



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### 3 CENTS-A-MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services this **Sunday, April 18.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, and Honduras.



### MUSIC NOTES FROM JEREMY RATH

Hi everyone! I am so excited for Chancel and Chapel Bells and Chancel Choir to be meeting again. It will be so much fun to get to know you all better AND make music together!

Join *Chancel Bells* on **Wednesdays** in the **Music Suite** at **6 pm** and *Chancel Choir* in the **Sanctuary** at **7 pm**. *Chapel Bells* practice on **Thursdays, at 1:15 pm** in the **Music Suite**. All rehearsals maintain mask wearing and are socially distanced. Chancel Choir is working on a Virtual Choir piece.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 863-294-3121 or email to [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org). If you haven't participated before, we would love to have you join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS



Please continue to pray for our trainees as they grow in their ability to bring Christ's love and care to people as a ministry of our congregation.

**Session Fourteen (April 20)** Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role. This week, our Stephen Ministers learn the characteristics and symptoms of mild, moderate, and severe depression. They learn when a mental health professional needs to be involved and how to connect a depressed person with a mental health professional. They also practice skills appropriate to giving care to those who are mildly to moderately depressed.



### 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 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

## Sunday, April 18

### THREE CENTS-A-MEAL

- 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 19

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

## Tuesday, April 20

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 9:30 am Joy Circle (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Finance (GR/Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Stephen Minister Training (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH/Zoom)

## Wednesday, April 21

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (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 (MS)
- 7:00 pm Chapel Choir (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, April 22

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 6:00 pm Young Adults Bowling (Off-site)

## Friday, April 23

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

## Saturday, April 24

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

## WORSHIP MASK POLICY

Everyone who wishes to attend in-person worship is required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing while entering, moving throughout, and exiting the building.

### For the 9 am Service

Once seated and socially distanced from all people except those in their chosen seating group, you may remove your face mask, if you choose, for that portion of the worship service.

If any person wishes to sing hymns or responses, we ask that the face covering is replaced.

### For the 11 am Service

Face coverings are required to be worn at all times while seated for worship.

Worshippers are invited to sing while wearing face coverings.

Our session continues to review COVID safety measures for worship monthly.

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

## Relatives & Friends

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bachman Family     | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends        |
| Bryce Beckham      | MaryBess Thompson's friend            |
| Tommy Cooper       | Jane Hammette's brother-in-law        |
| 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            |
| 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                   |

## 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     |                 |

# 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.**

## 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. 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

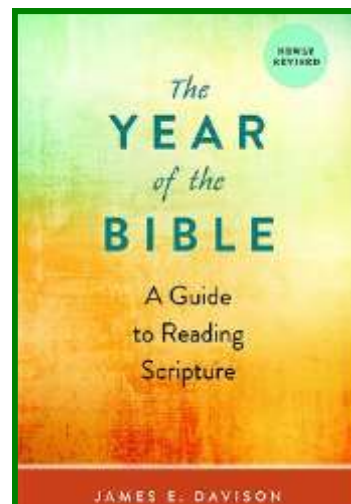
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### Reading Plan For Week 15

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 15

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Joshua 23, 24	Romans 15
2	Judges 1, 2	Romans 16
3	Judges 3, 4	Mark 1
4	Judges 5, 6	Psalm 40, 41
5	Judges 7, 8	Mark 2
6	Judges 9, 10	Mark 3
7	Judges 11, 12	Psalm 42, 43





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**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.*

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<p><b>Bag Lunch Ministry</b>          We gave out 70 bag lunches          the week of 4/5/21.</p>
<p><b>Soup Kitchen Ministry</b>          We fed 50 people on 4/10/21.</p>

**Return Service Requested**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

### All-Church Retreat at Cedarkirk: May 15 from 9 am to 8 pm

Join your church family for a day at **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center** as we meet **God in the High Places, Mountain Top Moments**. Registration is now open, by grabbing a brochure from the narthex or the church website. For \$85 a family or \$30 an individual, we'll enjoy outside meals, faith-strengthening Biblical explorations, hike or swim, and even a group game together. Don't forget a meaningful worship under the pines, music, and communion. See the All-Church Retreat brochure for more information or Rev. Sarah, [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



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### Vacation Bible School, June 6-10 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm



Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School where fearless kids shine God's light at Crocodile Dock! Each night we'll gather dock-side for music, crafts, snacks, games, and of course, engaging, fearless Bible stories! We'll be needing YOUR help to prepare from supplies drives, volunteering to decorate and joining us that week as a volunteer. Registration will be opening soon! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah, [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or (863)294-3121.