



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVING NATIVITY STROLL



Don't miss out on this incredible event as we celebrate the birth of Christ and enjoy amazing holiday music this **Saturday, December 9**. Come anytime between **6 - 8 pm** to see the story re-enacted and to walk through multiple stages of special music. While you stroll, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and some homemade cookies.

This event is sure to get you in the spirit as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. We hope to see you there!

CHAPEL CHATS



Come join Dr. Steve and Jeremy for a deep dive on some Advent and Christmas hymns. We will be in the Chapel on **Wednesdays at 11 am on December 6, 13, & 20** during the season of Advent.

Each week, we will look at the backstory of Advent and Christmas hymns, their connections to scripture, and share a little about the composers themselves. We'll even sing together! We hope to see you in these chapel chats as we prepare our hearts and our minds in great anticipation of God's greatest gift to us!

FUNTIMERS



Our next FunTimers event will be **Thursday, December 14, 11 am - 2 pm**.

You won't want to miss this special Christmas program & catered lunch. The menu will be ham, scallop potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, & cake. Lunch cost is just \$15.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-Site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, December 13

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 11:00 am Advent Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MCR)
- 1:00 am American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (Playground)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, December 14

- 10:00 am Lydia (MH)
- 11:00 am FunTimers Christmas Luncheon (MH)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, December 15

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, December 16

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Sharon Ramseyer
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Orin Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Ellie Crowder	Joanie Kooser	Katie Sparr
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Ray & Gladys Larson	Barbara Tackett
Zan Dismuke	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Rob Donaldy	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Dana Elmore	Edna Mitchell	Susan Wales
Bill Everhart	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Joyce Wander
Lynne Grady	Jeri & Tom Oldt	Gale & Gwen Waters
Pam Gray	Mary Ellen Porter	Stephen Winhoven
Ken Hart		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Juan Joy	Derb Pearson
Donna Brannen	John Linn	Dennis Ryan
Bobby Calvery	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Laurie Selling
Rick Cheney	Brian Marino	Emily Sheffield
Ernie French	Khyla Martinez	Lucinda Shelby
Pam Gordon	Joe Morton	Joyce Snively
Mitzi Gross	Ed & Anne Neumyer	Ruth Thiebout

MILITARY


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

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 197 lunches
the week of 11/27/23.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 86 people on
Saturday, 12/2/23.



NEW: AMERICAN MAH JONGG LESSONS

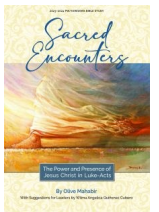


Please join us for the fascinating game of **American Mah Jongg**. Spend a fun and relaxing couple of hours in fellowship with your First Pres family. Don't know how to play? No worries. We will teach you. We meet weekly on **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the **Christian Education Building** in room **102**.

If you would like to play or learn to play, please contact Sharon Mitchell at 863-585-0170.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES

The **Lydia and Joy Circles** Bible Study is **Sacred Encounters** by Olive Mahabir.



The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 12, (special date)** at **10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month. The next meeting is **Thursday, December 14 (special date)** at **10 am** in McLeod Hall.

Our circles are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

POINSETTIA ORDER FOR 2023

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for all 3 worship services on Christmas Eve: **Sunday Morning Worship at 10 am, and Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 5 & 7 pm**. Please fill out this order form. The cost per plant is **\$15** and checks, marked "Poinsettia Fund", should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Monday, December 18**.

IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Donor(s) : _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Advent this year falls on **Christmas Eve!** Please plan to worship with us at our single **10 am** worship service as we complete our season of anticipating the birth of our Savior.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

For **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**, both worship services will help us to focus on the celebration of our Savior's birth with the reading of the biblical story and the singing of traditional carols.



The **5 pm** worship service will feature acoustic sounds of the season with our Praise Band and other musicians from our congregation.

The **7 pm** worship service will include music from our Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells.