



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## CHAPEL CHATS



Come join Dr. Steve and Jeremy for a deep dive on some Advent and Christmas hymns. We will be in the Chapel on **Wednesdays at 11 am on December 13 & 20** during the season of Advent.

Each week, we will look at the backstory of Advent and Christmas hymns, their connections to scripture, and share a little about the composers themselves. We'll even sing together! We hope to see you in these chapel chats as we prepare our hearts and our minds in great anticipation of God's greatest gift to us!

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, December 17**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Fall Single Service Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

### Monday, December 18

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

### Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

### Wednesday, December 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 11:00 am Advent Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

### Thursday, December 21

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

### Friday, December 22

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

### Saturday, December 23

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



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

- |                    |                       |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Ann Adams          | Jane Hayman           | Sharon Ramseyer        |
| Pat Berrell        | Jim Huff              | Dick Shaw              |
| Orin Champlain     | Scott & Becky Irvin   | Joyce Shirah           |
| Ellie Crowder      | Joanie Kooser         | Katie Sparr            |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Ray & Gladys Larson   | Barbara Tackett        |
| Zan Dismuke        | Pat McCarty           | Pam Tallent-Blackburn  |
| Rob Donaldy        | Pat Miller            | Jennifer & Mike Vibral |
| Dana Elmore        | Edna Mitchell         | Suzan Wales            |
| Bill Everhart      | Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez | Joyce Wander           |
| Lynne Grady        | Jeri & Tom Oldt       | Gale & Gwen Waters     |
| Pam Gray           | Mary Ellen Porter     |                        |
| Ken Hart           |                       |                        |

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mike Bell     | Juan Joy          | Durb Pearson    |
| Donna Brannen | John Linn         | Dennis Ryan     |
| Bobby Calvery | Ada Lopez-Mendez  | Laurie Selling  |
| Rick Cheney   | Brian Marino      | Emily Sheffield |
| Ernie French  | Khyla Martinez    | Lucinda Shelby  |
| Pam Gordon    | Joe Morton        | Joyce Snively   |
| Mitzi Gross   | Ed & Anne Neumyer | Ruth Thiebout   |

### MILITARY

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

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 210 lunches  
the week of 12/4/23. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 114 people on  
Saturday, 12/9/23.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Advent this year falls on **Christmas Eve!** Please plan to worship with us at our single **10 am** worship service as we complete our season of anticipating the birth of our Savior.

### CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

For **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**, both worship services will help us to focus on the celebration of our Savior's birth with the reading of the biblical story and the singing of traditional carols.



The **5 pm** worship service will feature acoustic sounds of the season with our Praise Band and other musicians from our congregation.

The **7 pm** worship service will include music from our Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells.

### OUR SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to the family of **Jackie Pinckney** upon her death on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

### LAST CHANCE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for all 3 worship services on Christmas Eve: **Sunday Morning Worship at 10 am**, and **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 5 & 7 pm**. The cost per plant is **\$15** and checks, marked "Poinsettia Fund", should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Monday, December 18**.

**IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

