



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 11, 2021

Issue 812

135 Years of Ministry

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BRIGHT SUNDAY! APRIL 11 9 AM AND 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

Adorned with your brightest colors, favorite Easter bonnet, and interest peaked for **Bright Sunday, April 11 at BOTH the 9 am and the 11 am service** we'll share in JOY. In allowing yourself to participate and experience joy, Bright Sunday in 2021 will be a service of retrospective joy, resurrection joy, and that futuristic, to-be joy. May we allow such joy to wash over us as we remember the memories that make us smile, the events that give us hope, and be open to the relentless, unceasing joy found in the Resurrected Christ. There may also be a few giggles and surprises too; open yourself up and reconnect to deep joy. Please note, our butterfly release in the Memorial Garden will occur following the 11 am service.



MUSIC NOTES FROM JEREMY RATH

Hi everyone! I am so excited to start rehearsals for Chancel and Chapel Bells and Chancel Choir. It will be so much fun to get to know you all better AND make music together! Rehearsals will begin the week after Easter and should be a familiar schedule to past members. On **Wednesday, April 7**, Chancel Bells will meet in the **Music Suite at 6 pm** and Chancel Choir will be meeting in the **Sanctuary at 7 pm**. Chapel Bells will meet on **Thursday, April 8 at 1:15 pm** in the **Music Suite**. All rehearsals will maintain mask wearing and be socially distanced. Chancel Choir will begin working on a Virtual Choir piece – more information will be presented at our first gathering. I am so looking forward to making music with you!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the church by phone at 294-3121 or email to jrath@firstpreswh.org. If you haven't participated before, we would love to have you join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy Circles Bible Study is
Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament
by P. Lynn Miller.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **April 12 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **April 20 at 9:30 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.



Opportunities This Week

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Sunday, April 11

BRIGHT SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 12

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH/Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (MH/Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, April 13

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:15 pm Community Outreach (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 14

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH/Zoom)
- 4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 pm Chapel Choir (Music Suite)

Thursday, April 15

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (Bell Room)

Friday, April 16

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, April 17

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

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| Marie & Roger Able | John Gray | Dick McCauley |
| Melvin & Debbie
Anderson | Jane Hammette | Bob McClew |
| Kathy Andrews | Jane Hayman | Pat Miller |
| Pat Berrell | Frances Heath | Edna Mitchell |
| Orrin & Helen | Kay Hedden | Richard Moots |
| Champlain | Doris Hill | Arletta Oriani |
| Kathy & Casey | Bryan Howard | Barbara Roberts |
| Cheatham | Isobel Hubbard | John Schleifer |
| Charlie Darte | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Scott & Becky Irvin | Dale Smith |
| Zan Dismuke | Martha Johnson | Joel Smith |
| Jana Easterling | Dena Lancashire | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Dana Elmore | Eric Lindstrom | Lorraine Todd |
| Bill Everhart | Spike & Jane Lucia | Gwen Waters |
| | Pat McCarty | Sug Zowarka |

Relatives & Friends

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| Bachman Family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends |
| Bryce Beckham | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Jaidyn Craft | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Connie Craig | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Louan Crumbly | Connie Shipley's friend |
| Susie Fisher | Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin |
| Lynda Giles | Polly Wilson's niece |
| Ryan Hampton | Bill Lockhart's friend |
| Nonie Hicks | Bob & Cindy Steele's friend |
| Verona Jones | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Margaret Katros | Lisa Endres' mother |
| Mary Lenari | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| John Linn | Sharon Mann's brother |
| Pat Lynch | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Susan Marsh | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Sue Miller | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Leon & Barb Murphy | Bruce & Kate Eelman's friends |
| Frank Myers | Pam Wilkinson's father |
| Joyce Nunnallee | Nancy Dobler's cousin |
| Sandy Payne | Lynn Oakley's family member |
| Cindy Partlow | Marilyn Sheffield's cousin |
| Eddy Ruperti | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Louise C. Schutt | Larry Davis' mother |
| Chet Spires | Mary Ellen Rowker's friend |
| Karen Stack | Bill & Doris Brack's daughter |
| Jim Steele | Bob Steele's brother |
| Sarah Summers | Lisa Endres' daughter-in-law |
| Nicole Upson | Amy McKee's friend |
| Sam Vac | Marcie Dershimer's friend |
| Carol Wilhelm | Greg & Mary Marrs' friend |
| Julie Williams | Steve Negley's friend |
| John Willson | Mary Marrs' brother |



Our Christian sympathy goes to Mike McGee upon the death of his brother, Woodrow McGee who died on Monday, March 29, 2021.

MILITARY

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

CHRIST KIDS - WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is going on. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of out-door activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer!

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.



