



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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133 Years of Ministry

PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 14

As we continue our Lenten preaching theme, *Who Do You Say That I Am?*, we will follow Jesus, The Lamb of God, to Jerusalem for a festive parade and then set our sights on the Passover sacrifice (Maundy Thursday.) We hope you will join us in our journey toward Easter.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday	April 14	8:00, 9:15, & 11 am	Worship Services
Maundy Thursday	April 18	5:30 pm	Supper
		6:30 pm	Worship with Communion & Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	April 19	Noon-3:00 pm	Chapel open for Prayers
Easter Sunday	April 21	6:30 am	Sunrise service at MLK Park
		8:00 am	Chapel Worship
		9:15-10:30 am	Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall
		9:15 am	Heart of Worship
		10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground
		11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship

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DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT NOW BEING COLLECTED



Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on **Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am**. But we need your help! Please drop eggs stuffed with individually wrapped candy and small prizes in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we **cannot** accept chocolate with this FL heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am – April 21

Children and their families are encouraged to join Rev. Sarah on the Education Building front steps at 10:25am before dismissal for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be separated areas so our youngest hunters are safe! Be sure to wear your Sunday best and bring a basket for a great time. Families are welcome to bring their cameras!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 15

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:15 pm Youth Director Search (GC)

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, April 17

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Supper (MH)
- 6:30 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 19

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 12:00 pm Chapel Open Until 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 20

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	Barbara Roberts
Bill Brack	Doris Hill	Earle Roberts
Tom Brackett	Bryan Howard	Dave Ryan
Helen Butz	Bob & Isobel	Cash Sheaffer
Helen Champlain	Hubbard	Joyce Shirah
Carl Cheatham	Jim Huff	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	Martha Johnson	Mary Ann Snively
Charlie Darte	Joey Johnston	Christine Stevens
Yolanda Dyer	John Kissel	Scott Strey
Mike & Jana	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Bob McClew	Mike & Jennifer Vibrat
John Gray	Joan McCollough	Pat Vobornik
Bob Hancock	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	
Frances Heath	Randall Palmer	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dave Zwicker

Relatives & Friends

Michael Branch	Jeff Bowen's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Carole & Bob Erikson	Nicole Roe's parents
Ruth Galloway	Kate Eelman's cousin
Mary Gamgeri	Lynn Oakley's friend
Linda Giles	Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Fred Hallmark	Jim Francis' friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Jay & Gail Jones	Mary Marrs' friend
Keith Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Paul Mastronardi	Amy Speer's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Bonnie Motts	Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend
Jinny Nguyen	Ruth Dunham's friend
Lettie Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
Bill & Judy Overlock	Kit Threlkel's friends
Jack Phares	Nell Speer's friend
Marcia Sodko	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Kim Thompson	Marile Weeks' friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter

OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP



The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation!



MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	Mathew Massam
Til Fellows	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

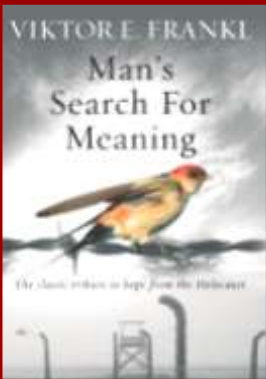
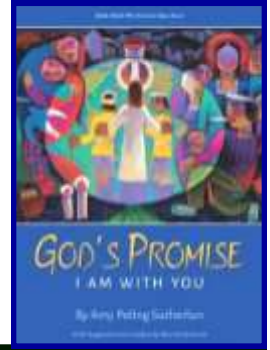
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **April 16 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **May 13 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14

This class will be studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose. Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose shared leadership welcomes you to join them at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

SPRING RING

Hand Bell ringers from four area churches will be in concert on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church Winter Haven. The FPC/WH Chapel and Chancel Bell Choirs will perform "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus" played by 20 ringers. In addition, three hand bell choirs from other churches: Beymer Methodist, the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal and First Presbyterian Church Haines City will perform individually. The concert finale will feature the combined group of about 50 musicians on bells and chimes in a performance of "Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah" arranged by Michael Helman. The program is free and the public is invited.



Following the concert a reception will be held in the church's Memorial Garden. The reception will include the playing of FPC's almost century-old Deagan Tower Chimes which were installed in the Bell Tower in 1926. The chimes have been silent for many years and have just recently been restored. This will be their first concert since the rehab was completed.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Living Well: Practicing Christian Ways of Life



Registration is now available for our *All-Church Retreat* at CedarKirk, **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19**. Join your church community for a weekend away as we have conversation, practices and fun practicing Christian ways of living.

Overnight rates start at \$80. There are also day rates available. Please see a brochure for more information and register today! Contact Rev. Sarah with questions or need a brochure at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. You can also download a brochure from our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...is zooming in this summer!

Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 until 8 pm

At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, children, and their youth and adult leaders will enjoy interactive, energizing, and Bible-based good times as they explore where God's power can take them! Our voyagers will discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Registration for children, youth, and adult volunteers is on our website!



2019 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 21**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, April 15**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday.

The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.



Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 am service Easter Sunday.

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

FunTimers - APRIL MEMO:

WHAT: Our April activity: **WH Library- guided tour and lunch at Richard's Fine Coffees**

WHEN: **Monday, April 22**

TIME: **10:00 am** at FPC to ride the bus/van **OR 10:15 am** at the library if you choose to self-drive.

We will have a personally guided tour of the library and a Q&A session to get answers to your questions about all the services provided by the library. Lunch will follow at Richard's, the adjacent restaurant.



A sign-up sheet for the trip and a menu for the restaurant will be in McLeod Hall. Or you can sign-up using the form below-

Name _____ # attending: _____

Will you be riding the church bus/van? _____ **OR** Will you meet us at the library? _____

BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

As we do every year, we will release butterflies (no charge, but please fill out this form) in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 8, 2018, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date**.

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out this form and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon, *please have your orders in by **Easter, April 21***.

Your name: _____ Deceased loved one:-

Relationship to you: _____

Please join us for this special single service at 10:00 am.



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. *A Time with Younger Disciples* will be included when we have children in attendance.

9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am



First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10 am**.



ADULTS!

Final Words From the Cross

This Sunday School Class is a book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Please join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, in CE 207. Last class is this Sunday, April 14.**

REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

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 274 bag lunches
the week of 4/1/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 4/6/19.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER IS APRIL 18 AT 5:30 P.M.

Family Style Menu: beef stew with vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, & lemonade. And for kids: chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door.

Please RSVP for Maundy Thursday by **Monday, April 15**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____



EASTER BREAKFAST Sunday, April 21 at 9:15: - 10:45 a.m.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, sausage gravy, cereal, doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, and milk

A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is, thankfully, accepted at the door.

Please RSVP for Easter Breakfast by **Monday, April 21**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

