



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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133 Years of Ministry

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING This Sunday, March 3

At the **Single 10:00 am Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: opening songs with our Praise Band, Rooted, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.



At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall** hosted by our Tuesday's Men's Lunch.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen and youth groups.

Please join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship.

SHROVE TUESDAY March 5 at 5:30 pm

As we enter the Lenten season, we first need to use up all our syrup! I mean, First Pres must do a little celebrating and use up the eggs and sugar as we enter the 40 days of Lent with a Pancake supper.

Our Men's Lunch and Christian Education committee invite you for a pancake, eggs, and sausage dinner starting at **5:30 pm** in McLeod Hall. Kids, bring your best spatula and apron to try your hand at pancake flipping! **Happy Mardi Gras!**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY March 6 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 6 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 empty cross.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Remember in Prayer

Sunday, March 3

- 9:00 am Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 4

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, March 5

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 1:20 pm PW Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 5:30 pm Pancake Supper (MH)
- 7:00 pm Session (GR)

Wednesday, March 6

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:30 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 7

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 8

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 9

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

MILITARY

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| Zach Anaya | Daniel Harp |
| Brenden Anderson | Sean Harp |
| Christian Anderson | David Knowles |
| Samuel Crockett | John Marotti |
| Zach Drum | Mathew Massam |
| Til Fellows | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson | Ashton Pitts |
| Stephanie Gillie | Shad Skinner |
| Eddie Gray | Drew Stapor |

MEMBERS

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| Kathy Andrews | Kay Hedden | Earle Roberts |
| Bill Brack | Doris Hill | Dave Ryan |
| Tom Brackett | Bryan Howard | Elsie Savant |
| Henry Braun | Bob & Isobel | George Seagreaves |
| Helen Butz | Hubbard | Cash Sheaffer |
| Helen Champlain | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Carl Cheatham | Martha Johnson | Barbara H. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | Joey Johnston | Dale Smith |
| Charlie Darte | John Kissel | Mary Ann Snively |
| Yolanda Dyer | Toni Krieger | Christine Stevens |
| Mike & Jana | Dena Lancashire | Scott Strey |
| Easterling | Spike Lucia | Jay Tackett |
| Dana Elmore | Bob McClew | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Joan McCollough | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jane Hayman | Edna Mitchell | Mike & Jennifer Vibrat |
| Joyce Hayman | Bev Morris | Gwen Waters |
| Frances Heath | Nancy Neale | Retha Wright |

Relatives & Friends

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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Katie Carter | Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Marge Dorman | Brenda Darte's mother |
| John Doughty | Dena Doughty Lancashire's brother |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Ruth Galloway | Kate Eelman's cousin |
| Mary Gamgeri | Ruth Dunham's friend |
| Linda Giles | Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Pat Harmon | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Bonnie Motts | Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend |
| Jinny Nguyen | Ruth Dunham's friend |
| Chris Rollins | Rich & Nancy Dobler's friend |
| Larry Schlosser | Don & Norma Martin's friend |
| Marcia Sodko | John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am

First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10 am.**



MARCH

Birthdays

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

Anniversary

3/1	Michael & Jennifer Vibral	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	Henry & Margaret Braun David & Erin Emry	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		

JOIN OUR HANDBELL CHOIR IN LAKE PLACID!

Saturday, March 2 at 3 pm



Several members of our handbell choirs will be attending the 11th Annual Florida State Handbell Festival in Lake Placid March 1 and 2. The Guest Clinician will be Brenda Austin from Detroit. Brenda will lead several mass handbell choirs through two days of rehearsals that will culminate in a Showcase Concert at **3:00 pm on Saturday, March 2** at First Presbyterian Church in Lake Placid, 118 N Oak Street.

We have enjoyed working on the musical selections as we prepare for the festival and we hope you can join us for the concert!

Fun Timers Event

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 pm

Barbershop Harmony Society Show – “Be Our Guest” at Polk State College Winter Haven. The show features a comedy quartet, a “guys and gals” quartet and the chapter chorus.

To secure tickets at the reduced group price at \$15 each, call Dick Shaw at 863-258-9233.



Pick up your ticket at “The Connection” in McLeod Hall Sunday morning.

(Please have cash or check payable to “Winter Haven Chapter”.)

Join us at FPC at **1:45 pm, March 3** for transportation or meet us there.

Open seating - arrive early! The theatre is handicapped accessible; drop off - north entrance.

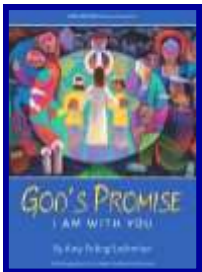
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God’s Promise – “I Am with You.”*

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **March 11 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

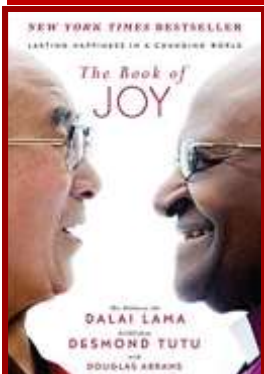


SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.

God Bless You and Thank You!



ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

Next Book Club Selection:

***The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu**

You will want to read this 305 page book early because you need to spend some time doing the Joy Practices at the end of the book that the authors recommend.

Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on **Thursday, March 21, at 3 p.m.** The book is available for checkout from the library or Jonathan or Bethany Owen will order a copy for you.



THE *ALL CHURCH RETREAT* WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk **May 18 & 19**. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR CLASS OF 2022

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Our Purpose Statement

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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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 240 bag lunches
the week of 2/18/19.

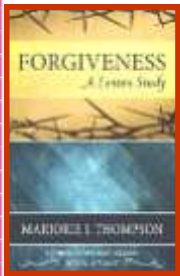
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Return Service Requested

ADULT EDUCATION LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

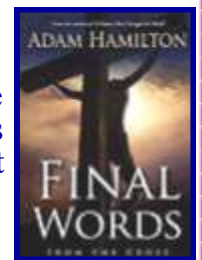
PERSPECTIVES



Forgiveness is the healing stream flowing out from the crucified Christ over the world that does not know how desperately it needs healing. Join our Perspectives class Sunday mornings this Lenten season. We will meet in the Geneva room at **9:30 am** starting **March 10** to study *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*. Books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom.

FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS

A book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Also starting **March 10** at **9:30 am**, join our study facilitators in CE 207.



NEW: LENTIN CHAPEL CHATS

Please join Dr. Steve Negley for a four part Lenten Bible tour in our first Chapel Chats.

We plan to meet in the chapel (first floor of the sanctuary building) on four Mondays during the season of Lent to look at *One Week in the Life of Our Lord*. The group will be exploring how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell their unique version of the story of the final week in the life of Jesus.

Bring your Bible and a bag lunch and meet with us over the lunch hour, **11:30 am-12:30 pm**, on the following **Mondays: March 11** (Mark), **March 18** (Matthew), **April 11** (Luke), and **April 18** (John).

We hope to see you here.

