



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 4, 2021

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135 Years of Ministry

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RESERVATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR EASTER WORSHIP



Our celebratory and joyful worship of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, **Easter Sunday, April 4** at First Presbyterian Church Winter Haven will require in-person reservations. Please go to <https://rsvp.church/r/vv6ROrfk> to reserve your family's spots if you plan to join us for in-person worship at **9 or 11 am**.

This glorious worship service will be filled with music, scripture, the Good News, and Alleluias.

And as always, both will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Alleluia He is Risen!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, 6:30 AM AT LAKE MAUDE PARK.



EASTER EGG HUNT



Children's Easter Egg hunt will be meeting on the front steps of the **Christian Education Building at 10:20 am Easter Sunday, April 4**. Be sure to bring your camera and an Easter basket to collect your eggs and make memories! Open to infant through 5th grade to hunt and youth, we would love your help hiding the eggs. We'll have separate areas for older and younger children for safety, and ensure there are enough eggs to go around. Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 am.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Remember **Easter** is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS)**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the narthex and OGHS is an option on Secure Give. Please place your money in these specially provided envelopes or your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with the memo line **OGHS** in the offering plate. Thank you!



He is not here:
he has risen!

Luke 24:6-7



Opportunities This Week

Sunday, April 4 EASTER

- 6:30 am Sunrise Worship (Lake Maude Park)
9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt (CE)
11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

Monday, April 5

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

Tuesday, April 6

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
5:30 pm Stephen Minister Training (UR)
6:30 pm Session (GR/Zoom)

Wednesday, April 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (Bell Room)
7:00 pm Chapel Choir (Music Suite)

Thursday, April 8

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (Bell Room)

Friday, April 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, April 10

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

Our Christian sympathy goes to Joel & Punkin Smith upon the death of their wife/mother, Barbara Smith who died on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Jane Hayman upon the death of her sister, Joyce Hayman who died on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

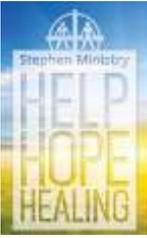
Relatives & Friends

Bachman Family	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
Bryce Beckham	MaryBess Thompson's friend
Jaidyn Craft	MaryBess Thompson's friend
Connie Craig	Lynn Oakley's friend
Louan Crumbly	Connie Shipley's friend
Susie Fisher	Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Ryan Hampton	Bill Lockhart's friend
Nonie Hicks	Bob & Cindy Steele's friend
Verona Jones	Lynn Oakley's friend
Margaret Katros	Lisa Endres' mother
Mary Lenari	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
John Linn	Sharon Mann's brother
Pat Lynch	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Susan Marsh	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Sue Miller	Lynn Oakley's friend
Leon & Barb Murphy	Bruce & Kate Eelman's friends
Frank Myers	Pam Wilkinson's father
Joyce Nunnallee	Nancy Dobler's cousin
Sandy Payne	Lynn Oakley's family member
Cindy Partlow	Marilyn Sheffield's cousin
Eddy Ruperti	Lynn Oakley's friend
Louise C. Schutt	Larry Davis' mother
Chet Spires	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Karen Stack	Bill & Doris Brack's daughter
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother
Sarah Summers	Lisa Endres' daughter-in-law
Nicole Upson	Amy McKee's friend
Sam Vac	Marcie Dershimer's friend
Carol Wilhelm	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Julie Williams	Steve Negley's friend
John Willson	Mary Marrs' brother

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	

OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS



Thank you for your prayers so far, please continue to pray for our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Minister trainees. Here is what they are studying this week.

Session Eleven (April 6), Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There. While most of their caregiving will take place in person, occasionally Stephen Ministers may also care for people over the telephone. In this session, our Stephen Minister trainees learn when using the phone is appropriate and how to provide care most effectively over the phone.

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.



APRIL CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM



Visit our Children's Sunday School virtual classroom in April, where we will meet Thomas and also Deborah. There will be snacks, music, and make your own marble maze. Check out the link on the website today and see what Rev. Sarah is up to in our classroom.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups are meeting at the youth house. We are so excited to be socially distanced & safe in-person!

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. It is an 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.



THE 2021 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANT DATES



Please remember these important points:

- * Include your best contact number.
- * Include the name of your florist.
- * Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 12 pm**
- * Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 11, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 28, 2020 and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following the 11am worship service.

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.

To place your order, please fill out this form, or you can notify the church office (office@firstpreswh.org or 863-294-3121) with your loved one's name, their relationship to you, and your name so we can remember with you on Bright Sunday.

The \$5.00 payment (if applicable) can be sent to or dropped off at the church office.

*Please have your orders in by **Tuesday, April 6.***

Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____



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- In the last quarter of 2020 alone, the church received **\$83.22**.



