



TOWER CHIMES

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SHROVE TUESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 5:30 PM



Gather your krewe for pancakes and fun as we have a delightful feast before Lent. Gathering in McLeod Hall at **5:30 pm till 6:30 pm**. Drive-thru pancakes will also be available.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 AT 6:30 PM



In the service outlined for Ash Wednesday in the Book of Common worship, the pastor is invited to make this statement:

Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our lives in this holy mystery. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and mark the penitence of this community.

We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our Ash Wednesday service, on **March 2 at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. You will hear the Word proclaimed, and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the cross.

LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS: STARTING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 AT 10 AM IN THE CHAPEL



Join your pastoral staff for Lenten Chapel Chats on Wednesdays at 10 am starting March 2 running through April 13. We'll be reading together ***Lent In Plain Sight***, by Jill Duffield.

Pick up your copy in the church office or contacting Rev. Sarah, the books are \$10, and experience God's presence in everyday objects this Lenten Season.

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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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 27

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
10:10 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, February 28

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, March 1

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Luncheon (MH/Zoom)
5:30 pm Pancake Supper (MH)
6:30 pm Session (GR/Zoom)

Wednesday, March 2

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
10:00 am Lenten Chapel Chats (Chapel)
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
6:30 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 3

- 1:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
2:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 4

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, March 5

- 10:00 am Community Fest (Off-site)
2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

2022 LENTEN PHOTO JOURNEY



For our upcoming Lenten daily devotional series, we invite you to join us in a photo-a-day challenge. We will be using a daily word to guide our photos and prayers. Lent is a time for reflection and we hope that these images and prayers will enable you to pause and consider God's love and care in your daily life. If you would like to participate in the photo challenge, you can share your relevant photo to the daily Facebook devotion post. No explanation is needed. You can also follow along by just saving your photo to your own camera roll and reflecting on your journey personally.

We hope that this spiritual practice allows you to intentionally focus on God's presence in the world around you. The list of words will be shared online and in church on **February 27**.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Frances Heath	Richard Moots
Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Pat Berrell	Bryan Howard	Joyce Shirah
Helen Champlain	Jim Huff	Susan Singleton
Charlie Darte	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dale Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Martha Johnson	Katie Sparr
Zan Dismuke	Dena Lancashire	Barbara Tackett
Dana Elmore	Ray & Gladys Larson	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Pat McCarty	Sug Zowarka
Rossanne Gorsky	Dick McCauley	
Jane Hayman	Pat Miller	
	Edna Mitchell	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sam Crivellone	Lynn Oakley's friend
Vikki Deedrick	Nat & Jane West's friend
Gloria & Timothy	Punkin Smith's friend
Sam Gray	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lori Houmard	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Pam Jengo	Joe Oriani's cousin
Sally Mar Johnson	Lynn Oakley's friend
David MacMillan Family	Bob Steele's nephew
Kayla Martinez	Paul & Ann Montgomery's granddaughter
Calla & Sailor Moser	Lynn Oakley's friend
Mollie Muse	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kelly Oakley	Tommy Oakley's sister
Rosie Richardson	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristin Schmid	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Myra Shelton	Punkin Smith's friend
Robbie Thompson	Larry & Peggy Davis' friend
Derrick Wilson	Rick & Pat Reass' friend

PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

MILITARY

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



SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Tillie Montney** upon the death of her mother, **Sidney Hilliard**, who died on Thursday, February 17, 2022.



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Chase & Sarah Counter** upon the birth of their daughter, **Collins Joanna Michelle**, born February 9, 2022.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



The season of Lent begins on **Sunday, March 6**. We will start our walk to the Cross with a celebration of the Lord's Supper at both worship services, and a sermon series entitled ***A Dictionary for Discipleship***. We hope you will join us throughout Lent in worship, faith formation, and Christian service.

SPRING COMMUNITYFEST



On **March 5**, from **11 am-4 pm**, we invite you to bring some neighbors and friends and celebrate your church at **CommunityFest**. Gathering in downtown Winter Haven, we will host a booth and basketball game as we share with people about the ministries at the church. CommunityFest is an annual event that highlights all the different community partners and organizations that make up the town. We hope to see you there!

