



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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PRAISE NIGHT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 7 PM



We are so excited to invite you to our first ever Praise Night here at First Pres! This evening of worship and music will be held in our Sanctuary. Come join your voices in praise with the First Pres Praise Band. Dr. Negley will offer some lessons from scripture and lead us in prayer. Come sing your heart out to our Great God.

GENERATIONS UNITED: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7 PM



What makes the church unique is that it is one of the few places where multiple generations gather in the same space. To celebrate that community, your family is invited to our first **Generations United** event - a game night!

Join us with your favorite game and a dish to share for dinner together. Whether you are 96 or a family of 6, these upcoming events are for you. Be sure to invite your friends!

OUR NEXT SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE IS NOVEMBER 21



Have you enjoyed the recent single Sunday worship services and opportunities to gather as one church family for food and fellowship? Do you love decorating for Christmas? Good news! On **November 21**, we will gather for a blended worship service at **10 am**. This special service will be followed by a lunch in

McLeod Hall and then we will *Deck the Halls* to prepare our church for Advent and the coming of Christmas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special day!

FLOWER CHART IS IN NARTHEX

You are invited to sign up for your important Sunday worship dates. 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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Sunday, October 31**
 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- Monday, November 1**
 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- Tuesday, November 2**
 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
 6:30 pm Session (GR)
- Wednesday, November 3**
 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
 3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (CE)
 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
 6:30 pm Officers' Training (MH/Zoom)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)
- Thursday, November 4**
 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
 4:30 am Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- Friday, November 5**
 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- Saturday, November 6**
 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Marie Able | Pamela Gray | Jane Lucia |
| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Alan & Douglas Harvey | Pat McCarty |
| Kathy Andrews | Jane Hayman | Dick McCauley |
| Pat Berrell | Frances Heath | Pat Miller |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Kay Hedden | Edna Mitchell |
| Charlie Darte | Bryan Howard | Richard Moots |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Jim Huff | John & Marilyn Schleifer |
| Zan Dismuke | Scott & Becky Irvin | Joyce Shirah |
| Dana Elmore | Martha Johnson | Dale Smith |
| Bill Everhart | Dena Lancashire | Katie Sparr |
| Ed Gorsky | Judy Lindsay | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| | Eric Lindstrom | Gwen Waters |
| | | Sug Zowarka |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Margy Allen.....Lynn Oakley's friend
 Verona JohnsonLynn Oakley's friend
 Sally JonesKatie Sparr's friend
 Joe & Helen LewisJonathan Owen's friends
 Vance & Julie LittrellRick & Pat Reass' friend
 Ruth Norton.....Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
 Winifred McAllister RewisCindy Steele's mom
 Katie Sisson.....Lisa Endres' friend
 Spencer familyJonathan Owen's friends
 Robbie Thompson.....Larry & Peggy Davis' friend
 Rolland Waters.....Gale & Gwen Waters' son
 Jess WilkinsonLee Wilkinson's brother
 Wood familyJonathan Owen's friends
 Bill Yost.....Connie Shipley's significant other

PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

A YEAR OF THE BIBLE YOU CAN STILL JUMP IN!

We are in the last quarter of our reading plan to explore the Bible. How has it been going for you? Have you been able to keep up with the schedule? Did you not join in at the beginning, but now want to get started? Did you start earlier this year, but are now struggling to get those readings in?

Don't worry! You can join at any point. If you have fallen behind and worry about catching up, just jump in where we are now. If this becomes an enjoyable spiritual discipline for you, you can always go back later and pick up the readings you missed. So again, we invite you to join us using the schedule in this Tower Chimes. Just pick a day and start discovering what God's Word might say to you today.

WEEK 43



MILITARY

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

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Jeremiah 38, 39	John 14
2	Jeremiah 40, 41	John 15
3	Jeremiah 42, 43	John 16
4	Jeremiah 44-46	Psalms 119:49-72
5	Jeremiah 47, 48	John 17
6	Jeremiah 49, 50	John 18
7	Jeremiah 51, 52	Psalms 119:73-96

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



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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.

Keywords are:

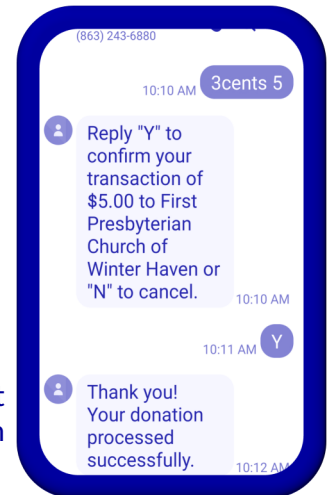
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations;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



WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Go to our Church website at 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 or at rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

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MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Each **Tuesday** the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	George Butz Judith Suprina	11/9	Carole Marotti Amy Speer	11/20	Audrey Bowlin Todd Dantzler
11/2	Ellen Miller	11/10	Beth Luxford Padgell Palo	11/21	Charley Chilton George Seagraves
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley	11/11	Greg Prather Zane McCann Judith Shull	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Mandy Matha Steve Negley Suzann Threadgill
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/12	Ellie Hoagland Bob Howard	11/23	Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman
11/5	Joyce Shirah Missie Snively Jakson Thibodaux	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/24	Jonathan McKee
11/6	Hanley Renney	11/14	Ricky Montney, III	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/15	Carly Salomon Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/26	Paula Forrest Penn Tucker
11/8	Mia Cinquanti Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Chris Larson Tonia Milbry Judie Tucker	11/16	Cameron Weeks	11/27	David Dershimer Tracy Mercer Chuck Tate
11/9	McKenzie Cinquanti Carolyn Hatch	11/17	Jaleeann Johnston	11/28	Bliss Roe Louise Volpe
		11/18	Judy Partridge	11/29	Jackson Gainey
		11/19	Leonard Gann Will Rowker	11/30	Karla von Hahmann

ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann	11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/27	Gayle & Bill Johnston Arletta & Joe Oriani
11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
11/17	Karen & Tony Premuto		
11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas		

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



The past year has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a winter address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

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're 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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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 156 lunches
the week of 10/18/21. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 68 people on
Saturday, 10/23/21.

COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVING NATIVITY STROLL DECEMBER 11, 6-8 PM



It feels strange to talk about Christmas when it is still so hot, but it will be here in no time. Please put **December 11** on your calendar now for a special evening of music, fellowship, and an opportunity to see and hear the Christmas story come to life. Come to the Stable: A Living Nativity Stroll!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles are beginning a new Bible Study:
What My Grandmothers Taught Me by Merryl Blair.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **10:00 am** on Carol Carter's back porch.
The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The study books will be available at a cost of \$10. Contact either Lynn Swart at (863)293-5561, Carol Carter at (863)206-7095, or the church office (863)294-3121 to purchase your copy. Our groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

CHRIST'S KIDS: WEDNESDAYS, 3:30-5:30PM



We are so excited to be back with our **Christ's Kids**! Any child 4 years through 5th grade is invited to join us every **Wednesday** from **3:30 till 5:30 pm**. Meeting on our playground then doing some amazing Bible study and music, our kids will grow in their faith this year. Registration forms are now available on our church website. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions.