



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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WORSHIP SUNDAYS THIS MAY



Please join us for several special Sundays in May:

May 7: All Church Gathering Single 10 am Worship Service

Celebrating Graduation season with our church's High School Seniors: Joe Badnell, McKenzie Cinquanti, Mia Cinquanti, Ava Frost, Kade Rabern, Hanley Renney, Riley Rowker, Alee Swango, Devin Thompson, Alex Turner, Alayna Weber, and Cameron Weeks. We will recognize these wonderful young people in worship, and then hold a reception in their honor after worship in McLeod Hall.

May 14: Mother's Day, 9:00 am Heart of Worship and 11:00 am Traditional Worship

We will praise God for the love that pours into our lives through our families and our family of faith. And last day of Sunday School for adults & children.

May 21: All Church Gathering Single 10 am Worship Service

Honoring our Confirmands: Cody Dugger, Brooke Gunderson, Ellie Hoagland, Jackson Palomaki, and Delanie Stavres.

Please join us for worship as we praise God for the faith of these disciples and all God's children. We will join together after worship for a reception in McLeod Hall with these newest members of our church.

May 28: Pentecost, 9:00 am Heart of Worship and 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Join us for Holy Communion at either worship service as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Christ's followers.

CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, April 30 at this special time of 5:00-7 pm** and again on **Sunday, 5/21** at our regular time of **5:30-7 pm**. We meet in McLeod Hall to watch an episode from *The Chosen*, Season 3, 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.

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
9:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
10:10 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
6:30 pm Session (GR)

Wednesday, May 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 4

Friday, May 5

- 6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat (GC)

Saturday, May 6

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

ANGEL VAN DRIVERS NEEDED



We are trying to, once again, have our Angel Van offer transportation to and from our worship services on Sunday for church members who have transportation needs. We are looking for qualified drivers to help us staff this ministry.

If you have a good driving record, are at least 25 years old (to meet requirements of our church vehicle insurer) and would be willing to volunteer a couple of Sunday mornings a year before and after worship to help brothers and sisters in Christ attend worship, please call or email the church office.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Pam Gray	Mary Ellen Porter
Debbie Anderson	Jane Hayman	JP & Kim Powell
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	David Ryan
Orin Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Marilyn Schleifer
Ellie Crowder	Jill Kosmensky	Dick Shaw
Julie Dantzler	Dena Lancashire	Joyce Shirah
Brenda Darte	Ray & Gladys Larson	Dale Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Pat McCarty	Sarah Summers
Zan Dismuke	Dick McCauley	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Sue McClew	Kathy Taber
Dana Elmore	Pat Miller	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Edna Mitchell	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Jeri & Tom Oldt	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Lynne Grady	Joe Oriani	
	Jackie Pinkney	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Holton & Briley Adcock.....	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friends
Jameson Adcock	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friend
Dolores Clay-Barton	Karen Gerber's sister
Phillip Burkhart.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Caren Coleman	Lynn Van Gundy's friend
Kenneth Damkjer	Ron Damkjer's brother
Scott Davis.....	Larry & Peggy Davis' son
Phillip Deblinger	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Merrybeth Etherton & family	Bob & Judy Winfree's daughter
Paul Gilliam.....	Debbie Anderson's dad
Hap Hazelwood.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Stephen Houmar.....	Rick & Pat Reass' grandson
Bryan Howard	Janet Howard's son
Khyla Martinez.....	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Kile McKee	Greg Marrs' cousin
Ginger Stanley	Lynn Oakley's friend
Karon Taylor	Jeff Bowen's friend
Karen Thompson.....	Kristen Sheffield' mother
Jack Tyler & Family.....	Becky Irvin's brother-in-law
David Young.....	Lynn Oakley's friend

MILITARY

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

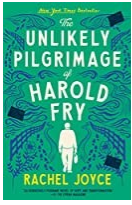
CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



These past years has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a seasonal address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB



We invite you to join us **Monday, May 15 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage* by Rachel Joyce.

