



TOWER CHIMES

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BIBLE, BLUEGRASS, AND BBQ SUNDAY

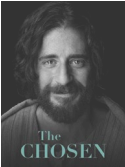


We hope you will join us for our **Bible, Bluegrass, and BBQ Sunday** on **February 4!** During our worship service at **10 am**, all our music for that day will be from the Bluegrass Gospel tradition. The Chancel Choir will share some oldies like *Down in the River to Pray* and *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?*. You will be able to sing along on some favorites as well, such as *When We All Get to Heaven* and *Church in the Wildwood*.

Accompaniment for the service will be provided by our very own **Polkabilly Presbyterian Orchestra** featuring Laura Greenberg on fiddle, Nat West on banjo, James Koon on mandolin, T. Michael Stavres on guitar, and Squire Smith on the upright bass! Dr. Negley will be preaching on the parable of the Prodigal Son from The Gospel of Luke.

Following our worship, we will gather for a BBQ luncheon in McLeod Hall. Our menu will feature pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Moon Pies for dessert. You won't want to miss this day of worship, praise, and fellowship!

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 PREMIERE



Our Bible Study group has finished seasons 1 through 3 of this film and discussion series.

The first three episodes of the new season are being released in theaters in February. You are invited to join us on **Sunday, February 4 at 3:15 pm** at Eagle Ridge Mall. If you would like to join us, please contact the church. For those who would like, you can meet at the church at **2:30 pm** to carpool.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 4 CONFIRMATION BIBLES

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Single Service Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 2:30 pm The Chosen Movie Carpool (MH)
- 3:00 pm The Chosen Movie (Regal Theater LW)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 5

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 5:30 pm Saturday Nite Live Planning (ER)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Session (MH)

Wednesday, February 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE)
- 5:15 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, February 8

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, February 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, February 10

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Stephen Abbott	Caitlyn Grady	Pat McCarty
Ann Adams	Lynne Grady	Pat Miller
Pat Berrell	Pam Gray	Edna Mitchell
Kelly Butz	Heidi Munoz-	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Orin Champlain	Gutierrez	Arletta Oriani
Ellie Crowder	Ken Hart	Sharon Ramseyer
Gail Damkjer	Jane Hayman	Dick Shaw
Kathy DeLoach	Wade Hoffman	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jim Huff	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Barbara Tackett
Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Gloria Goss	Lynn Lassater	Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	John Linn	Emily Sheffield
Donna Brannen	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Lucinda Shelby
Rick Cheney	Brian Marino	Ginger Snively-Chad
Ernie French	Khyla Martinez	Joyce Snively
Pam Gordon	Dick McCauley	Randy Spiwak
Brian & Anna Griffin	Joe Morton	Ruth Thiebout
Mitzi Gross	Ann Reddout	Steve Weeks
Juan Joy	Dennis Ryan	

MILITARY

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

OUR SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Lynn Aaron, Jeremiah & Jenna Johnston** upon the death of their daughter/wife/mother, **Jaleann Johnston**, who died on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Marilyn Schleifer** upon the death of her sister, **Gayle Moore**, who died on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.



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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 227 lunches
the week of 1/21/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 85 people on
Saturday, 1/27/24.



Return Service Requested

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



The annual *Souper Bowl of Caring* football game will be **Sunday, February 11** at **2 pm** at the Polk State College soccer fields! Come join as the Geezers & Youth tackle hunger together.

Bring your canned goods donations to the church any time from now until the end of February to support our Feeding the Hungry ministry. Thank you!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Join your church family around the table with a delicious pancake supper on **February 13** at **6 pm** in McLeod Hall. We'll do some fun Mardi Gras activities and of course, the highly anticipated pancake race! Other options will

be available for children who do not eat pancakes. You don't want to miss it.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



Be sure to pick up your copy of this year's family Lenten Daily Devotional. Each day you'll have a simple scripture to read, and word of the day to take a picture of in your life that reflects that word. There will also be opportunities to share those photos through our church Facebook page. Printed copies are in the Narthex or you can download from our church website.

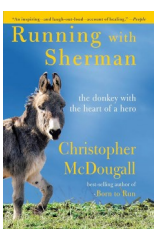
FUNTIMERS VALENTINE'S PARTY...



Will be on **Monday, February 19** from **11 am** to **1 pm** in McLeod Hall. A catered lunch will include Chicken Marsala, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Key West Vegetable Blend, Salad, and Red Velvet Cookies. Price for lunch is just \$15. Bring a blank valentine card to share.

Sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

MARCH BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, March 18** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *Running with Sherman*, by Christopher McDougall.

We hope you will join us for this heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our *Ash Wednesday* service on **February 14** at **6:30 pm** in the sanctuary.



You will hear the Word proclaimed, and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the cross.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The season of Lent continues on **Sunday, February 18**. We will start our walk to the Cross with a celebration of the Lord's Supper at our **10 am** worship service. We hope you will join us throughout Lent in worship, faith formation, and Christian service.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The membership committee has decided that we will produce a new church pictorial directory in house. When completed, every church family will have at their finger tips pictures, address and contact information for the entire congregation.



You can submit your photo in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to cshipley@firstpreswh.org. If you prefer, a committee or church staff member will be happy to take your picture Sunday after worship, or during office hours.

Please email your contact info if you have had any recent changes. Example, you have eliminated your land line.