PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service at MLK Park: 6:30 a.m.
Chapel Worship: 8:15 a.m.
Heart of Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST
9:15 - 10:45 A.M.

Menu: ham and cheese strata, “Georgia Ice Cream” grits (buttered or with cheese), pastries, orange juice, milk, and coffee.
For children, cereal & mini donuts.
A suggested donation of $4 per adult and $2 per child is thankfully accepted at the door.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Be sure to bring your child/children to our hunt that begins promptly at 10:35 a.m.
### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 16**
- **EASTER**
  - 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
  - 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast/The Connection (MH)
  - 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (CE)
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

**Monday, April 17**
- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

**Tuesday, April 18**
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 p.m. Men’s Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

**Wednesday, April 19**
- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

**Thursday, April 20**
- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

**Friday, April 21**
- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

**Saturday, April 22**
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

### Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis.

If you know of someone who is hurting, call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O’Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It’s a great way for you to show how much you care!
JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. Middle School meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and High School meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes."

Study books are available for $8.00. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for book or with any questions.

Joy Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
The next meeting is April 18 at the home of Carol Carter.

Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in McLeod Hall.
The next meeting is May 8.

MAY 21, JUNE 4 & 25, JULY 9, 16, 23, & 30
ARE AVAILABLE DATES TO SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:
1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement must be at the church by Friday, 1:30 p.m.
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

WE STILL HAVE 49 DIRECTORIES TO BE PICKED UP.

You can claim your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE:
EVERY CHURCH FAMILY GETS A DIRECTORY, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN.

DON’T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.
DON’T MISS OUR SPRING RING

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the second annual “Spring Ring” on Sunday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. Our Chancel Bells, Chapel Bells, and Christ Kids Ringers will be joined by ringers from Beymer United Methodist, Haines City Presbyterian, Hope Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Church. Each of the bell choirs will perform one or two of their favorite songs. We will finish the program with a mass ring using sixty-five ringers, organ, and trumpet performing a beautiful arrangement of “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Following the program the Chancel Choir is hosting a reception in McLeod Hall.
Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music!

ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

The All Church Retreat will be May 6 & 7 at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This weekend is for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday or just one of those days.

The theme this year is, “Stones and Stories” and we will focus on Joshua 4 during the weekend. All ages are welcome to join in fellowship, fun, delicious food, and outdoor adventures. Please register by Monday, April 24. Brochures are NOW available.

Please contact Evelyn McMullen at 294-3121 for more information.

CAN YOU SPARE MONDAY MORNINGS?

Our MOM program needs a substitute caregiver for the months of May and June. Do you love children? Are you available on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.? Please contact Carol Roe for details: croe@wgroe.com

START READING FOR OUR NEXT ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is May 15 at 3 pm in the back of McLeod Hall. We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the church office at 294-3121. You are invited to join us in January.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS, JUNE 18 - 22!!!

Join us for VBS at Avalanche Ranch!

Mary Marrs and Katie Sparr are VBS directors this year and they need YOU to join us for our Wild Ride Through God’s Word!

Please contact Mary at mmarrs001@tampabay.rr.com and let her know how you can help.

KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!!

Kidz Summer Escape 2017: Fun Summer Activities for ages 3 - 6 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for four weeks this summer.

Registration has begun. Dates are June 27 & 29; July 11 & 13; July 18 & 20; July 25 & 27. Questions: e-mail Evelyn McMullen dce@firstpreswh.org
DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION
9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creams, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities play on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship
A traditional worship service held in our chapel: The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included if we have children in attendance.

9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary: Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children’s Sunday School Classes.

11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship
A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary: The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult
Please join the Perspectives Class studies at 9:30 a.m. in the Geneva Room for The Mind of Jesus by William Barclay. “Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in The Mind of Jesus his aim “to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more.” This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

You are invited to 24 Hours that Changed the World-- the Adam Hamilton study at 9:30 a.m. in Room 207. Join Gannon Olmert for this 8-week video discussion leading us toward Easter. Hamilton’s video highlights the perspective of the people in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

From the review: “We are Judas, Peter, John, Pilate, the Council, and others. We are asked to seriously consider our humanly weaknesses, our prejudices, and our plan to become even closer to God and move ourselves further along our faith walk.”

9:30 a.m. ~ Children
On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from 9:45 – 10 a.m.

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The Elementary children (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience the Sunday School curriculum called 252 Basics. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.

We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!
Our Purpose Statement
As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God’s kingdom to the world as we...

Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ
Develop and nurture God’s children into disciples
Provide a place and a program for praising God
Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit
Commit to justice for all God’s people.

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 242 bag lunches the week of 4/3/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 120 people on 4/8/17.

BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The Worship and Music Committee has approved purchasing butterflies to be released in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 5, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.

As we have done for the past few years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died and who is beyond the relationship guidelines mentioned above (for example, grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for $5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.
Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon, please have your orders in by this Easter Sunday April 16.

Your name: ____________________________ Deceased loved one: ____________________________

Relationship to you: ____________________________

Which worship service April 23:  8:15 a.m.  □  9:30 a.m.  □  11:00 a.m.  □