



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 17, 2021

Issue 800

135 Years of Ministry

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. You can also download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We 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.

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Interim Associate Pastor

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Administrative Assistant

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Custodian

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 your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

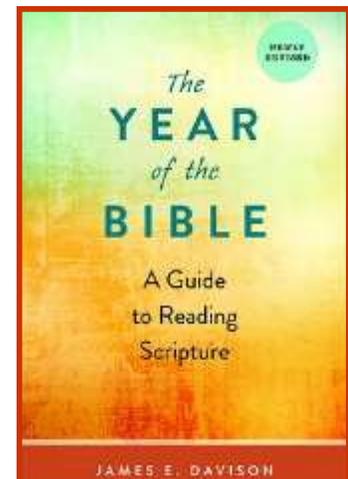
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Reading Plan For Week 2

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. For example if you are joining us for the Sunday Class, on week 2 please have read this 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 2 (Starting Jan. 10)

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
Sun	Genesis 16, 17	Matthew 6
Mon	Genesis 18, 19	Matthew 7
Tues	Genesis 20, 21	Matthew 8
Wed	Genesis 22, 23	Psalms 5, 6
Thurs	Genesis 24, 25	Matthew 9
Fri	Genesis 26, 27	Matthew 10
Sat	Genesis 28, 29	Psalms 7, 8



9 The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your name, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
 Psalm 9:9-10

Opportunities this Week

Sunday, January 17

3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 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 18

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, January 19

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Finance (GR/Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Deacon/Elders Joint Meeting (MH)

Wednesday, January 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 1:30 pm Congregational Care (MCR)
- 4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (MH)

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 23

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

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services this **SUNDAY, January 17.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, and Honduras.



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

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| Bruce Bachman | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Connie Craig | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Jaimee Haley | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Louie Herman | Judy Lindsay's brother |
| Verona Jones | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Mary Lenari | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Sue Miller | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Frank Myers | Pam Wilkinson's father |
| Don Nash | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| Sandy Payne | Lynn Oakley's family member |
| George & Krysti Rowker | Mary Ellen Rowker |
| Eddy Ruperti | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Jim Steele | Bob Steele's brother |
| Nicole Upson | Amy McKee's friend |
| Sam Vac | Marcie Dershimer's friend |

PLEASE NOTE:

We update the Relatives & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office at 294-3121.

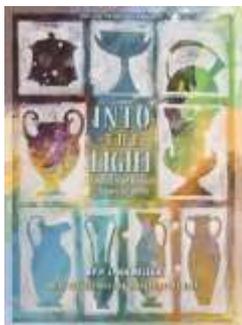
MILITARY

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

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Meghan, Geoff, Brianna, & Brett Hunter upon the death of their mother/grandmother, Susan Matko who died on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Margaret Braun upon the death of her husband, Henry Braun who died on Monday, December 28, 2020.

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 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.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet
on **February 8 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Wednesdays 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 meet in McLeod Hall on **Wednesdays 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



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SHARPENING KNIVES?

We are looking for a volunteer to sharpen our kitchen knives.

If you would like to help, please call the church office at 294-3121 to set up a time.



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.

AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church. They are available to loan to people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



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.

Dear Friends and Members of First Pres:

Knowing that “maintaining public worship” is one of the Great Ends of the Church, your pastors and Session members have prayerfully attempted to offer safe and spiritual opportunities for worship during this trying year.

We suspended in-person worship in March and celebrated on-line worship together each Sunday in the early days of the pandemic.

We kept our vibrant virtual worship as an option for our congregation as we re-opened the sanctuary to in-person worship in June. At that time, among our guidelines for in-person worship we:

Asked all worshippers at our 9 and 11 am services to maintain social distancing while entering and exiting, and while seated for worship.

Required face coverings to be worn while in the building for Sunday worship.

Asked people not to sing.

Last month, we amended our guidelines to allow singing while we continued to wear face coverings.

After hearing concerns about the experience of in-person worship from a number of participants, we are further amending our worship participation guidelines as follows:

People who wish to attend in-person worship at 9 AM will be asked to:

Maintain social distancing while entering and exiting, and while seated for worship

Wear a face covering while entering, exiting, and moving around in the building for worship. Once people are seated, socially distanced from all people except those in their chosen seating group, they may remove their face mask, if they choose, for that portion of the worship service.

If any person wishes to sing hymns or responses, we ask that you replace your face covering while singing.

And people who wish to attend in-person worship at 11 AM will be asked to follow our current worship guideline which include:

Requiring all worshippers to maintain social distancing while entering and exiting, and while seated for worship.

Requiring face coverings to be worn while in the building for Sunday worship.

Worshippers are invited to sing while wearing face coverings.

We hope that these modifications will allow all of us to safely worship God in a style that is meaningful and helpful in your faith life. And of course, our vibrant virtual worship experience will keep us all connected.

In Christ,
Steve Negley



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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 105 bag lunches
 the week of 12/28/20.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 63 people on 1/2/21.

LOCAL MINISTRIES NEED OUR HELP

The ministries supported by our church can use our help now more than ever. The Deacons have been in contact with those ministries to inquire about their current needs. If you wish to help, please consider the needs of these valuable partners in our community and reach out to them directly.



Meals on Wheels (299-1616)

Volunteer for Meal Delivery, Kitchen Prep & Packing, Thrift Store.

Polk Training (956-1620)

Call to see how you can help this program for adults with developmental disabilities.

Project Love (280-6947)

Donations of gift cards to Publix, Aldi, or Walmart.

The Mission (299-2348)

Donations of premade meals in large chef pans to serve about 100 people for lunch.

Habitat for Humanity (292-2256)

Receiving donations 9-10 am and 2-4 pm Tuesday through Friday.

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins.**

