



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Week of January 10, 2021

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135 Years of Ministry

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COME TO THE TABLE WITH OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

This **Sunday, January 10** our congregation will celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Deacons and Elders, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Being ordained and/or installed will be: **Cindy Chilton, Lisa Endres, Lindsey Ivey, Mike Seney, & Aurora Walker** to the office of Elder and **Becca Alexander, Kevin Britt, Hadley Owen, Amy Speer, & Gail VanAllen** to the office of Deacon. These new officers will also assist in the service of communion in worship.

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE

Completing three-year terms of service are:

Elders

**Richard Baker, Justin Hoagland, Amanda Olmert,
Lauren Schwenk, MaryBess Thompson**

Deacons

Laura Frost, Cecilia Linn, David Nicholson, Karen Premuto



JANUARY CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Rev. Sarah in our virtual Sunday School classroom beginning this **Sunday, January 10**, with Jesus and His disciples sharing the good news! Our lessons will include links to make playdough at home, as well as marble mazes and some time to pray.

Visit the link on our church website.



I HAVE
CALLED YOU
BY NAME.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Starting Wednesday, January 13 at 6 PM



Worried about this year's financial impact and wanting to build a healthier conversation around money in your household? Need help and support in creating a family budget and getting real about planning for the future? Just want to be honest about questions with those who have been there for financial blunders? Then it's time for Financial Peace!

Join Pam and Lee Wilkerson for this 9 week class to talk about these issues and so much more. No judgement and no shame as we start **Wednesday, January 13**, meeting in McLeod Hall at 6 pm. You need to register early to get the work binder and the benefits of membership to FPU. Sign up NOW before the class starts at fpu.com/1124153

Opportunities this Week

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE 207)
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, January 11

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH/Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Christian education (GR)

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Personnel

Wednesday, January 13

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Community Outreach (MH)
- 4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (MH)

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 16

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



Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MILITARY

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Marie & Roger Able | Jane Hayman | Edna Mitchell |
| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Joyce Hayman | Richard Moots |
| Kathy Andrews | Frances Heath | Bethany Owen |
| Marty Bentley | Kay Hedden | Barbara Roberts |
| Pat Berrell | Doris Hill | John Schleifer |
| Jonye Briggs | Bryan Howard | George Seagreaves |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Isobel Hubbard | Bob Sheffield |
| Carl Cheatham | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Charlie Darte | Scott & Becky Irvin | Dale Smith |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Martha Johnson | Joel & Barbara H. Smith |
| Zan Dismuke | Dena Lancashire | Christine Stevens |
| Jana Easterling | Eric Lindstrom | Jean Strang |
| Dana Elmore | Spike & Jane Lucia | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Candy Marshall | Mike Vibral |
| John Gray | Anne Mcbride | Gwen Waters |
| Jane Hammette | Pat McCarty | Sug Zowarka |
| | Dick McCauley | |
| | Bob McClew | |

Relatives & Friends

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| Bruce Bachman | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| John Brack | Bill & Doris Brack's son |
| Curtis Capers | Pat McCarty's friend |
| Connie Craig | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Sherry Dart | John & Doris Brack's friend |
| John & Muriel Davis | Dick & Anne McCauley's friends |
| Susie Fisher | Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin |
| Donald Gatlin | Pat McCarty's friend |
| Bonnie Gaudet | Bob Howard's sister |
| Lynda Giles | Polly Wilson's niece |
| Jaimee Haley | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Louie Herman | Judy Lindsay's brother |
| Lynda Holyk | Paul Montgomery's sister |
| Lottie Johnson | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Verona Jones | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Mary Lenari | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Susan Lobdell | Jonathan Owen's friend |
| Sue Miller | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Don Nash | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| Michael Oriani | Joe Oriani's brother |
| Sandy Payne | Lynn Oakley's family member |
| Paula Penna | Steven Lockhart's friend |
| Joan Richter | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| George & Krysti Rowker | Mary Ellen Rowker |
| Eddy Ruperti | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Jane & Mario Scarpa | Judy Winfree's friends |
| Toni Shaw | Candy Marshall's friend |
| Barbara Sjolander | Judy & Richard Moot's friend |
| Bennie Spangers' family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Jim Steele | Bob Steele's brother |
| Nicole Upson | Amy McKee's friend |
| Sam Vac | Marcie Dersheimer's friend |

SOUP KITCHEN NEED

Do you have any UNOPENED wrapped plastic cutlery sets just sitting around your house? We can use them for our Soup Kitchen carry outs that we've been providing on Saturdays. If you would like to donate them, please bring them to the church kitchen.

