



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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134 Years of Ministry

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BEING THE CHURCH WHILE FACING A VIRUS

We want to be the faithful body of Christ in this time of uncertainty. To address the spread of the Coronavirus, our church will be practicing what is being called SOCIAL DISTANCING. If/when there are confirmed cases of the virus in Polk County, we will be moving to VIRTUAL WORSHIP. If public health officials request/require churches to refrain from holding public worship services, we will have Sunday services STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE at 9:15 am and 11:00 am. (These videos will then be on our website by Sunday afternoon.)

PLEASE HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU. Email Connie at the church office (cshipley@firstpreswh.org) so that we can add you to our system for email updates. Also check our Facebook page for meeting and activity updates.

And remember: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.* Psalm 46:1

YOU CAN GET CONNECTED

We are excited to announce that we now have guest **Wi-Fi** available here at First Pres!

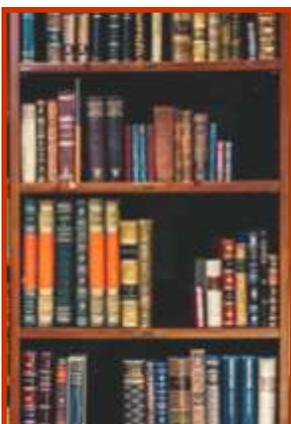
On your device, choose one of our two networks:

First Presbyterian Main in the sanctuary building OR
First Presbyterian Edu in the education building and student center
The password **Connect@1st** can be used for both networks.

ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB Next Meeting, March 19, 3 pm in McLeod Hall

Once upon a time . . . The First Presbyterian Church Book Club has learned the history of foreign countries (*A Gentleman from Moscow*), the history of our own state (*Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flagler and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Railroad that Crossed an Ocean*), and stories of our country (*The Last Castle*), has been inspired by true life accounts (*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*), and even inspired to undertake secret projects (*The Thirteenth Gift*). Most of all, we have learned empathy by considering the viewpoints of the characters in the books and respecting the opinions of each other!

What is your favorite type of book to read? At the last meeting, our club voted to each bring one book that proved meaningful and present it to the club. From these, we will comprise our ongoing reading list. This is your chance to bring one of your favorites! If you have participated before, or have never participated, please come! We want to know what you think!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

Monday, March 23

- 10:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, March 24

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 4:00 pm Music Director Search (MCR)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30 pm Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 26

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 27

- 6:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 28

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

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 our pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay in touch
with the congregation!**

*Our Christian sympathy goes
to Judy Partridge &
Kathy Lockhart, upon the death
of their husband/father,
Ed Partridge, who died on
Monday, February 3, 2020*

*Our sincerest sympathy to
Gail Jones, upon the death of
her husband, Jay Jones,
who died on
Friday, February 21, 2020*

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Doris Hill	Zane Schwenk
Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	George Seagreaves
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Isobel Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Carl Cheatham	Jim Huff	Bob Sheffield
Charlie Darte	Martha Johnson	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Bill Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Yolanda Dyer	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Dana Elmore	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jim Francis	Don Martin	Carolyn Thompson
John Gray	Pat McCarty	Ellie Threlkel
Jane Hayman	Bob McClew	Mike Vibral
Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Joe Volpe
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Gwen Waters
Kay Hedden	Arletta Oriani	Sug Zowarka
	Barbara Roberts	
	John Schleifer	

Relatives & Friends

Belle Barris	Lauren Schwenk's friend
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker's friend
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Tom Francis	Jim Francis' brother
Allison Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Debbie Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Christy Hemenway	Bob & Lisa Endres' friend
Kate Hurd & family	Kathy Cheatham's friend
John Kluberg	Nancy Dobler's brother
Laura Lawson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Jim Marrs	Greg Marrs' brother
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Jackie Murphy	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jean Murphy	Lynn Oakley's mom
Paula Penna	Steven Lockhart's friend
Sydney Alexis Rich	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Deborah Strother	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Jeanie Williamson	Jack Pinckney's friend
Doris Wilson	Steven Lockhart's friend

MILITARY



Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti
Robert Ferguson	Mathew Massam
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor



SATURDAY NITE LIVE CANCELLED

In taking precautions for the Coronavirus, the March 21 Saturday Nite Live has been cancelled.

SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Wednesday, April 8 at 1 pm** in the Girl Scout House.

In the meantime, if you are curious or slightly interested and would like to see the patterns, materials, have a suggestion, or want to get started, please contact Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade meets **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

TABLE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER MORNING

Maundy Thursday Dinner: April 9 at 5:30 pm

Joyce Snively will cater this event for us. The main course is Breast of Chicken Tetrastini accompanied by a garden salad and roll. For dessert, she offers us: pineapple upside down cake or yellow cake with chocolate frosting. A children's menu of mac 'n' cheese and chicken nuggets will be available for younger children. The cost is just \$9 for youth and adults, and \$4 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door. Please join us for dinner in McLeod Hall before partaking of the Lord's Supper.



Please RSVP by **Monday, April 6**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting it in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

Easter Breakfast: Sunday, April 12 at 9 am



A Simple, but Elegant Easter Breakfast is being offered this year to provide a delicious and attractive breakfast with good fellowship. At the same time, we are striving to minimize the labor expenditure of our volunteers so that all may enjoy worship and activities on this holiest day of the Christian Year.