We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this charming, humorous, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts.

Contact **Sue Henry** at 863-656-2611 with any questions.

FUNTIMERS (OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)



We hope you will join us on **Thursday, May 18 at 11 am in McLeod Hall**. We will travel from the church to the *Museum of Winter Haven History* in the Woman's Club Building located at Pope Ave. and Lake Howard Dr. Bob Gernert, museum director, will present a narrated tour of the museum.

Following the program we will head to Lucille's American Cafe.

All this outing will cost you is the price of your lunch.

We hope you will join us **and** bring a friend. Please RSVP by calling or emailing the church office or signing up in McLeod Hall.

VBS IS JUNE 4-8 AND REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Vacation Bible School is **June 4-8, 5:30-8 pm**, and we will head to Babylon! Registration is open for 4 years through 5th graders as participants. Younger children may join with an adult volunteer.

Calling all teen and adult volunteers, don't forget to sign-up too! Check the church website for more information or contact Rev. Sarah. Volunteers are invited to meet on **May 7 following worship** in the back of McLeod Hall to learn more about this year's VBS.

CHRIST'S KIDS



Our engaging and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ program, Christ's Kids happens on **Wednesdays at 3:30 pm till 5:30 pm**. Starting on our playground, we support developmental relationships, continue to expand Biblical knowledge with stories, music, and movement and also caring for other children of God every Wednesday. We'll be celebrating a great year on **May 17**; our last day.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Continuing to *Grow in Faith*, Children's Sunday School follows the Time with Younger Disciples in the Heart of Worship service in CE room 206. Children will explore people Jesus met, healings and miracles of Jesus, and of course, art! Preschoolers through 5th grade are encouraged to join us and continue to grow in God's love. The last day is **May 14**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE APOCRYPHAL JESUS



Got questions regarding the New Testament and why some texts are in our Bible while others, that have even been discovered recently, are not? Want to explore the early Church, teachings of Jesus and his first disciples? Join other seekers on this journey as we watch a video from an esteemed professor and discuss. We meet **at 10:10 am in the Geneva Room** every Sunday with two worship services, till **May 14** and returning in the fall.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a great way to make a huge impact in a short amount of time. By packaging and/or delivering meals you bring nutritious food and a friendly visit to seniors in your community. Volunteering in our Thrift Store helps us bring in funds to provide meals as we do not receive government funds. We welcome volunteers of all ages and it's a great volunteer opportunity for individuals or groups of friends. Most volunteer 1 day a week or month, and some substitute or help seasonally. Get rewarded with smiles!

Call 863-299-1616, email susan@mealsonwheelspolk.com, fill out an online volunteer application at MOWpolk.org or visit/tour our office at 620 6th ST NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together in McLeod Hall. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid; meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or email and ask to be added to the list.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TEXT TO GIVE?



To donate, you will text a **keyword**, (those options are below and special events will be added as they come.), then a **space**, and an **amount** to **863-243-6880**. Example: Text keyword **3cents 5** for gifting \$5 to *3 Cents-a-Meal*. An auto-response will confirm your gift offering. Respond **Y** to confirm and send. Save this number as a contact for future giving.

Keywords are:

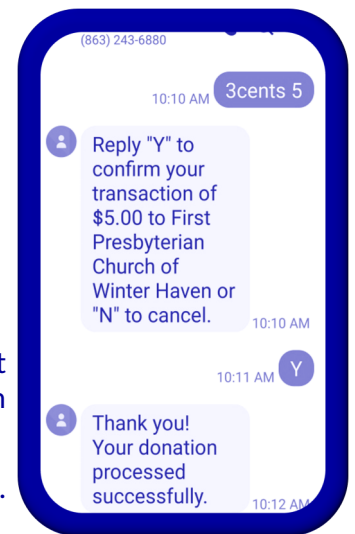
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; example 1 time events)

If you are donating through Text To Give for the first time, you will receive a text containing a link to login or create your Secure Give account. Please save that login information.