SPRING BASH MARCH 11-12



Our 2nd - 5th graders are heading out to a night of camp at Cedarkirk and we ask your prayers for our kiddos, their chaperones, and the leadership of Cedarkirk. We pray for safe travels, good fellowship and all the fun camp entails! Also, offer prayers for those chaperones to enjoy time under the cedars. They leave **Friday, March 11 at 4:30 pm** and return **Saturday, March 12 at 7 pm**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE



The work of historians and archaeologists opens a thrilling world of discovery, as they bring their methods and insights to bear on the beloved narratives of the Bible. This illuminating series stops at key moments of scripture, Old and New, to bring it life with the latest historical and archaeological findings. Meeting in Geneva Room at **10:10 am** throughout the Spring.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for PreK-5th grade is meeting in the Christian Education Building, **10:10 am to 10:50 am**. Our children enjoy weekly rotating lessons, learning music, and the third Sundays will feature art projects! Join the fun between worship services on Sunday mornings.

CHRIST'S KIDS



Any child 4 years through 5th grade is invited to join us every **Wednesday** from **3:30 till 5:30 pm**. Meeting on our playground then doing some amazing Bible study and music, our kids will grow in their faith this year. Registration forms are available on our church website. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions.

YOUTH GROUPS



Come join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship in the Golden Center! We are excited seeing all of our youth during this great school year! Middle schoolers meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. High Schoolers meet on **Sundays at 5:30 pm**.



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:

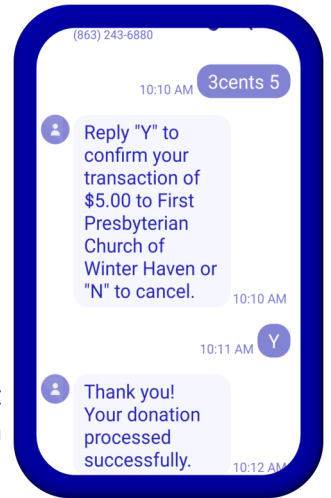
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations;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

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MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together. 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 office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Sarah Bishop Anne McBride Madelaine Scamehorn	3/12	Joel Price	3/21	Agnes Harland Karen Siegel
3/2	Gus Badnell Rob Frost Diane Repass	3/13	Larry Lincoski	3/23	Ed Rounsley Randy Spiwak
3/3	Fred Deloach Robin Turley Dick Wales	3/14	Richard Elmore Bonnie Patrick	3/25	Jim Gray III Amy Powell Destiny Rivers
3/5	Judy Moots Shelly Prather Sarah Ryan John Strang Polly Wilson	3/16	Madison Britt Jim Montgomery Ted Threadgill Mark Wilson	3/26	Peyten Palo Addison Putnam Adam Weeks Carson Weeks
3/8	Jared Lockhart Tom Oldt	3/17	Pat Davidson Jay Dugger Tucker Gray Bryce Snively Mary Strang	3/27	Jacob Cardona Mary Ellen Porter Cheryl Price Andrew Strang Joyce Wander
3/9	Lynn Boland Allen Miller Emma Skipper Drew Stapor Aaron Thibodaux	3/18	Nancy Brooks Nicholas Glenn Marion Hearn Meaghan McDowell Miller Thompson	3/28	Rhea Oakley
3/10	David J. Alexander Gayle Johnston Teri Reineke Mary Ellen Rowker Sophie Summers	3/19	Richard Chilton Marcie Dershimer Paul Palo Joey Volpe	3/29	Beverly Pace Nolan Roe Declan Wichrowski
3/12	Alecia Kortgoede	3/20	Becca Alexander Ross Kosmensky Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres	3/30	Karl Duce Pat Nepute Debbie Shinn
		3/21	Nancy Chilton	3/31	Courtney Croteau Heidi Hook David Matha Marilyn Schleifer

ANNIVERSARIES

3/1	Michael & Jennifer Vibrat	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price
3/2	Ben & Ellie Crowder	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs Bill & Carol Roe
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/13	Chase & Sarah Counter	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/27	Daniel & Erin Miller
3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/29	April & Kyle Porter
3/17	Dale & Marcia Smith		

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you (or someone you know) are feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins.**

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 134 lunches
the week of 2/14/22.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on
Saturday, 2/19/22.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The youth took the victory over the geezers in the annual flag football game for the first time in years!

So far, \$392 has been raised and over 200 canned goods have been collected. We will continue collecting donations until the end of February. Thank you!

