



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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FALL WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES



In discussing our *Summer Sundays Single Services*, the members of the Session have treasured the sense of fellowship in being together for worship. The Session has now decided for us to continue a single **10 am Sunday Worship Service** through the end of the year.

Our blended 10 am service will include the elements of worship that have helped our spirits soar to God for well over a century; prayers, scripture, sermon, and responses. And we will continue to be inspired in our weekly worship services by music from our Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choirs, Jazzbyterians, along with piano and organ by Jeremy Rath.

We hope you will join us as First Pres in-person or on-line each and every Sunday at 10 am.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, APOCRYPHAL JESUS RETURNS



Our Sunday School class, meeting in the **Geneva Room** starting **September 10 from 9:00 till 9:50 am**, continues its exploration of the Bible. Each class will explore 'apocryphal' or hidden writings about early Christianity, Jesus and his disciples. Join this fascinating class's interactive time with video lectures from a biblical scholar, guided conversations and visits from our pastors to answer your questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN RETURNS



Sunday School will begin on **September 10** for our children (PreK-5th grade,) growing in God's love after the time with younger disciples in worship service (**10:15-11:00am**), meeting in **CE room 206**.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 10

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Fall Single Service Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 4:00 pm Jeremy Rath Organ & Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, September 11

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GC)

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Membership (MH)
- 3:15 pm Christ Kids (Playground)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, September 15

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, September 16

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Sharon Ramseyer** upon the death of her husband, **Robert Ramseyer** who died on Sunday, August 27, 2023.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jim Huff	Joe Oriani
Pat Berrell	Scott & Becky Irvin	Jackie Pinckney
Orin Champlain	Mary Ann & James Koon	Mary Ellen Porter
Ellie Crowder	Ray & Gladys Larson	Sharon Ramseyer
Larry & Peggy Davis	Beth Luxford	Marilyn Schleifer
Jane Dickey	Pat McCarty	Dick Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Sue McClew	Joyce Shirah
Zan Dismuke	Amy, Joe, Jonathan, Timothy, & Grace McKee	Adam & Taylor Smith
Rob Donaldy	Pat Miller	Marcia Smith
Dana Elmore	Edna Mitchell	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Kathy Taber
Lynne Grady	Jeri & Tom Oldt	Barbara Tackett
Pam Gray		Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Ken Hart		Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Jane Hayman		Jim Vobornik
Shirley Hines		Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Holton & Briley Adcock	Catania	Khyla Martinez
Jameson Adcock	Caren Coleman	Kile McKee
Katie Barris & family	Scott Davis	Ed & Anne Neumyer
Dolores Clay-Barton	Phillip Deblinger	Dennis Ryan
Mike Bell	Ernie French	Kenny Shipley
Donna Brannen	Paul Gilliam	Ginger Stanley
Phillip Burkhardt	Hap Hazelwood	Karen Thompson
Nancy & Nicki	Stephen Houmard	Lori Turner & family
	Juan Joy	Jack Tyler & family
	Helen Lewis	Tara Wilkes
	John Linn	David Young
	Ada Lopez-Mendez	

MILITARY

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

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 152 lunches
the week of 8/28/23.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 80 people on
Saturday, 9/2/23.



Return Service Requested

JEREMY RATH ORGAN AND PIANO RECITAL



Come join us this **Sunday, September 10 at 4 pm** in the Sanctuary for a concert given by our Director of Music Ministries, Jeremy Rath. Jeremy will play a variety of music composed and arranged by American composers on the pipe organ and piano here at First Pres. Be sure to bring your singing voices, too, as there'll be a few hymns and songs for audience participation.

There will be a free-will offering at the door which will be split between our children's music ministry and the Museum of Winter Haven History. The Museum is in the process of restoring an 1890's Steinway Grand Piano and proceeds from this concert will go towards its restoration.

CHRIST'S KIDS RETURNS

Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids starts **Wednesday, September 13 at 3:15 pm** on the playground. At Christ's Kids, our mission is to develop and nurture disciples of



Jesus Christ while fostering and building relationships with the church community. This is achieved through supporting developmental relationships and growth of the children in our community, expanding biblical knowledge through stories, music and movement as well as serving and caring for other children of God while participating in helping the larger community.

Your child doesn't want to miss it! Kids PreK through 5th grade are able to join. Visit our website for this year's registration or contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpresw.org

NEW THIS FALL: CHRIST'S MOMS



Welcoming our newest fellowship and prayer group, Christ's Moms will begin meeting **Tuesday, September 19 from 5:30 to 7pm in CE room 102**. This monthly group of young moms will be invited for fellowship, support and advice on the third Tuesday of each month.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



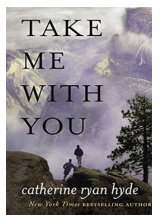
We will meet **Sunday, September 17** in McLeod Hall, **from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. Bring a covered dish to share OR bring your own meal as we enjoy fellowship together around the table.

We will dig deeper into the background stories as they relate to scripture and hear from their Biblical consultants! For this study we will watch the Bible Roundtable Discussion for Season 1, Episode 5.

We will also be putting together **The Chosen Bible Study Cookbook** soon! Join us to learn details. We look forward to seeing you!

BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Monday, September 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Take Me With You** by Catherine Ryan Hyde.



In this time of fellowship, we will discuss the story about good people doing their best to survive.

FUNTIMERS

Trivia and Potluck will be held in McLeod Hall on **Thursday, September 21 from 11 am to 2 pm**. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Chicken tenders will be provided. After lunch, each table will compete in a fun game of Trivia.



Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall, or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!