You will then be asked to save your default payment information for giving by text. The system will confirm your donation and you will receive an email receipt.

The only time that you should have to enter your login or card information is the first time you donate through Text to Give. After your first transaction, your Secure Give account and card information will be recognized automatically and you will simply reply **Y**.

The next time you would like to give by text, simply type the keyword and amount to the number above and you will receive a request to confirm with **Y**.



HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE

Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5/1 Sara Hanks
James Koon
Sean Lawlor
Grace McKee
Punkin Smith
Bo Snively | 5/13 Ryan Irvin
Karen Premuto | 5/24 Tony Premuto
Jim Vobornik |
| 5/2 Lydia Badnell | 5/14 Cindy Chilton | 5/25 Alison Batista
AJ Brescia |
| 5/4 Tristan Barthel | 5/15 Stephen Ciccarillo
Linda Dinger
Kelli Ivey
Brad Salomon
Martha Seney | 5/26 CarLee Marchetti
Randy von Hahmann |
| 5/5 Ray Larson
Joseph Lawlor
Jeri Oldt
Barbara Tackett | 5/17 Kial Irvin
Jacob Linn | 5/27 Lynda Coppini
Madey Palomaki |
| 5/6 Joanie Kooser
Don Martin | 5/18 Cathy Bentley
Shea Irvin
Paul Montgomery | 5/28 Garren Olmert |
| 5/7 Mark Bostick
Lilly Duce | 5/19 Courtney Massam | 5/29 Mia McCann
Rick Montney, Jr. |
| 5/10 David Davidson
Jan Wales | 5/21 Dorothy Placenic
Porter Summers
Brett Swango | 5/30 Zeymond Jacobson
David Kalb
Michael Lawlor
Dillon Powell |
| 5/11 Laura Sparr | 5/22 Bill Allen
Chalsey Lockhart
Laura Powell | 5/31 Kris Dunham
Ann Meadows
Clark Porter
Andy Ray
Nancy Shaw |
| 5/12 Jeffrey Powell | 5/22 Bonnie Walter
Callie Weeks | |
| 5/13 Yolanda Dyer
Cheryce Harris | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5/1 Daryl & Darla Fenley | 5/21 Jon & Amy Powell |
| 5/3 Dale & Melody Johnson | Bob & Cindy Steele |
| 5/7 Robert & Chelle Doyel | 5/22 Patrick & Steffen Bentley |
| 5/12 David & Stephany Alexander | 5/23 Chuck & Ellen Tate |
| Brad & Kim Salomon | 5/24 Paul & Bo Palo |
| 5/14 John & Karen Clarke | 5/25 Weegie & Cathy Bentley |
| 5/17 Lee & Pam Wilkinson | 5/25 Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux |
| 5/19 Ken & Sue Henry | 5/27 Justin & Nicki Hoagland |
| 5/20 Peter & Lynda Coppini | 5/31 David & Amanda Jo Nicholson |
| Shawn & Cori Swango | Bob & Julie Wilson |

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of First Pres who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know (possibly a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative) contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins**. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 178 lunches
the week of 4/17/23. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 135 people on
Saturday, 4/22/23.

FLAMINGOS ARE BACK!

Are you wondering how you can support the youth group AND put a smile on your neighbor's face? Wonder no more because the answer is here – participate in our Flamingo FUNdraiser! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

Step 1: Look for the sign-up table as you leave the sanctuary after Sunday services.

Step 2: Order flamingos to put in the yard of your choice.

Step 3: Relax and enjoy the show!

OPTIONS:

1 flock: \$30

2 flocks: \$50

Flamingo Insurance (to ensure your home doesn't get flocked): \$40



Flocking will run to **May 14**. All donations will go toward our youth summer trips. You can sign up at church on Sundays after service or fill out this form and drop it off or mail it to the church office along with your donation. Thank you!

Donor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Recipient Name: _____ Number of flocks: _____

Recipient Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____