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.

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 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.

MORE ABOUT FACEBOOK

Stay in the know with everything First Pres on Facebook!

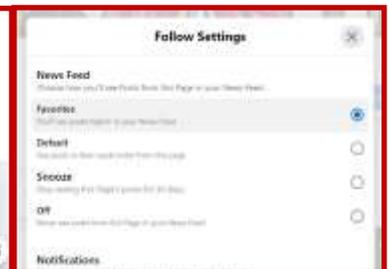
Have a Facebook Account and want to be sure you never miss a post, video, or update from your church? We have things happening daily!

1. Find our Church Facebook page by typing **@FPCWinterHaven** in the search bar.
2. Like our Page! Click the **'thumbs up' Like Icon**. You'll know that's done when the color changes from gray to blue. **IMAGE 1**
3. Set notifications by clicking the **Three dots** (circled) and then **'Follow Settings'** (circled). **IMAGE 2**
4. Mark First Pres as a **FAVORITE** and then click **UPDATE** and First Pres always be at the top of your news feed! **IMAGE 3**

IMAGE 1

IMAGE 2

IMAGE 3



WORSHIP MASK POLICY

Everyone is required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing while entering, moving throughout, and exiting the building.

People who wish to attend in-person worship at 9 am are asked to:

Once seated and 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 the face covering is replaced.

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

Face coverings are required to be worn at all times while seated for worship.

Worshippers are invited to sing while wearing face coverings.

Our session continues to review COVID safety measures for worship monthly.

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.



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.

ANGEL CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to their patients and families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children's kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without the donation of items to fill these kits! We have made and given out over 31,000 in the last 9 years!

But... in the last few months they have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. They are in particular need of deodorant, disposable razors, small combs, quart and snack size zip lock bags, Band-Aids, washcloths, sunscreen, small hand sanitizer, and small samples from hotel/motels. Also, any and all items for the senior bags, whatever will make their senior citizens' lives easier and brighter: laundry soap, Lysol cleaning wipes, paper towels, mugs or plastic plates, bowls, teabags, oatmeal packs, crossword puzzles/activity pads, seasonal item/décor, gift cards (Walmart, restaurants, etc.) You can put these items in the Angels Care collection box located in McLeod Hall.



Your help now and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

HAVE YOU LOST GLASSES...

Prescription, reading, or sunglasses?

Maybe it was last week, last month, or even last year? If so, we could have them.

We have a collection that has been found over time and would like to find their rightful homes. Please check the desk next to the maintenance office.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT 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.



2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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 are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**.

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 Passcode **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

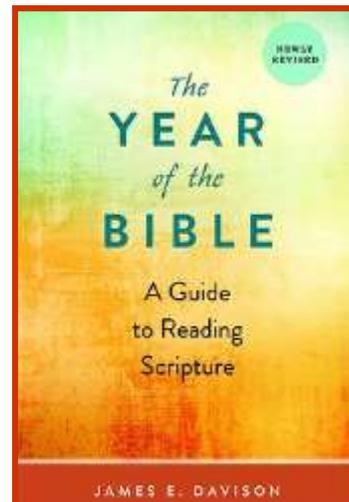
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Reading Plan For Week 13

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor.

WEEK 13

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Deuteronomy 23, 24	Romans 5
2	Deuteronomy 25, 26	Roman 6
3	Deuteronomy 27, 28	Roman 7
4	Deuteronomy 29, 30	Psalms 36
5	Deuteronomy 31, 32	Roman 8
6	Deuteronomy 33, 34	Roman 9
7	Joshua 1-3	Psalms 37



SECUREGIVE NEWS



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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.

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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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Church dated material, please deliver by 4/2/21.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 101 bag lunches
the week of 3/22/21.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 3/27/21.

Return Service Requested



MUSIC NOTES FROM JEREMY RATH

Hi Everyone! I am so excited to start rehearsals for Chancel and Chapel Bells and Chancel Choir. It will be so much fun to get to know you all better AND make music together! Rehearsals will begin the week after Easter and should be a familiar schedule to past members. **On Wednesday, April 7**, Chancel Bells will meet in the **Music Suite** at **6 pm** and Chancel Choir will be meeting in the **Sanctuary** at **7 pm**. Chapel Bells will meet on **Thursday, April 8 at 1:15 pm** in the **Music Suite**. All rehearsals will maintain mask wearing and be socially distanced. Chancel Choir will begin working on a Virtual Choir piece – more information will be presented at our first gathering. I am so looking forward to making music with you!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the church by phone at 294-3121 or email to jrath@firstpreswh.org. If you haven't participated before, we would love to have you join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**