The Easter Breakfast menu is: fruit cup, Quiche Florentine (an egg pie with spinach, mozzarella, and feta cheeses) or Quiche Lorraine (an egg pie with bacon, swiss cheese, and onions) and assorted muffins with coffee, milk, and orange juice. The children will have mini donuts and assorted cereals. A donation of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children is suggested to defray the cost of this meal and will be collected at the door.

Come and enjoy a great Easter breakfast after the 8 am worship or before the 9:15 am worship, Egg Hunt, and 11:00 am worship!

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, April 8**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting it in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT NOW BEING COLLECTED



Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on **Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am**. But we need your help! Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this FL heat. Look for the baskets in McLeod Hall to drop off your donations.

And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:
"Love Carved in Stone" – *A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **April 13 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **April 21 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the *church office to purchase your copy*. *Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.*



REMEMBER: FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Heading out of town but still desire to be part of this worshipping community on Sunday?
Heard something lovely said or played in worship and need to hear it again?
Want to share with a friend a taste of worship with First Pres?



Then visit the our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/>! Every Sunday we will be live-streaming the 9:15am Heart of Worship and 11am Traditional worship services on our Facebook page. These services will be available by video after worship as well.

The church website at <https://www.firstpreswh.org> will also continue to have recordings of Sunday's worship on the main page. Scroll down to "Latest Videos" at the bottom.

Either way, there are opportunities to worship with your church family when you cannot be present in person.

HOW ARE YOU DOING? Are you going through a difficult time?



Lost a job?
Living with depression?
Lost a loved one?
Going through a divorce?
Living with an illness?



Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people.

If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208**.
Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Connie Shipley, or Jean Strang.

CLASS OF 2023

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation in its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



HOW MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES WOULD YOU LIKE?

We are custom printing our offering envelopes this year. If you would like to have envelopes and have not received them yet, please contact Rose in the church office at 294-3121 or rflynn@firstpreswh.org.

NAME TAG ORDER FORM

"My Go By" First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

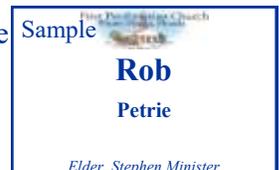
Cell Phone: _____ Can we text you? Yes [] No []

We are requesting your address, phone and e-mail in order to update church files.

OPTIONAL: "Conversation Starters"-The space on the name tag has room for three additional items. Please fill in the appropriate information by one or more items below:

Birthday-Month/day: _____ Birthplace/Hometown: _____

Year joined First Pres: _____ Sunday School teacher (class): _____





FUNTIMERS

FunTimers and Friends, we're going on the road again! Please join us for a trip to **Bok Tower Gardens on Thursday, April 23**, leaving the church at **9:30 am**. The sign-up sheet and info are at the entrance to McLeod Hall. The schedule for the day at the Gardens includes: buy a ticket (\$15 ea.), view an orientation video and art exhibit, walk the trails at your own pace and take time to sit and enjoy the views, when you're hungry enjoy breakfast or lunch at the café, visit the gift shop and then find a place to sit and listen to the 30-minute Carillon Concert at 1 pm. We will leave at 1:45 pm.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES SEARCH

The Session has appointed a Director of Music Search Committee, and they have been busy this year preparing to search for Lynn McCoy's replacement. The committee (Mike Harris, chair, Sara Hank, vice-chair, Karen Premuto, secretary, Lia Gray, Sean Ivey, Ed Smith, Devin Thompson, Nat West, Mike Seney, and Steve Negley ex-officio) has helped the Session update the position description, and create materials to advertise the position, and are currently posting ads and hope to be receiving resumes in the days to come.



If you know of someone who might be interested and qualified to serve as our new Director of Music Ministries, please direct them to our church website for more information. And please keep the committee, Lynn, and all those involved in our music programs in your prayers in the coming months.

HELPING HANDS ON FIRST SUNDAY



Did we over look you for helping with a First Sunday Luncheon at First Presbyterian? If your answer is "Yes," then you are invited to call the Church Office at 294-3121 and tell Connie or Rose of the date that you would like to help. You can also call MaryBess Thompson at 863-398-2600 or Erin Miller at 863-585-4259 and let these members of the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee know of your interest and availability.

Thank you!

CE SAVE THE DATES

All-Church Retreat May 2-3 at CedarKirk

Registration and this year's theme to be announced soon. But plan on joining us for a relaxing weekend away in the pines. All types of families and individuals are invited to join us.

Vacation Bible School: June 14-18

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor

This summer, our brave knights will grow in their strength of the Lord and His power at *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, **Vacation Bible School** starting **June 14 through the 18**. So mark your calendar now to help kids take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love to the world! Registration for volunteers and kids is just around the corner.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS



Middle School Youth meets on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Join our leaders and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along too.

High School Youth, our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with leaders gather on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.

Both groups meet in the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW).

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. *A Time with Younger Disciples* will be included when we have children in attendance.



9:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

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



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN & ADULTS: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

FOR THE CHILDREN



SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1st through 5th grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.

Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at www.weareSparkhouse.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERSPECTIVES

The Adult Perspectives Class is studying a DVD/discussion series titled *Honoring Creation* where we interact with seven acclaimed scholars, theologians and authors exploring what is next for Christianity. We ponder what our response to God's creation might look like for ourselves and others in the 21st century. The focus of this session is: *Restoring Our Relationship With the Divine*. This class meets at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED



If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session, so contact Lynn at 701-570-1485 and let her know if you are willing to join

Our Purpose Statement

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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 169 bag lunches
the week of 3/9/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 3/14/20.

Return Service Requested

2020 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 12**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, April 6**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 am service Easter Sunday.

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

