



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 24



On the Christian calendar, Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. The name comes from the triumphal entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem and how the people waved branches taken from the palm trees to celebrate Jesus' arrival. Palm Sunday is often marked in churches with songs of praise and the joyful shouts of God's children.

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, March 24** for our last **Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service at 8 am** or our continuing **Sanctuary Worship at 10 am** to add your voice to the chorus of praise.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & WORSHIP: MARCH 28 (CANTATA & COMMUNION)



At **5:15 pm** we will gather for supper in McLeod Hall. On the menu is chicken potpie, salad, & dessert.

At **6:30 pm** our Maundy Thursday service this year 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.

Child care will be provided.

GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29

The Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation on **Good Friday, March 29, Noon-3 pm**.

EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31



The **Community Sunrise Service** will be held in Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Lake Silver at **6:30 am**.

Here at First Pres we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at the **10 am Single Worship Service**.

STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
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Director of
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY

- 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)

Monday, March 25

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom s (CE)

Tuesday, March 26

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MCR)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, March 27

- 8:45 am Morning Out Moms (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE/Playground)
- 5:15 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- 5:15 pm Supper (MH)
- 6:30 pm Worship & Cantata (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 29

- 8:45 am Morning Out Moms (CE)
- 12:00 pm Chapel Open Until 3 pm

Saturday, March 30

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Mike & Cheryce Harris	Edna Mitchell
Jonye Briggs	Ken Hart	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Kelly Butz	Jane Hayman	Arletta Oriani
Orin Champlain	Shirley Hines	Sharon Ramseyer
Ellie Crowder	Wade Hoffman	Marilyn Schleifer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Jill Kosmenschky	Barbara Tackett
Gloria Goss	Ray & Gladys Larson	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Caitlyn Grady	Lynn Lassater	Jane & Tim Tillman
Lynne Grady	Carol Lind	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Pam Gray	Pat McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat Miller	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Brian & Anna Griffin	Joe Morton
Wayne Berry	Mitzi Gross	Ann Reddout
Donna Brannen	Juan Joy	Jack Robinson
Maureen Cain	Hobby Jeffrey	Dennis Ryan
Rick Cheney	Brandy & Avery Koepp	Emily Sheffield
Tammy Cowart	John Linn	Lucinda Shelby
Mason Dorsey	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Ginger Snively-Chad
Ernie French	Brian Marino	Joyce Snively
Lisa Golden	Khyla Martinez	Randy Spiwak
Pam Gordon	Dick McCauley	Steve Weeks
Cole Gorham		

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	Drew Stapor
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	

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.



SYMPATHIES

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Jane & Tim Tillman** upon the death of their infant grandson, **Isaac Shepherd Tillman**, who died on Friday, February 23, 2024.

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.

CLASS OF 2027

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 in 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.

ELDER

DEACON

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ | 3. _____ |

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

BRIGHT SUNDAY



For over two decades, we have celebrated Bright Sunday on the Sunday after Easter with joy and laughter.

This year our Bright Sunday Service will be celebrating worship around the theme **ALIVE** with our confirmation class members leading worship with Pastor Sarah, Jeremy, and the First Pres Praise Band; you won't want to miss it.

This **single worship service on April 7 will be held at 10 am**, and will conclude with a **butterfly release** in the Memorial Garden. Please plan to join in celebrating us all being **ALIVE** in Christ Jesus on this wonderful Sunday!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The membership committee has decided that we will produce a new church pictorial directory in house. When completed, every church family will have at their finger tips pictures and contact information for the entire congregation.

You can submit your photo in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to cshipley@firstpreswh.org. If you prefer, a committee or church staff member will be happy to take your picture Sunday after worship, or during office hours.

Please email your current address, phone numbers (main number and cells), and emails for each family member in your household.

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.

Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions or see this year's brochure.

BOOK CLUB FUTURE SELECTIONS

MAY 20

Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Gray

JULY 15

One Summer America 1927 by Bill Bryson

SEPTEMBER 16

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

NOVEMBER 18

Mr. Dickens & His Carol by Samantha Silva

Mark your calendar to join us at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall to discuss.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 205 lunches
the week of 3/11/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 79 people on
Saturday, 3/16/24.

EASTER LILY FORM~LAST CHANCE



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".

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.

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

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

No. of Plants: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____

BUTTERFLY FORM

In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 16, 2023, and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following our **single worship service at 10 am on Bright Sunday, April 7**.



If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for **\$5**.

Please turn in form by **Monday, April 1**.

Your Name: _____

Deceased Loved One: _____

Relationship to You: _____

No. of Butterflies: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____