



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## PALM SUNDAY



On the Christian calendar, Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. The name comes from the triumphal entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem and how the people waved branches taken from the palm trees to celebrate Jesus' arrival. Palm Sunday is often marked in churches with songs of praise and the joyful shouts of God's children.

Join us on **Sunday, April 10 at 9 or 11 am** to add your voice to the chorus of praise.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY



Please plan to join the church family on **Thursday, April 14** for supper and our Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

A fellowship meal will be served starting at **5:30 pm** in McLeod Hall. At **6:30 pm**, we will gather on this holy night in the sanctuary for a worship service and the Lord's Supper. The evening will conclude with the Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) as we listen to readings from the last hours of Jesus' life, extinguishing candles and stripping the church, until we leave the darkened worship space.

We hope you prepare for Good Friday and Easter at this special Last Supper Night Service.

## GOOD FRIDAY

The Chapel will be open for prayer and mediation on **Good Friday, April 15, 12-3 pm**

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17



The Community Sunrise Service will be held in Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Lake Silver at **6:30 am**.

We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at the **9 am** Heart of Worship Service and **11 am** Traditional Worship Service.

Easter breakfast will be served in McLeod Hall from **9:45-10:45 am**.

The Egg Hunt will meet on CE building front steps at **10:30 am**.

## STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

Rev. John F. Reiter  
Interim  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop  
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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.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 27

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
10:10 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)  
10:10 am Adult Sunday School (GR)  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 28

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
5:00 pm Nominating Committee (GR)  
6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating  
Committee (MH)

Tuesday, March 29

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)  
6:15 pm Worship & Music (MH)

Wednesday, March 30

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
10:00 am Lenten Chats (Chapel)  
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)  
5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 31

- 1:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)  
3:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 1

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
4:30 pm Children's Spring Bash (Cedarkirk)  
5:00 pm Confirmation Retreat (GC)

Saturday, April 2

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



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Douglas Harvey	Pat Miller
Kathy Andrews	Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell
Pat Berrell	Frances Heath	Richard Moots
Helen Champlain	Kay Hedden	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Charlie Darte	Bryan Howard	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jim Huff	Susan Singleton
Zan Dismuke	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dale Smith
Dana Elmore	Martha Johnson	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Dena Lancashire	Barbara Tackett
Til Fellows	Ray & Gladys Larson	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Rossanne Gorsky	Pat McCarty	Sug Zowarka
	Dick McCauley	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jessica Bowles .....	Peter Coppini's daughter
Sam Crivellone .....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jasper & Sam Gray .....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Dottie Griffith.....	Becky Everhart's friend
Jim Hindley .....	Mary Marrs' friend
Lori Houmard.....	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Tamara Jacobson.....	Autumn Jacobson's mom
Sally Mar Johnson .....	Lynn Oakley's friend
John Lauffer .....	Peter Coppini's nephew
Trish & Reed Layne.....	Larry Davis' friends
Calla & Sailor Moser .....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Mollie Muse.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kelly Oakley .....	Tommy Oakley's sister
Rosie Richardson.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristin Schmid.....	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter

### PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

### MILITARY

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

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE



The work of historians and archaeologists opens a thrilling world of discovery, as they bring their methods and insights to bear on the beloved narratives of the Bible. This illuminating series stops at key moments of scripture, Old and New, to bring it life with the latest historical and archaeological findings. Meeting in Geneva Room at **10:10 am** throughout the Spring.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade is meeting in the Christian Education Building, **10:10 am to 10:50 am**. Our children enjoy weekly rotating lessons, learning music, and the third Sundays will feature art projects! Join the fun between worship services on Sunday mornings.

## CLASS OF 2025



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.

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>DEACON</u>	<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____

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## ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY



It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 17**. 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 11**.

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): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 24, BUTTERFLY RELEASE



In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 11, 2021 and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following our Single Service Worship on **Sunday, April 24 at 10 am**.

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.

To place your order, please fill out this form, or you can notify the church office with your loved one's name, their relationship to you, and your name so we can remember with you on Bright Sunday. The \$5 payment (if applicable) can be sent to or dropped off at the church office.

Please have your orders in by **Tuesday, April 18**.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of butterflies: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased loved one: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Please join us for this special single service at 10:00 am.

## LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS



Join your pastoral staff for our Lenten Chapel Chats on **Wednesdays** at **10 am**, running through **April 13**. We are reading together ***Lent In Plain Sight***, by Jill Duffield.

Pick up your copy in the church office or contact Rev. Sarah, the books are \$10, and experience God's presence in everyday objects this Lenten Season.

## 2022 LENTEN PHOTO JOURNEY



We continue our photo-a-day Lenten daily devotional series. Share your relevant photo to the Facebook post. Or just save your photo to your own camera roll. We hope you've been able to intentionally focus on God's presence in the world around you.

Week of **March 27** words:

**Sun-Grace, Mon-Wash, Tue-Peace, Wed-Shoes, Thu-Death, Fri-Doubt, Sat-Forgiveness**

## EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED



It's time to prepare for some super happy children and the resurrection celebration at the *Easter Egg Hunt*! So please drop off individually wrapped candies, small toys or filled Easter eggs in McLeod Hall this month. Please no chocolate as melted chocolate is no fun in the FL heat. Thank you!

## BRIGHT SUNDAY – APRIL 24, 2022



For over two decades, we have celebrated Bright Sunday on the Sunday after Easter with joy and laughter. This year, the joy on **April 24** will be complete as we celebrate the **confirmation** of six of our church's young people: **Brody Brescia, Lexie Gunderson, Brett Hunter, Madey Palomaki, Laura Sparr, & Madison Thomas**. **Rev. Sarah, Connie Shipley, Dr. Negley**, and the members of the First Pres Praise Band will be planning and conducting our Bright Sunday Service. This **single worship service will be held at 10 am**, and will conclude with a butterfly release in the Memorial Garden and a fellowship luncheon in McLeod Hall.

## HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE

Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours or at [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid; meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) and ask to be added to the list.

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# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Shirley Ussery	4/13 Marcia Eycleshimer	4/24 Kelly Butz
4/2 Porter Flemming	4/14 Amena Roe	Clara Nell Dantzler
Kenny Lasseter	4/15 Tracy Garcia	Lydia Rennie
4/3 Glenn Thomas	Perry Oakley	4/25 April Porter
4/5 Richard Bogey	4/16 Steven Dunham	4/26 John Marchetti
Glynn Swango	McCree Stults	4/27 Lindsay Fitzgerald
Kalen West	4/17 Howard Beckert	4/28 Carolyn Greene
4/7 Russell Aaron	Scott Hart	Kyle Seney
Brandy Gray	Billy Melvin	Lucas Volpe
Caden Kok	4/19 Joni Gann	4/29 Alice Colgrove
4/8 Jacob Dantzler	Jane West	Matthew Gaines
4/9 Mal Boland	4/20 Jay Gray	Marilyn Sheffield
Katie Solomon	Roxane McCann	Alexandra Turner
4/10 Julius Windham	Julie Valk	4/30 Deane Briggs
4/11 Quentin Roe	Ansley Wales	Cynthia Curry
Mike Speer	Dave Wander	Judy Denlinger
4/12 Ellie Crowder	4/21 Kevin Grady	Remy Jacobson
Charlene Glenn	Corbin Hart	Dale Johnson
Meg Strang	Marcia Strang	Ryan Seney
4/13 Drew Baker	4/22 Harper Roe	Ellen Tate
Debbie Sowards	4/23 Kimberly Gaines	

## ANNIVERSARIES

4/1 Neal & Anne McBride	4/17 Dick & Susan Wales
4/4 Tom & Jeri Oldt	4/22 Ted & Paula Threadgill
4/6 Stephen & Beth Luxford	4/23 Michael & Meredith Baragona
4/7 David & Marcie Dershimer	4/25 Joe & Martha Burke
4/10 Carson & Kay Weeks	4/26 Shorter & Marcia Strang
4/12 Lauren & Zane Schwenk	

## CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



The past year has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a winter address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

## 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 (or someone you know) are 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**.

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 140 lunches  
the week of 3/14/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 49 people on  
Saturday, 3/19/22.

## SAVE THE DATES

 **MAY 8, 10 AM**  
**SINGLE SERVICE WORSHIP AND RECEPTION**  
**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SUNDAY**

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT, MAY 14-15



Register now! All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk will be a weekend away with your church family and friends. Scan the QR code and register today. Weekend and day rates available for families and individuals. See the brochure for more information, or contact Rev. Sarah

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 5-9



Scan the QR code to register today for Vacation Bible School. Registration is open for 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> graders as participants and volunteers can be teens through adults. It will be Monumental and a howling good time!