CHRIST KIDS - WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is going on. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of out-door activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children 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 email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!



Youth groups have started meeting (socially distanced & safe) in-person again! We are so excited to be gathering outside the youth house and can't wait to see all of you soon.

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. We can't wait for another awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.

MEN'S LUNCH IS HYBRID, TUESDAYS AT NOON

You can join us socially distant in McLeod Hall.

OR

Join us virtually on Zoom. If you are not already receiving the Zoom invite, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.



REMEMBER ~ FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!



Heading out of town, but still desire to be part of this worshiping community on Sunday?

Heard something lovely said or played in worship and would like to hear it again?

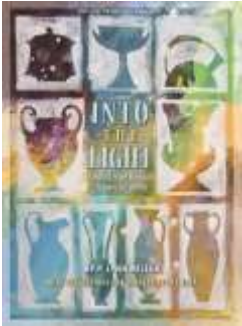
Want to share with a friend a taste of worship with First Pres?

Then visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/>! Every Sunday, we will be live-streaming the **9:00 am Heart of Worship** and **11:00 am Traditional** worship services on our Facebook page. These services will be available as videos after worship as well.

The church website at 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy Circles Bible Study is
Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament
by P. Lynn Miller.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **January 11 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **January 19 at 9:30 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.



WHAT'S NEW WITH SECUREGIVE?

With each transaction, there are fees charged by the credit card processing companies. Securegive now has a "Separate Fee Offset" option when giving online. This option, if chosen, will increase the transaction to help offset transaction fees, the fee amount will be calculated based on the selected payment method. These fees are up to 2.5% of the transaction depending on the card used (the amount will be shown once the option is chosen).

New donors will see this as one of their options and they must select yes or no. If you are currently using the online service you will need to go into your account and update your information, as it is not automatic.



The total amount will be considered a donation and will appear on your quarterly statement. If you have any questions, call Robin, (863)294-3121.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

Couples may use one form, please include both names.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1 Individual #2

Yes No Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

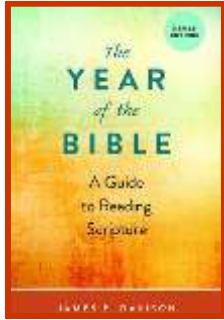
Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PREACHING THEME

TWO opportunities to discuss *A Year of the Bible*



Join your pastors and church family as we take the year to read the Bible beginning in Genesis and the Old Testament through Revelations and the New Testament. In each month, we will alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. A reading plan can be followed by picking up your copy of *A Year of the Bible* for \$10 from the church office. It offers an introduction chapter you may read at any time. Or you can download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We also invite you to join a class for deeper discussion!

Classes will be **Sundays at 10:20 am starting January 10** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am** starting on **January 13**.

If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Password **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see all your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **927 8723 9542**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Password **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see all your church family and wave "hi"

Reading Plan For Weeks 1 & 2

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for each week's class. For example if you are joining us for the Sunday Class, on Day 1 please have read that week's readings in the Old Testament and the New Testament. For the Wednesday class, starting on January 13 have those same chapters read to discuss and ask questions.

WEEK 1

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Genesis 1, 2	Matthew 1
2	Genesis 3, 4	Matthew 2
3	Genesis 5, 6	Matthew 3
4	Genesis 7, 8	Psalms 1, 2
5	Genesis 9-11	Matthew 4
6	Genesis 12, 13	Matthew 5
7	Genesis 14, 15	Psalms 3, 4

WEEK 2

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Genesis 16, 17	Matthew 6
2	Genesis 18, 19	Matthew 7
3	Genesis 20, 21	Matthew 8
4	Genesis 22, 23	Psalms 5, 6
5	Genesis 24, 25	Matthew 9
6	Genesis 26, 27	Matthew 10
7	Genesis 28, 29	Psalms 7, 8



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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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<p>Bag Lunch Ministry We gave out 105 bag lunches the week of 12/28/20. We gave out 540 bag lunches in December, 2020.</p>
<p>Soup Kitchen Ministry We fed 63 people on 1/2/21. We fed 290 in December, 2020.</p>

Return Service Requested

PRAYING RIGHT NOW FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer (Ezra 8:23).

Finding Stephen Ministers is the next step for our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now the church is praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers. Please include this need in your prayers. God answers our prayers because He is faithful.

Classes starting soon. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry, please contact one of the leaders below.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting contact one of the leaders below. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



Stephen Minister Leaders
Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Connie Shipley