



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of April 25, 2021

Issue 814

135 Years of Ministry

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### PLEASE HELP US WELCOME DARYL FENLEY TO OUR STAFF

Daryl started Monday, April 12, as the Director of Maintenance and Facilities. Daryl comes to us after 26 years at State Farm.

He has been married to his wife Darla for 22 years and together they have 2 children, Dalen age 17 and Drew age 13. He was born and raised in Winter Haven and graduated from Winter Haven High School. He enjoys spending time with his family.



Stop by the office and say hi and show your support.

### 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 and you can sign-up by grabbing a brochure from the narthex or visiting the church website.

For \$85 (a family) or \$30 (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 contact Rev. Sarah, [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



### 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.



# Opportunities This Week

# Remember in Prayer

## Sunday, April 25

- 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 26

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

## Tuesday, April 27

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Training (UR)
- 5:30 pm SM Training (UR)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

## Wednesday, April 28

- 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 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, April 29

### PRESBYTERY

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, April 30

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

## Saturday, May 1

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

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Pam Wilkinson upon the death of her father, Frank Myers who died on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Anna Harp & Erik Easterling upon the death of their mother, Jana Easterling who died on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.*

## MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 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         |
| 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

- |                    |                  |                 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 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     |                 |

## UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS

Pray for our Stephen Ministers as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills. Here is what they are learning this week.

**Session Fifteen (April 27) Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need.** Stephen Ministers are never knowingly assigned to someone who is or might be suicidal, but they may nonetheless find themselves in a caring relationship with someone who is suicidal. If so, they need to know what to do. In this session, our Stephen Ministers explore how to determine the level of risk and how to refer the care receiver to a qualified professional.



### WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Buildings and Grounds Committee is dedicated to the upkeep and appearance of our church facility. We are putting together a planting day, **Wednesday, May 12**, to add some new shrubbery around First Pres.

Please call the church office, (863)294-3121, if you are interested in helping.

### CHRIST KIDS - WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is on-going. 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](mailto: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](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org).



## 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](http://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!**

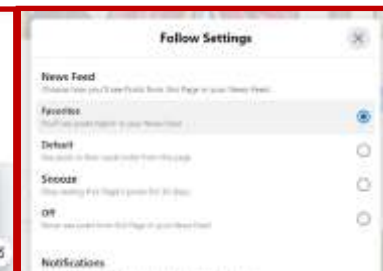
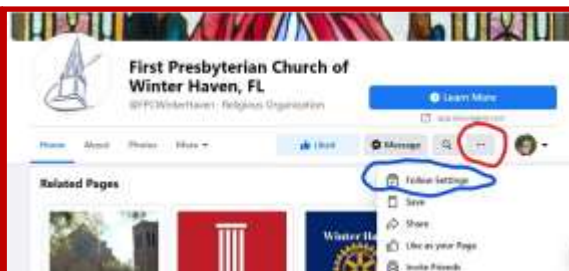
Have a Facebook Account and want to be sure you never miss a post, video, or update from your church? We have things happening daily!

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**



# 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

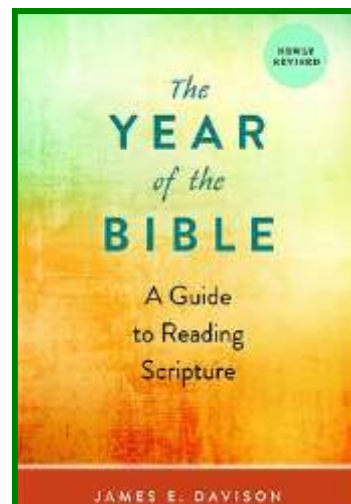
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### Reading Plan For Week 16

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 16

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Judges 13, 14	Mark 4
2	Judges 15, 16	Mark 5
3	Judges 17, 18	Mark 6
4	Judges 19, 20	Psalm 44
5	Judges 21	Mark 7
6	Ruth 1, 2	Mark 8
7	Ruth 3, 4	Psalm 45





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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 99 bag lunches          the week of 4/12/21.</p>
<p><b>Soup Kitchen Ministry</b>          We fed 60 people on 4/17/21.</p>

**Return Service Requested**



**COME JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY**

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Chapel Bells area in full swing here at First Pres! We would love to have you join us at our socially distanced rehearsals! If you are new to our church, the music program, or have taken a break for awhile, there is a spot for you!

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 face coverings and social distancing. Chancel Choir is working on a virtual choir piece to share in worship. All ensembles will begin sharing their gifts in worship next month.

Please contact Jeremy at 863-294-3121 or email to [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org) with questions.

