



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 1, 2015

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Please plan to join us for worship on
Sunday, November 1, All Saints' Day.

As a part of both worship services (8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) we will be remembering our church members who have joined The Church Triumphant since All Saints' Day 2014.

CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

(our church members and friends in the 55 and up age group)
The FIRST PRIMETIMERS GATHERING for this fall will be
EDUCATIONAL AND NUTRITIONAL.

Plan to join us on **Monday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for Christian fellowship and a brief program on "The History of Barbeque". *THEN* at 12:15 we will put what we have learned into practice as we will head out to **Hog Heaven Smokehouse's** new location for a BBQ lunch. We have reserved "The Shack" (the private dining room at Hog Heaven) for our group's dining pleasure.



Please email the church at office@firstpreswh.org or call 294-3121 to reserve your place at the table by Wednesday, October 28.

Church calendar

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

- 8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
- 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adult
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Music Rehearsal (GS)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 2

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 11:30 a.m. Prime Timers (MH/Hog Heaven)
- 6:30 p.m. New Officer Training

Tuesday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, November 4

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith (GR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 5

- 9:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, November 6

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, November 7

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



Remember in Prayer

members

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| Roger Able | Ed & Joan Houston | Earle Roberts |
| Win Betrus | Camille Howe | Dave Ryan |
| Millie Carrier | Jim Huff | Dorothy Ryan |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Dorothy Johnson | Barbara A. Smith |
| Norma Conner | Joey Johnston | Barbara H. Smith |
| Jerry Dugger | Dena Lancashire | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Mary Dukes | Steve Luxford | Chuck Tate |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Gladys Meier | Carolyn Thompson |
| Bob Endres | Lynnis Mincey | Ed Threadgill |
| Jeanne Estes | Jim Morris | Shirley Turner |
| Bill & Becky Everhart | Joan Murphy | Gwen Waters |
| Marge Goodman | Randal Palmer | Lee Wilkinson |
| Frances Heath | Barbara Puckett | |
| Doris Hill | Ann Reddout | |

Family and friends

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| Peyton Battilla | Hadley Owen's friend |
| Christine & Emily | Beverly Seagreave's daughter & granddaughter |
| Jerry Cooley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Jim Daniels & family | Jonathan Owen's friend |
| John Doughty | Dena Lancashire's nephew |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Families in distress | |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Vicki Kaufman | Amy Speer's mother |
| Mary Ann Kelly | TD Sowards' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Letti Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| J. David Richardson | Ellie & Jim Threlkel friends |
| Anthony Shepherd | Saturday Nite Live friend |
| Rick & Pat Tyler | Rick & Pat Reass' friends |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



Military

- Robert Ferguson
- Stephanie Gillie
- Eddie Gray
- David Knowles
- Drew Stapor

DON'T FORGET TIME CHANGE

If you don't turn back your clocks before going to bed next **Saturday night, October 31,** you will be an hour early for church!



NEW DEVOTIONAL GATHERING FOR MOMS



Starting on **Wednesday, November 4 from 12 noon till 1 p.m.** all moms of the church and community are invited to join us for **Busy Moms of Faith**, a Devotional Gathering

which will meet in the Geneva Room, located in the Christian Education building. Come by during your lunch hour or however long you can join us to share your weekly joys, sorrows, celebrations, adventures and brief devotional time.

All moms are invited to attend this **FREE** program. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please call Amy McKee if you have any questions (863) 294-3121 or e-mail

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77.



Meeting dates are:

Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m., November 5 & 19, December 3, January 7 & 21.

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:
Uncpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

We are excited to have our children and youth take an active role in our worship through music. We will use the talents of our young people on the **second Sunday of the month** to lead us in song and to share their special music.

The next time they will share as part of the **11:00 a.m. service is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents, are you looking for a night out without the kiddos? Please feel free to drop off your kids from **6-9 p.m.** in McLeod Hall on Friday evening, **November 13.**

We will have games, crafts, snacks, and Bible stories to keep your children in fifth grade and below entertained while you enjoy time for yourself.

The event is **FREE** but space is limited. Please contact Amy McKee by Wednesday, November 11 to reserve your child's space (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org).

OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **November 16 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Carlo Devito's book, *Inventing Scrooge*.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title have been ordered and should be in our library soon. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at Jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.



Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* for Worship

When we read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, the story is punctuated with references to **WORSHIP**.

Less than a month after our church was organized in December of 1886, the first public worship service was held in a room over a downtown Winter Haven store. In the course of our church's first year, the location of public worship included a hotel, a schoolhouse, and a tomato packing house. By 1893, a permanent house of worship was completed and now we gather each Lord's Day in a sanctuary where God has been worshiped for nearly 90 years.

Our history is one that is rich with **WORSHIP**, and gathering to adore and praise God continues to be the cornerstone upon which our life together is built.



Worship at First Presbyterian Church is an every Sunday event (and some special times in between). In our Sunday morning worship services at 8:50 am (The Gathering) and 11:00 am (The Traditional Service), we gather for spiritual fellowship with the family of God. We lift our voices together in confession, thanksgiving, intercession, and song. We are aided in our worship by incredible music from organ, piano, bells and other instruments, and our choirs. We come to focus our lives again on God, and then we go out to live for God in the world.



Our worship life also includes services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and the Services of Healing and Wholeness.



Whether we assemble for the Gathering (Sunday at 8:50 a.m.) or our more traditional service at 11:00 AM, one of our special services during Lent or on Christmas Eve, or on the occasion of a funeral or wedding, the worship of God Almighty is at the heart of what we are at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. As we make **FIRST PRES** our **FIRST CHOICE** for **WORSHIP**, we are the body of Christ together.

