



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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AN ADDITIONAL SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY RETURNS FOR SPRING



The Session is pleased to announce that our Early Sunday Morning Chapel Worship Service will return for the balance of the spring season. From **April 21–May 19** members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8:00 am**, OR the sanctuary at **10:00 am**.

We plan to focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be a children's Sunday school offered during the 8:00 am hour, but the pastors will include A Time with Younger Disciples in the service with any children who might attend.) Both Sunday worship services will include a variety of styles of offering our praise to God through music. We hope you will join us this spring at one of our worship gatherings.

PLEASE PLAN TO WORSHIP WITH US IN THE MONTH OF MAY



You can start your day (and week) with our 8 am Chapel worship services or our 10 am Sanctuary worship services with special celebrations on the first three Sundays.

Sunday, May 5 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

We will honor our church's graduating High School Seniors with a special Bible presentation in worship, and a reception following the 10 am service.

Sunday May 12, (Mother's Day) CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

We will mark the end of Confirmation with our church's sixth grade young people, and this milestone in their faith journey.

Sunday May 19, PENTECOST

We will come to the Lord's Table to mark the Birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ, and the sending of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Christ's followers.

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>.

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.*

STAFF

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Senior Pastor

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Administrative
Assistant

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Director of
Maintenance

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Custodian

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28

- 8:00 am Early Sunday Morning Chapel
Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, May 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, May 4

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

FUNTIMERS



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, May 23**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **11:00 am** then travel to Theatre Winter Haven for a backstage tour. After the tour we will have lunch and return to the church by **1:30**.

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

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. We meet weekly on **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the **CE 102**.

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Mike & Cheryce	Pat Miller
Jonye Briggs	Harris	Edna Mitchell
Joe Burke	Ken Hart	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Kelly Butz	Jane Hayman	Arletta Oriani
Orin Champlain	Shirley Hines	Sharon Ramseyer
Gary Chilton	Wade Hoffman	Marilyn Schleifer
Ellie Crowder	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Scott & Becky Irvin	Marilyn Sheffield
Rob Donaldy	Wiley Koon	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Jill Kosmenschky	Barbara Tackett
Gloria Goss	Ray & Gladys Larson	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Caitlyn Grady	Lynn Lassater	Jane & Tim Tillman
Lynne Grady	Carol Lind	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Pam Gray	Sharon Mann	Gale & Gwen Waters
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat McCarty	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Wayne Berry	Bob & Judy Winfree's friend
Sara Cliett	Kalen West's friend
Tammy Cowart	Tilly Montney's sister
Mason Dorsey	Bob & Carol Carter's nephew
Millie Fowler Family	Judy Winfree's friends
Cole Gorham	Tom & Polly Ritter's grandson
Brian & Anna Griffin	Marilyn Sheffield's niece
Hobby Jeffrey	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Brandy & Avery Koeppe	Lee & Pam Wilkinson's sister-in-law
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Dick McCauley	Bob Hines' friend
Ann Reddout	Pat Reass' friend
Jack Robinson	Gale Waters' cousin
Nadine Waters-Robbins	Gail Damkjer's friend
Ginger Snively-Chad	Peggy Davis' friend
Randy Spiwak	Beth Koon-Spiwak's husband
Weeder Family	Zan Dismuke's friends
Steve Weeks	Zan Dismuke's friend

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	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	Drew Stapor
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/1 Sara Hanks
James Koon
Sean Lawlor
Grace McKee
Punkin Smith
Bo Snively | 13 Ryan Irvin
Karen Premuto | 5/24 Tony Premuto
Jim Vobornik |
| 5/2 Lydia Badnell | 5/14 Cindy Chilton | 5/25 Alison Batista
AJ Brescia |
| 5/4 Tristan Barthel | 5/15 Stephen Ciccarillo
Linda Dinger
Kelli Ivey
Brad Salomon | 5/26 CarLee Marchetti
Ashley Stroud
Randy von Hahmann |
| 5/5 Ray Larson
Joseph Lawlor
Jeri Oldt
Barbara Tackett | 5/17 Kial Irvin
Jacob Linn | 5/27 Lynda Coppini
Madey Palomaki |
| 5/6 Joanie Kooser
Don Martin | 5/18 Cathy Bentley
Shea Irvin
Paul Montgomery | 5/28 Garren Olmert |
| 5/7 Mark Bostick
Lilly Duce | 5/19 Courtney Massam | 5/29 Mia McCann
Rick Montney, Jr. |
| 5/9 Ellen Zeller | 5/21 Dorothy Plecenik
Porter Summers
Brett Swango | 5/30 Zeymond Jacobson
David Kalb
Michael Lawlor
Dillon Powell |
| 5/10 David Davidson
Jan Wales | 5/22 Bill Allen
Chalsey Lockhart
Laura Powell | 5/31 Kris Dunham
Ann Meadows
Clark Porter
Andy Ray
Nancy Shaw |
| 5/11 Laura Sparr | 5/22 Bonnie Walter
Callie Weeks | |
| 5/12 Jeffrey Powell | | |
| 5/13 Yolanda Dyer
Cheryce Harris | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5/1 Daryl & Darla Fenley | 5/21 Jon & Amy Powell |
| 5/3 Dale & Melody Johnson | Bob & Cindy Steele |
| 5/7 Bob & Chelle Doyel | 5/22 Patrick & Steffen Bentley |
| 5/12 David & Stephany Alexander
Brad & Kim Salomon | Al & Dolly Goetz |
| 5/14 John & Karen Clarke | 5/24 Paul & Bo Palo |
| 5/17 Lee & Pam Wilkinson | 5/25 Weegie & Cathy Bentley |
| 5/19 Ken & Sue Henry | 5/25 Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux |
| 5/20 Peter & Lynda Coppini | 5/27 Justin & Nicki Hoagland |
| Shawn & Cori Swango | 5/31 David & Amanda Jo Nicholson
Bob & Julie Wilson |

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling **Connie Shipley** at the church office. **Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Lisa Snyder.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 217 lunches
the week of 4/15/24. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 96 people on
Saturday, 4/20/24.

CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 9-13



We'll be going on a Summer Camp Adventure with God at VBS **Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13 5:30-8pm**. Registration is now open for children 4 years through 5th grade as participants. Teens and adults can volunteer as counselors or station guides. Visit the website to complete registration today! We'll start the evening out with a community dinner every night, then the adventure will begin. Can't join us? Check out the donation bulletin board for supplies needed. Also, contact Rev. Sarah if you have any special camping decorations, you'd like to loan for the week to set the scene. On this adventure with God, we will show children they can trust God all the time!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WITH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Only 5 more Sundays remain for Sunday School at 10:15am in Room 206, and one of Art! The Christian Education Committee would like to say thank you to the amazing teachers who made this year possible. Thank you to Amanda Rivers, Amy McKee, Amy Powell, Kay and Carson Weeks, Kelli Ivey, Lisa Snyder, Marcia Smith and Mary Ellen Rowker. Thank you for helping our youngest disciples grow in God's love this year. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 19.

CHRIST KIDS OFFERS THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



The Christian Education Committee would like to extend thank yous to this year's volunteers for Christ's Kids. Thank you to Amy McKee, Angela Scamehorn, Lisa Snyder, Mary Ellen Rowker, Mary Marrs and Sarah Counter. A special thank you is extended to our Director of Music, Jeremy Rath for engaging music time and leading the children in sharing their gifts with First Pres in worship. Thanks also to all the parents and the Stamp Club for snacks this year. We will celebrate the end of a great year on May 15.