



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The first Sunday in **October (this Sunday the 2nd)** is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We will celebrate this special Sunday with a single worship service at **10 am** highlighted by communion.

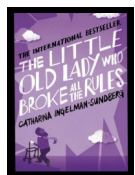
Following the service, you are invited to join your church family in McLeod Hall for a time of fellowship. We will enjoy a wide variety of breads from our communion table and an assortment of tasty spreads. Let us come together and celebrate God's grace, mercy, and peace that truly stretches around the world.

DID YOU TURN 80 IN 2020, 2021, OR 2022?



Our 80+ Birthday Ice Cream Social will be held on **Wednesday, October 12 at 2 pm** in McLeod Hall. Everyone who was born in **1940, 1941, or 1942** is invited to join together to celebrate. Mark your calendars now and we'll plan for a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. The Membership Development Committee will host this great time for fellowship and will serve delicious ice cream sundaes.

EVEN MONTH BOOK CLUB



We invite you to join us on **Monday, October 17 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharine Ingelman-Sundberg. We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this quirky, humorous, and warm-hearted book.

2022 FLOWER CHART IS IN NARTHEX

You are invited to sign up for your important Sunday worship dates. There are still plenty of dates available for this year. Please be sure to call or email the church office the week before with bulletin information.

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2

WORLD COMMUNION

- 10:00 am All Church Gathering Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
11:15 am All Church Fellowship
Breads & Spreads (MH)
5:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 pm Middle Youth Group (GC)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 6

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, October 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
2:00 pm Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 8

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

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Adult Sunday School class, meeting in the Geneva Room from **10:10 till 10:50 am**, continues its exploration of the history and archaeology of the Bible. Every Sunday, historians and archaeologists, connect the biblical story with the larger historic world, ancient literature, and archaeological findings. Join this fascinating class's interactive time with guided conversation and visits from our pastors to answer your questions. Note, no class on single service Sundays.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for PreK thru 5th grade has begun and meets in the Christian Education Building, Room 206, from **9:15 to 10 am**.

Join the fun on Sunday mornings following the Time with Younger Disciples in the Heart of Worship service. Sunday School does not meet on Single Service Sundays.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

John & Ann Adams	Pam Gray	Jackie Pinkney
Debbie Anderson	Jane Hayman	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Pat Berrell	Frances Heath	George Seagreaves
Bill Brack	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Helen Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Charlie Darte	Jill Kosmensky	Susan Singleton
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Dena Lancashire	Dale Smith
Zan Dismuke	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Pat McCarty	Barbara Tackett
Dana Elmore	Dick McCauley	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Pat Miller	Mike Vibral
Rossanne Gorsky	Edna Mitchell	Pat Vobornik
Lynn Grady	Jeri & Tom Oldt	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Billy Bennett.....	Rossanne Gorsky
Flo McNeer Hamilton.....	Peggy Davis' friend
Nancy Herlocher.....	Bill & Doris Brack's daughter
Jim & Belinda Hurst.....	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friends
Kelly Jackson.....	Doris Brack's friend
Jim Joiner.....	Ann Meadows' friend
Reed & Trish Layne.....	Larry Davis' friends
Dwight McKee.....	Greg Marrs' uncle
Brynne Nowroozi.....	Cindy Curry's friend
Les & Alison O'Neal.....	Sandra Hoffman's friends
Myra Shelton.....	Punkin Smith's friend
Jack Snively.....	Bob & Lisa Endres' friend
Seretha Tinsley.....	Tom & Jeri Oldts' friend
Jess Wilkinson.....	Lee Wilkinson's brother

MILITARY

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
THESE UP-COMING 10 AM
SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICES**

November 20 December 18

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES ARE BACK



The *Lydia* and *Joy* circles have begun a new Bible Study: ***Celebrating Sabbath*** by Carol M. Bechtel.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, next meeting **October 18, at 10:00 am** on Carol Carter's back porch.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, next meeting **October 20, at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. Contact Lynn Swart at (863)293-5561, Carol Carter at (863)206-7095, or the church office to purchase your copy.

Our circles are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

TRUNK OR TREAT!



We are planning another incredible afternoon of games, candy, and community outreach. We will host our annual Trunk Or Treat on **Sunday, October 30 from 4:30 pm till 6 pm**. We are in need of decorated trunks and candy. If you can bring your decorated vehicle, please sign up at the church or online. You can also drop off bags of candy at the church office or in McLeod Hall.

Please come join the fun! Any questions can be sent to John at jreiter@firstpreswh.org.

SAVE THE DATE



We are excited to be hosting the **Bach Festival Choir** for a concert on **Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm**. Come hear some beautiful Baroque music performed by a choir and chamber orchestra and solo classical guitar. The theme of the concert is Bach's rendition of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." A reception will follow. Hope to see you there!

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We invite you to join us **every Sunday, 5:30 - 7 pm**, on a journey into the life of Jesus with the film series **THE CHOSEN**.

