



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## AN ADDITIONAL SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT!



Running thru **March 24**, members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8 am** for **Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service**, or the Sanctuary at **10 am**.

We focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be children's Sunday school offered during the **8 am** hour, but the pastors will include A Time with Younger Disciples in the service with any children who might attend.) Both Sunday worship services will include a variety of styles of offering our praise to God through music.

We hope you will join us each Sunday in Lent at one of our worship gatherings.

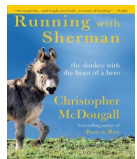
## THE CHOSEN SEASON 4, 4-6

For **The Chosen Season 4, Episodes 4-6**, we will go to the theater and watch on our own.

Then we will come together this **Sunday, March 3, 5:30-7 pm** in McLeod Hall for a covered dish discussion.

Child care will be provided.

## MARCH BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, March 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Running with Sherman**, by Christopher McDougall.

We hope you will join us for this heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, March 3**

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULTS

- 8:00 am Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)
- 5:30 pm Chosen Bible Study

**Monday, March 4**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 5:30 pm Saturday Nite Live Planning (ER)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

**Tuesday, March 5**

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

**Wednesday, March 6**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE)
- 5:15 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

**Thursday, March 7**

### PRESBYTERY

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

**Friday, March 8**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

**Saturday, March 9**

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



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER MEMBERS

Lynn Aaron  
Ann Adams  
Pat Berrell  
Kelly Butz  
Orin Champlain  
Ben & Ellie Crowder  
Kathy DeLoach  
Marjorie DiLorenzo  
Rob Donaldy  
Dana Elmore  
Bill Everhart  
Gloria Goss  
Caitlyn Grady  
Lynne Grady  
Pam Gray

Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez  
Ken Hart  
Jane Hayman  
Shirley Hines  
Wade Hoffman  
Jim Huff  
Scott & Becky Irvin  
Jeremiah & Jenna Johnston  
Joanie Kooser  
Jill Kosmenschky  
Ray & Gladys Larson  
Lynn Lassater  
Kathy & Bill Lockhart

Pat McCarty  
Pat Miller  
Edna Mitchell  
Jeri & Tom Oldt  
Arletta Oriani  
Sharon Ramseyer  
Marilyn Schleifer  
Dick Shaw  
Joyce Shirah  
Katie Sparr  
Barbara Tackett  
Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
Jennifer & Mike Vibrat  
Gale & Gwen Waters

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell  
Donna Brannen  
Maureen Cain  
Rick Cheney  
Tammy Cowart  
Mason Dorsey  
Ernie French  
Lisa Golden  
Pam Gordon  
Cole Gorham  
Brian & Anna Griffin

Mitzi Gross  
Juan Joy  
Hobby Jeffrey  
Brandy & Avery Koeppe  
John Linn  
Ada Lopez-Mendez  
Brian Marino  
Khyla Martinez  
Dick McCauley  
Joe Morton

Ann Reddout  
Jack Robinson  
Dennis Ryan  
Emily Sheffield  
Lucinda Shelby  
Ginger Snively-Chad  
Joyce Snively  
Randy Spiwak  
Ruth Thiebout  
Isaac Tillman  
Steve Weeks



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Lyn Swart** upon the death of her mother, **Ruth Thiebout**, who died on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

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**This newsletter is published weekly.**  
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**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 259 lunches  
the week of 2/26/24.



**Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 100 people on  
Saturday, 2/24/24.



**Return Service Requested**

## FUNTIMERS GO ON THE ROAD



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, March 21**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **10:30 am** then travel to the historic **Hotel Jacaranda** in Avon Park. There we will enjoy an elegant, casual dining experience. The cost is \$22.00, the price of your lunch.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall or calling

## HOLY WEEK SAVE THE DATES



**MARCH 24:** Palm Sunday  
**MARCH 28:** Maundy Thursday  
**MARCH 29:** Good Friday  
**MARCH 31:** Easter Sunday

## EASTER BREAKFAST



Easter breakfast will be served in McLeod Hall from **8:45 until 9:45 am**. If you would be willing to help cook or serve at breakfast contact the church office.

## EASTER CANDY COLLECTION



Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on Easter **Sunday, March 31** at **9:30 am**. But we need your help!

Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this Florida heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs on the playground.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT APRIL 13-14 AT CEDARKIRK



Registration is now open for a weekend away with our theme, **Building Blocks of Life: The LEGO Movie Building the Body of Christ**. Scan the QR Code and register today. Weekend and day rates available for families and individuals.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & WORSHIP

On **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, at **5:15 pm** we will have supper together in McLeod Hall. Then we will prepare our hearts for worship in the sanctuary.



Our **Maundy Thursday** service, at **6:30 pm**, will transport us back to the Upper Room on that somber final Passover that Jesus celebrated with his friends. The chancel of our church will be transformed into the iconic image of Leonardo DaVinci's masterpiece, **The Last Supper**.

Thirteen men from our congregation will portray the images of Jesus and the Twelve around the table that night. Each disciple will share a monologue; their own private thoughts on the evening and what is to come in the hours ahead. Interspersed between the monologues will be anthems sung by our Chancel Choir.

Following the drama, the cast, choir, and congregation will Celebrate the Lord's Supper together as God's redeemed people. You will not want to miss this unique worship experience as we present **The Living Last Supper** by composer Ruth Elaine Schram.

## EASTER LILY FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, March 31**. To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$16 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".



Please turn form in by **Monday, March 25**.

A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. We will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

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

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

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

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_