



TOWER CHIMES

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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8



Beginning this **Sunday, September 8**, members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8:00 am**, OR the sanctuary (hope springs eternal) 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 fall at one of our worship gatherings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) starting **Sunday, September 8** after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays will be meeting in **Room 207**. We are excited for a year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.

ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Starting **September 8**, our Adult Sunday School will begin a new series, *The Story of the Bible*, meeting at **9:00 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In our fall lessons they will join a New Testament professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.

THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us on **Sundays, September 8 & 22, 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch season 4, episodes 7 & 8, respectively, from *The Chosen*, then discuss what we have seen. Please join us even if you haven't watched the series, we will help you catch up.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. Childcare will be provided.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 9:30 am Session to Receive New Members (ER)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:00 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

- 6:00 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, September 13

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, September 14

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Norm Patrick
Orrin Champlain	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Sharon Ramseyer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Betts Huff	Pat Reass
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Richard & Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Joyce Shirah
Bill Everhart	Jill Kosmensky	Katie Sparr
Gloria Goss	Ray & Gladys Larson	Linda Stavres
OCaitlyn Grady	Lynn Lassater	Barbara Tackett
Lynne Grady	Kyle Lease	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray	Pat McCarty	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat Miller	Gale & Gwen Waters
Ken Hart	Edna Mitchell	Lee Wilkinson
	Tom Oldt	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Chad Anderson	Juan Joy	Charles Sample
Wayne Berry	Tamara Keyes	Bob & Nikki Shade
Sara Cliett	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Craig Smith
Pat Cokewell	James & Eileen Martin	Ginger Snively-Chad
Diane Conaly	Jeannie Martin	Barbara Spinella
Tammy Cowart	Khyla Martinez	Lytic Taylor
Jenny Crane	Dick McCauley	Nadine Waters-Robbins
Mason Dorsey	Heather Nelson	Steve Weeks
John Elmore	Ann Reddout	Danny Williams
Cole Gorham	Jack Robinson	
Brian & Anna Griffin	Karen Sadler-Banks	
Bryan Howard		

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need head cooks & helpers for **Saturdays, September 7 & 21, and all of October**.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 215 lunches
the week of 8/26/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 112 people on
Saturday, 8/31/24.



CHRIST'S KIDS



Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids starts **Wednesday, September 11 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 Preschool age through 5th grade can join.

This year's registration is available on our church website.

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

Our fall Service for Wholeness will be this **Sunday, September 15** in the Chapel starting at **6:45 pm**. Prayers will be offered for healing and wholeness in our world, our community, our families, and our lives.

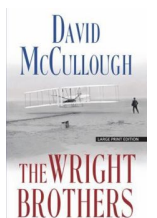


Dr. Steve Negley will be leading reflections on scripture and Jeremy Rath will be offering the music for the evening. Communion will be served to those present, and people will be given the opportunity to come forward for individual prayers and anointing with oil if desired. Please join us for this time of worship and communion.

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Monday, September 16** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss ***The Wright Brothers*** by David McCullough.

We hope you will join us for this story of two courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly.



FUNTIMERS RETURNS!



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, September 19**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **11 am** then travel to historic Ybor City for lunch at Florida's oldest restaurant, ***The Columbia***. The cost is the price of your lunch. We will have you back at the church by 3 pm.

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

CHOIR AND BELLS HAVE RETURNED!

Our First Pres Musicians have begun our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. If you are interested in joining us, please see our rehearsal schedule below:



Chancel Bells rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room.

Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00 - 8:15** in the Choir Room.

Chapel Bells rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room.

SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Looking for a way to connect with our young families and support the youngest disciples here at First Pres? Join the Sunday Nursery Volunteers list. By adding your name to our Nursery Volunteers list you will be contacted to be present in our Sunday Nursery as a second adult during the 10 am worship service. You'll be able to play, care for, and enjoy those little ones in CE room 203. It will be on a rotating and as needed basis.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Sarah.