

PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Worship

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling, Pastor
Signe and Todd Webb, Associates for Children and Youth Ministries
Dale Williams, Choir Director and Organist/Pianist (10:00)
Winston Culler, Music Leader for the 8:30 Service
Anthony Wright, Worship Streaming Director
Stacey Jackson, Church Administrator
Kristy Gilbert, Church Bookkeeper
Traci Hitchcox, Media Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Bell and Rafiq Kaid, Cleaning Services

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107 16th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

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Announcements

Church Governance at Work

We are happy to announce that Church Council meetings are now open to church members. If you would like to listen and observe a meeting in action, feel free to attend. You will have an excellent view from the “gallery” of our elected leaders making decisions that impact the church and broader community. Our next council meeting is Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Women’s Ministry Luncheon • Monday, February 5 at noon

All women are invited to our luncheon at Chill Restaurant (357 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach). Please R.S.V.P. to Debbie Mills at 860-716-7796 or debmike57@sbcglobal.net.

Music for Lovers Concert • Saturday, February 10 at 4 pm

Love songs from the Great American Songbook including "Love Is Here to Stay", "Embraceable You", "My Funny Valentine" and many more...featuring Rhoni Schmitt, Erin Dickerson, Brian Feist, Andy Shultz and Dale Williams.

RRacial Justice Ministry Book Discussion • Sunday, February 25 at 11 am

“Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson, is an auto-biographical novel of a young African American lawyer fighting for the rights of the wrongfully convicted. Stephenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. His law practice is dedicated to those most disparaged: the poor, the wrongly condemned and women and children trapped in the criminal justice system. Book available at Tombolo bookstore or online. Movie available on Prime and YouTube.

Please note, children not away on the Ripples family camping trip will remain in church with their parents on February 4.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wilma Beerman, Anne Ciriello, Kay Frye, and our servicemen and women



**Thursday,
February 1
@ 7 pm**

**outside on
pavilion**

all welcome!



THE MAD BEACH BAND



A bay area favorite with a long history of playing top notch blues, pop and country rock. "The Mad Beach Band is like a family reunion. It's like Christmas and New Years and Thanksgiving all rolled together."
— The St. Pete Catalyst

**bring a chair &
refreshments
(no glass, please)**



**non-perishable
food donations
welcome**

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**INFO AVAILABLE AT THE
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**SUGGESTED TICKET
DONATION \$10
net proceeds to benefit
Good Samaritan
Food Pantry**



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MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

You can now give a donation via Venmo to (727) 200 – 2785 or by scanning the QR code below.



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Jack Jones

Visitors, before you leave, please visit our welcome table
and help us stay in contact with you by filling out the Visitor Contact Card.

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People have two great spiritual needs: forgiveness and goodness. ~ Billy Graham

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Whether you are strong or weak, able bodied or not,
You are welcome here.
Whether you’re a full time resident or a visiting vacationer,
You are welcome here.
Whether you are gay or straight,
You are welcome here.
Regardless of any difference that might keep you apart,
You are welcome here.

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

In this house, we value peace. Peace is central to our understanding of the faith.
Please extend a word of peace by saying, “The peace of Christ be with YOU.”

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible” arr. Faye Lopez

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone come! You who are thirsty, come. You who are struggling to make ends meet, come.
You who squander all that you have, come. You who are longing to share with others, come.

We are here to worship! God draws near and gives us renewing water.
God offers strength to the weary, teaching how to share as a community.
God calls us to be people grounded in promise, working with hope.

OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Signe Webb

All children wishing to attend Faith Formations are invited to exit at this time.

ANTHEM

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Gilbert Martin

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold in order to repay the debt.

“The servant fell on his knees. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all your debt because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

REFLECTION PT. 1

Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes

“Unexpected Mercies, Part 3: The Unforgiving Servant”

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas Chisholm

REFLECTION PT. 2

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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