We gather in McLeod Hall for dinner, to view an episode, and then discuss the Bible passages that undergird the story.

We hope you'll join with other believers as we share faith, fellowship, and film. Please bring a covered dish to share for our meal. Child care is provided.

YOUTH GROUPS

The **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm**.

The **High School Youth Group** meets **Sundays, from 5:30 until 7:30 pm**.



Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building in the Golden Center youth house! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 863-224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Our Soup Kitchen provides an incredible outreach and positive impact in our community. Every Saturday, this church helps to feed 80-100 hungry people. For many, this meal is one of the few of significant substance that they will eat all week.

Many of our members volunteer just a few hours of their time to help prepare the food and serve those in need. **We currently have October 22, November 26, and all of December dates available**. If you have never helped before or have questions, fear not, our Deacons can address any uncertainties and help you feel comfortable in serving.

Interested in learning more or signing up? Contact the church office, any of our Deacons, or check out the sign-up sheet in McLeod Hall.

CHRIST'S KIDS



Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids, meets on **Wednesdays at 3:30 pm** on the playground.

Kids, PreK through 5th grade, are invited to join. Visit our website for more information and this year's registration form. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

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.

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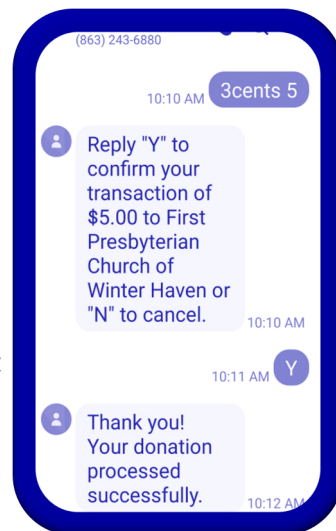
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations;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

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Ben Garner Nicholas Larson Steve Luxford Ariston Walker Lee Wilkinson	10/10	Kasey Ray	Bill Siegel	
10/2	Ruth Dunham Dick Shaw Kyle Von Hahmann	10/11	Matthew Gray Ken Hart Lynn Oakley Cori Swango	Mike Tucker	
10/3	Sophie Maggard Mele Souza	10/12	Susan Kahley	10/26	Lucie Broyles Martha Burke Bill G. Roe, II
10/4	Pam Baker Karen Gerber	10/14	Brenda Darte	10/27	Leah Melvin Jon Powell
10/5	Tilley Montney Jeff Snyder	10/15	Susan Smith	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/6	Karen Alexander Nicole Roe	10/17	Annette Whitney	10/30	Kathy Lockhart Dick McCauley Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/7	Whitney Dunham	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Brittaney Roe	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Dorian Miller Ed Mitchell J. P. Powell
10/8	Buddy Kahley Jill Kosmensky Jessica Wilson	10/19	Joan Chilton		
10/9	Michael Baragona	10/21	Chelle Doyel		
10/9	Laura Gaye Dunham	10/22	Jonye Briggs Mary Alice Kennedy		
		10/23	Mark Bostick Olivia Glenn Howard Rambeau		
		10/23	Pat Vobornik		
		10/24	Jenna Volpe		
		10/25	Bob Bentley		

ANNIVERSARIES

10/1	Mike & Amy McGee	10/20	Buddy & Susan Kahley	10/24	Leland & Elizabeth Miller
10/2	Jared & Chalsey Lockhart		David & Theresa Kalb	10/25	Gannon & Amanda Olmert
10/9	Pete & Missie Snively		Brent & Megan Robinson	10/26	Scott & Rusty Hart
10/10	Steven & Chelsey Lockhart	10/21	Thom & Amanda Rivers	10/28	Dick & Anne McCauley
10/11	Bill & Susan Taylor	10/23	Sam & Kristan Sheffield	10/31	Don & Norma Martin
10/15	Keith & Marjorie Putnum	10/24	John & Cheryl Marchetti		

THANK YOU FROM ALAN HARVEY



As the first anniversary of mother's death is here, I am keenly aware of the many cards and notes that were sent. I also am reminded of my failure to formally acknowledge these kindnesses. They were appreciated!

Thank you and God Bless you. *Alan*

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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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 217 lunches
the week of 9/19/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 65 people on
Saturday, 9/24/22.

A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

Have you thought about:



- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't?
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want?
- How comfortable do I want to be?
- How I want people to treat me?
- What I want my loved ones to know?
- What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?

Please join us, **Tuesday, October 25** from **5:30-6:30 pm** in the Golden Center youth house. Dr. Negley will be discussing "Five Wishes", a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call or email the church office, or drop this reservation form in the offering plate on Sunday.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

SMALL GROUPS PLANNING TEAM



Are you someone who sees the value of small group learning, growing and want to see more here at First Pres? Is there time in your schedule to be creative? Are you organized and like to see dreams become reality? We are hoping to start 2-3 NEW small groups in the upcoming year. Please talk with Rev. Sarah as we form a small group steering team to help get things off the ground!