



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 24, 2021

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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.

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

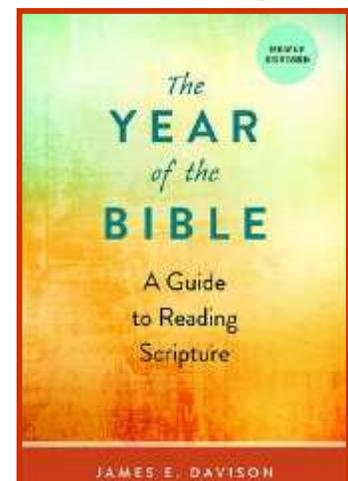
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Reading Plan For Week 2

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 3

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Genesis 30, 31	Matthew 11
2	Genesis 32, 33	Matthew 12
3	Genesis 34-36	Matthew 13
4	Genesis 37, 38	Psalms 9
5	Genesis 39, 40	Matthew 14
6	Genesis 41, 42	Matthew 15
7	Genesis 43, 44	Psalm 10



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16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
Colossians 3:16

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, January 24

- 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 25

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (MH/Zoom)

Tuesday, January 26

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:30 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 28

Friday, January 29

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 30

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

*The Session has called for
the Annual Meeting of
the Congregation
to Review the
Pastors' Terms of Call,
Sunday, January 31
at 10:30 am*

*in the sanctuary and by Zoom.
Look for Zoom instructions
next week here in
the Tower Chimes.*

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Connie Craig	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jaimee Haley	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Mel Howell	Judy Lindsay's friend
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
Louise C. Schutt	Larry Davis' mother
Chet Spires	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother
Nicole Upson	Amy McKee's friend
Sam Vac	Marcie Dershimer's friend
Carol Wilhelm	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
John Willson	Mary Marrs' brother

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

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	

NEXT PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 10:00 AM In McLeod Hall at a safe, social distance.



If you feel comfortable and like to knit/crochet, we would love to have you join us. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at (863) 294-3121 if you have questions.

ARE YOU SKILLED AT 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.



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 **February 8 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 **February 16 at 9:30 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 we 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



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.

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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.



SECUREGIVE NEWS



SECUREGive
Giving Made Simple

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.

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

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 119 bag lunches
the week of 1/4/21.

We gave out 90 bag lunches
the week of 1/11/21.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 1/9/21.

We fed 75 people on 1/16/21.

Return Service Requested

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.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join Rev. Sarah in our virtual Sunday School classroom has begun, 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 at firstpreswh.org.