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

11/1	George Butz Benjamin Jax Judith Suprina	11/11	Judith Shull	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Steve Negley
11/2	Ellen Miller Amanda Plowden	11/12	Ellie Hoagland		Morris Reddout Caroline Sibley
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley Karla von Hahmann	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind		Suzann Threadgill
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/14	Jason Doty Ricky Montney, III	11/23	Preston Allen Garrison Bogdahn Miles Bogdahn
11/5	Missie Snively	11/15	Len Hollister Phyllis Legg	11/24	Adam Hahn Jonathan McKee
11/6	Amanda Price Hanley Renney		Carly Salomon Tammy Slocum Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/16	Mary Pat Harding Cameron Weeks	11/26	Eliezer Bilancio Paula Forrest Ted Harland Randal Summerlin Penn Tucker
11/8	Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Chris Larson Judie Tucker	11/17	Henry Braun Jaleeann Johnston Barbara Stevens	11/27	Dave Dershimer Lauren Hobgood Tracy Mercer Chuck Tate Rose Williams
11/9	Carolyn Hatch Carole Marotti Amy Speer	11/18	Aaron Andrews	11/28	Debora Pearson Louise Volpe
11/10	Beth Luxford Robert Mishael Padgell Palo Greg Prather	11/19	Leonard Gann Regina Keplinger William Rowker Christopher Turner	11/29	Jackson Gainey Wade Groetsch
11/11	Cheryl Beckett Zane McCann Rosalind McCoy	11/20	Todd Dantzler Elaine Dustin Marie Williams	11/30	Millie Carrier Bob Hubbard Tish Turner
		11/21	Charley Chilton Jay Pearson George Seagraves		

Anniversaries

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann Nancy & Ken Jorgensen	11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/25	Deborah & Terry Rayfield Mary Ann & Harvey Snively
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon Janet & Martin Paxton	11/17	Karen & Tony Premuto	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas	11/27	Marilyn & Marion Hearn Gayle & Bill Johnston
11/12	Janet & Bob Howard Kay & Jay Stine	11/20	Kelly & Hamp Walker		Arletta & Joe Oriani
		11/22	Marie & Roger Able Candy & Larry Marshall	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
		11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith		

NOVEMBER 15, 2015 FLOWERS

FYI... the flower spot on the chart for **November 15** has opened up.

Take advantage of this opportunity to honor someone you love.



PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR ACOLYTE



Acolytes are needed at the 8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located on the informational bulletin board in the CE Building. Please sign-up your child ahead of time so we can include his/her name in the bulletin.

Any child who is in first through fifth grade can acolyte. Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail amckee@firstpreswh.org with any questions.



FRIENDSHIP CALLERS



We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller. You do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another who is lonely and/or cannot get out on their own.

Please call Ray, or one of our present Friendship Callers: Bill Allen, Orrin & Helen Champlain, Ed & Joan Houston, Joey Johnston, Phyllis Legg, or Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to be given out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).



LOCAL MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED

When you are out and about, please consider picking up some of these items for a few of our local missions:

- **Family Emergency Services** - Food pantry items.
- **Soup Kitchen** - Travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and razors.
- **Angels Care** - Food pantry items, travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, Bible themed coloring books, crayons, small books, stickers, wash cloths, band aids, wet wipes, antibacterial soap, and antibiotic ointment.





COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, November 17 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday; next meeting, November 9 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, (9:45 A.M.) & ADULTS (10 A.M.)

A Nursery is available for children 2 and younger during the 8:50 Gathering, Sunday School hour, and 11 a.m. worship service.

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the new children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from **9:45 - 10 a.m.** with Ms. Lynn.

Preschool Children will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

Elementary aged children will enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from **9:45 - 10:45 a.m.** During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.



WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR ADULTS TO ENJOY THIS FALL

Please join **Lia & Jay Gray** as they facilitate Andy Stanley's series titled, *Staying In Love*. This class will meet in Room 207 of the CE building from **November 1 – November 22**. Please join us for one Sunday or all four Sundays. We all know what's required to fall in love. A pulse. Falling in love is easy. But staying there? That's something else entirely. Come connect and engage with us during this lively discussion on marriage.



The Perspectives Class will start a new series on the book—*What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel & Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room.

Dr. Negley will lead **Faith as a Verb** - Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews shows snapshot after snapshot of faith in action. Join us as we use this one chapter, and the rich list of heroes and heroines of our faith, as our starting point for weekly conversations about how we live faithful lives as God's people. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.



Have Your 2nd Cup of Coffee on Us - Coffee House Chat will meet in the Mary Spencer Reference Library at **10 a.m.** We will offer a brief devotion, coffee, and goodies. Come enjoy fellowship with your First Pres friends!



MORE BLESSINGS THAN I EVER EXPECTED!

Here's what one Stephen Minister has to say about Stephen Ministry:

"At first I wasn't sure about all this caregiving stuff. I mean, didn't I love others enough already? Then I finished my Stephen Ministry training and met with the person for whom I provided care. Now I know what Christian love is all about! I didn't expect the wonderful gifts of love and friendship that God gave me through my caring relationship. What a wonderful ministry this is!"

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting after the first of the year. Consider this ministry opportunity. Watch for more details.



PLEASE HELP US VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.



At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!



If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** 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 will 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 bag 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. 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!

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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 372 bag lunches the week of 10/19/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 83 people on 10/24/15.



IN CELEBRATION OF VETERAN'S DAY (NOVEMBER 11)

Church members,
George and Beverly Seagreaves,
have donated a new American flag to our church,
for use in McLeod Hall.

This beautiful flag will grace the room year-round, and be useful for our annual patriotic sing-along at our July Fourth Church-wide luncheon.

Thank you, George and Beverly for the thoughtful gift.