APRIL CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM



Visit our Children's Sunday School virtual classroom in April, where we will meet Thomas and also Deborah. There will be snacks, music, and make your own marble maze. Check out the link on the website today and see what Rev. Sarah is up to in our classroom.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups are meeting at the youth house. We are so excited to be socially distanced & safe in-person!

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm
HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. It is an awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

Couples may use one form, please include both names.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1 Individual #2

Yes No Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

SECUREGIVE NEWS



With each transaction, there are fees charged by the credit card processing companies. Securegive now has a “Separate Fee Offset” option when giving online. This option, if chosen, will increase the transaction to help offset transaction fees, the fee amount will be calculated based on the selected payment method. These fees are up to 2.5% of the transaction depending on the card used (the amount will be shown once the option is chosen).

New donors will see this as one of their options and they must select yes or no. If you are currently using the online service you will need to go into your account and update your information, as it is not automatic.

The total amount will be considered a donation and will appear on your quarterly statement. If you have any questions, call Robin, (863)294-3121.

THE 2021 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANT DATES

Please remember these important points:

- * Include your best contact number.
- * Include the name of your florist.
- * Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 12 pm**
- * Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



REMEMBER ~ FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!



Heading out of town, but still desire to be part of this worshipping community on Sunday?
Heard something lovely said or played in worship and would like to hear it again?
Want to share with a friend a taste of worship with First Pres?

Then visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/>! Every Sunday, we will be live-streaming the **9:00 am Heart of Worship** and **11:00 am Traditional** worship services on our Facebook page. These services will be available as videos after worship as well.

The church website at www.firstpreswh.org will also continue to have recordings of Sunday’s worship on the main page. Scroll down to “Latest Videos” at the bottom.

Either way, there are opportunities to worship with your church family when you cannot be present in person.

MORE ABOUT FACEBOOK

Stay in the know with everything First Pres on Facebook!

Have a Facebook Account and want to be sure you never miss a post, video, or update from your church? We have things happening daily!

1. Find our Church Facebook page by typing **@FPCWinterHaven** in the search bar.
2. Like our Page! Click the **‘thumbs up’ Like Icon**. You’ll know that’s done when the color changes from gray to blue. **IMAGE 1**
3. Set notifications by clicking the **Three dots** (circled) and then **‘Follow Settings’** (circled). **IMAGE 2**
4. Mark First Pres as a **FAVORITE** and then click **UPDATE** and First Pres always be at the top of your news feed! **IMAGE 3**

IMAGE 1

IMAGE 2

IMAGE 3



2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ *THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE*

Join your pastors and church family as we take this year to read the Bible. Each month we alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. The reading plan can be followed by picking up your copy of *A Year of the Bible* for \$10 from the church office. It offers an introduction chapter you may read at any time. You can also download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We invite you to join a class for deeper discussion! Classes are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**. If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Passcode **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

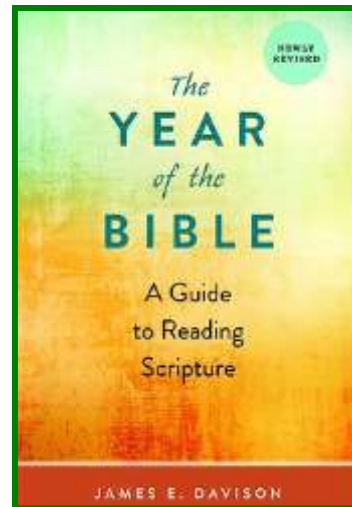
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Reading Plan For Week 14

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor.

WEEK 14

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Joshua 4, 5	Romans 10
2	Joshua 6, 7	Romans 11
3	Joshua 8, 9	Romans 12
4	Joshua 10, 11	Psalm 38
5	Joshua 12-15	Romans 13
6	Joshua 16-19	Romans 14
7	Joshua 20-22	Psalm 39



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Our Purpose Statement

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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.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 111 bag lunches
the week of 3/29/21.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 65 people on 4/3/21.

Return Service Requested

OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers as they learn key skills in order to become better caregivers.

Session Twelve (April 17), *Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources.* What happens when a care receiver needs a different kind of care or a higher level of care than a Stephen Minister is qualified to provide? The Stephen Minister works with our Stephen Leaders to connect the person with a professional caregiver who is able to meet the person's needs. In this week's session, our Stephen Ministers take a look at what other types of caregiving are available and at the limits to their caregiving. This will prepare our Stephen Ministers to refer care receivers to the appropriate caregiver should the need arise.



And in **Session Thirteen (April 17 Cont.) *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief.*** Our Stephen Ministers are exploring one of the more common situations in which they may minister—caring for those experiencing grief. They learn about the shock, recoil, and rebuilding stages of grief and what forms of caregiving are right at each stage. They will also look at the many types of losses—in addition to the death of a loved one—that can cause grief and how they can provide care in those instances also.