



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of May 16, 2021

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135 Years of Ministry

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### 3 CENTS-A-MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during  
worship services this **Sunday, May 16.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch  
Ministry, Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, and Honduras.

### HYMNALS AND BIBLES

### BACK IN THE PEWS!

A motion was made by the Worship and Music Committee to bring the hymnals (and Bibles) back into the sanctuary pews. Session fully supported this decision at their May Session meeting. Several reported scientific studies have indicated that the chance of transmission of the Covid-19 virus through surfaces is one in 10,000. Of our two worship services, the hymnals are only used in one service and sit for a week before being fogged for the next Sunday. There is a chance the Bibles could be used in both the early and late services, but worshippers are encouraged to bring their own if they are uncomfortable using the pew Bible.



## THE SESSION HAS CALLED FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY, MAY 23

Please join us at **10:30 am** in the sanctuary to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect Deacons and Elders to the Class of 2024.

This will be a **HYBRID FORMAT MEETING**. There will be an opportunity for members to attend, discuss, and vote **EITHER IN-PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY OR VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

We need 101 members in attendance in these combined formats to achieve our quorum for this Congregational Meeting. Please plan to join us. The Zoom invite to join virtually will be emailed the week prior.

The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee for discussion and action:

#### Class of 2024 Deacon

Phillip Batista, Warren Glenn, Bill Lockhart, Tony Premuto, & Marilyn Sheffield

#### Class of 2024 Elder

Erin Cranmer, Jackie Dugger, Gannon Olmert, Lyn Swart, & Jay Tackett

#### Class of 2022 Nominating Committee At-Large

Laura Frost, Mike Harris, Dillon Powell, Tom Oldt, & Carson Weeks

# Opportunities This Week

## Sunday, May 16 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE)  
10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, May 17

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

## Tuesday, May 18

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)  
12:00 pm Finance (GR/Zoom)  
5:30 pm Stephen Minister Training (UR)  
6:30 pm Deacons (MH/Zoom)

## Wednesday, May 19

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)  
1:30 pm Congregational Care (MH)  
2:30 pm Memorial Garden (MH)  
4:00 pm Christ Kids-Train (CE)  
5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, May 20

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, May 21

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

## Saturday, May 22

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

## MILITARY

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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Marie & Roger Able	Jane Hayman	Bob McClew
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Frances Heath	Pat Miller
Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	Edna Mitchell
Pat Berrell	Doris Hill	Richard Moots
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	Arletta Oriani
Charlie Darte	Isobel Hubbard	Kline Roberts
Larry Davis	Jim Huff	John Schleifer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Zan Dismuke	Martha Johnson	Dale Smith
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Eric Lindstrom	Gwen Waters
John Gray	Spike & Jane Lucia	Sug Zowarka
	Pat McCarty	
	Dick McCauley	

## Relatives & Friends

Carl Barrett	Don & Norma Martin's friend
Bryce Beckham	MaryBess Thompson's friend
Erin Cherry	Jonathan Owen's friend
Tommy Cooper	Jane Hammette's brother-in-law
Jaidyn Craft	MaryBess Thompson's friend
Connie Craig	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lynn Dangundy	Janis Barry's cousin
Wayne Emerick	Don & Norma Martin's brother-in-law
Susie Fisher	Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Ryan Hampton	Bill Lockhart's friend
Nonie Hicks	Bob & Cindy Steele's friend
Verona Jones	Lynn Oakley's friend
Margaret Katros	Lisa Endres' mother
Mary Lenari	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
John Linn	Sharon Mann's brother
Pat Lynch	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Susan Marsh	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Sue Miller	Lynn Oakley's friend
Leon & Barb Murphy	Bruce & Kate Eelman's friends
Joyce Nunnallee	Nancy Dobler's cousin
Anne Ogburn	Janis Barry's cousin
Sandy Payne	Lynn Oakley's family member
Cindy Partlow	Marilyn Sheffield's cousin
Eddy Ruperti	Lynn Oakley's friend
Diane Secord	Gail Van Allen's friend
Chet Spires	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother
Nicole Upson	Amy McKee's friend
Sam Vac	Marcie Dershimer's friend
Carol Wilhelm	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Julie Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Bud Willson	Mary Marrs' brother
John Willson	Mary Marrs' brother

# CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups are meeting at the youth house. We are so excited to be socially distanced & safe in-person!

**MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm**  
**HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm**

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. It is an awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or [esnyder@firstpreswh.org](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org).



## UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS



Here is what our Stephen Ministers are learning this week in their second-to-last session before commissioning. Pray for their continued growth—and pray for those who might begin receiving care from them in the coming weeks.

Session Nineteen (May 18) *How to Make a First Caring Visit*. As commissioning draws near, this class summarizes everything our Stephen Ministers have learned so far and applies it to getting their first caring relationships off to a strong, healthy start.

## CHRIST KIDS WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is on-going. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of outdoor activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children for our closing Train Day, **May 19**, have been sent to families.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or call the church office 294-3121.



## WORSHIP MASK POLICY

Everyone who wishes to attend in-person worship is required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing while entering, moving throughout, and exiting the building.

### For the 9 am Service

Once seated and socially distanced from all people except those in their chosen seating group, you may remove your face mask, if you choose, for that portion of the worship service.

If any person wishes to sing hymns or responses, we ask that the face covering is replaced.

### For the 11 am Service

Face coverings are required to be worn at all times while seated for worship.

Worshippers are invited to sing while wearing face coverings.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church. They are available to loan to people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



## COME JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Chapel Bells are in full swing here at First Pres! We would love to have you join us at our socially distanced rehearsals! If you are new to our church, the music program, or have taken a break for awhile, there is a spot for you!

Join Chancel Bells on **Wednesdays** in the Music Suite at **6 pm** and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at **7 pm**. Chapel Bells practice on **Thursdays**, at **1:15 pm** in the Music Suite. All rehearsals maintain face coverings and social distancing. All ensembles will begin sharing their gifts in worship in May.

Please contact Jeremy at 863-294-3121 or email to [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org) with questions.



## MEN'S LUNCH IS HYBRID—TUESDAYS AT NOON

You can join us socially distant in McLeod Hall.

OR

Join us virtually on Zoom. If you are not already receiving the Zoom invite, please contact the office at 294-3121 or [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) and ask to be added to the list.

## THE 2021 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANT DATES

*Please* remember these important points:

- \* Include your best contact number.
- \* Include the name of your florist.
- \* Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 12 pm**
- \* Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



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## WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Go to our Church website at [www.firstpreswh.org](http://www.firstpreswh.org) 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 at 863-294-3121 or email [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## HAVE YOU LOST GLASSES...

Prescription, reading, or sunglasses?

Maybe it was last week, last month, or even last year? If so, we could have them.

We have a collection that has been found over time and would like to find their rightful homes. Please check the desk next to the maintenance office.



# SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

**Couples may use one form, please include both names.**

**Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am**

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1      Individual #2

Yes  No     Yes  No    Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes  No     Yes  No    Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes  No     Yes  No    Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Visitor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.**

## 2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Join your pastors and church family as we take this year to read the Bible. Each month we alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. Download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We invite you to join a class for deeper discussion! Classes are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**. If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

### SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Passcode **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

### WEDNESDAY CLASS

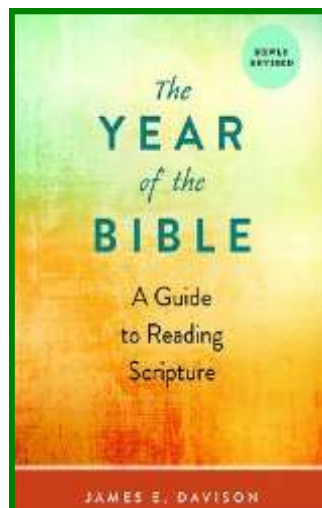
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### Reading Plan For Week 19

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor.

### WEEK 19

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	2 Samuel 3-5	1 Corinthians 3
2	2 Samuel 6, 7	1 Corinthians 4
3	2 Samuel 8-10	1 Corinthians 5
4	2 Samuel 11, 12	Psalm 51
5	2 Samuel 13, 14	1 Corinthians 6
6	2 Samuel 15, 16	1 Corinthians 7
7	2 Samuel 17, 18	Psalm 52



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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.*

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#### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 87 bag lunches  
the week of 5/3/21.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 32 people on 5/8/21.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 6-10 FROM 5:30 TO 8:00 PM



Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School where fearless kids shine God's light at ***Crocodile Dock!*** Each night we'll gather dock-side for music, crafts, snacks, games, and of course, engaging, fearless Bible stories! Register your child today!

We'll be needing YOUR help to prepare from supplies drives, volunteering to decorate, and joining us that week as a volunteer. Registration is live on our website. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah, [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or (863)294-3121.

