:30am)

Improvisation on **SLANE**

Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)

Kyrie from **Mass in C**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Ludwig Van Beethoven

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:6-14; 3:23-4:7

Ami Rodriguez

SERMON

"How God Views You"

Dr. David Grout

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (All pray in silence.)

Pastor: 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, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SOLO (11:00am)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymnal 548

Laura McKenna, *soloist*

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 451

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Make Me a Servant

TFWS 2176

POSTLUDE (11:00am)

Trumpet Gigue in G Major

Phil Lehenbauer

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Church Staff by the Kenworthys.



We are glad that you are here and hope that you're blessed by the experience. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here at First United Methodist.

Please fill out the enclosed **Guest Connection Card** or text the word **WELCOME** to **941-352-1050** to connect with us further.

CONTACT US

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AN INVITATION TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS

Jesus loves you. Jesus offers you new and abundant life.

Jesus desires to be in relationship with you.

AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is...

Inwardly Becoming More Like Jesus by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) and Outwardly Living More Like Jesus by practicing holy love.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-955-0935.