



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## IT'S TIME FOR CAKE!



**Rev. Dr. Steven R. Negley** joined First Pres as Head of Staff and Senior Pastor on February 15, 1996. That's over 26 years of service to our congregation and community. Last year, we celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a video prior to a worship service. Unfortunately, we were unable to have an appropriate in-person commemoration of this anniversary due to COVID restrictions. Well, the time has come to have a party!

Following our single worship service at **10 am** on **Sunday, September 11**, we will have a fellowship reception with cake and punch to thank Steve and look ahead to more years of shared ministry. We hope that you will make plans to join us in worship and for this special time together as a church family in September.

## FALL IS ALMOST HERE! CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN!



Our First Pres Musicians are getting ready to begin our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. Rehearsals will start on **Wednesday, September 14** for **Chancel Bells** and **Chancel Choir**, and **Thursday, September 15** for **Chapel Bells**. Please read below for more details.

**Chancel Bells** rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room on the third floor of the Sanctuary building. We (usually) ring the prelude at the 11:00 am worship on the first Sunday of each month and offer special anthems at holidays and other services.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00 - 8:15** (later at times leading up to holidays/special events). We sing songs and anthems at the 11:00 am Traditional Worship service.

**Chapel Bells** rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room. We offer music throughout the year at the 11:00 am worship service.

We are so excited to start this choir season and hope you will join in making music with us! For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 4

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)
- 5:30 pm Chosen Bible Study (MH)

### Monday, September 5

**LABOR DAY  
OFFICE CLOSED**

### Tuesday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)

### Thursday, September 8

- 3:30 pm Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

### Friday, September 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

### Saturday, September 10

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

## 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.



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

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

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Flo McNeer	Trish & Reed Layne	Sharon Schloffer
Hamilton	Dwight McKee	Myra Shelton
Jim & Belinda Hurst	Brynne Nowroozi	Jess Wilkinson
Jim Joiner	Less & Alison O'Neal	

### MILITARY

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

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**This newsletter is published weekly.**  
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**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 261 lunches  
the week of 8/22/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 55 people on  
Saturday, 8/27/22.

**Return Service Requested**

## VOLUNTEER OPPOTUNITIES



Fall educational programing is starting soon and there are still opportunities to serve:

1. On-call Sunday nursery substitutes.
2. Folks rotating every 2-3 months teaching Sunday School.
3. Volunteering weekly at our Christ's Kids faith-based after-school program on Wednesday.

Interest peaked and would like to know more? Contact Rev. Sarah at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).

## CHRIST'S KIDS

Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids starts **Wednesday, September 14 at 3:30 pm** on the playground. Kids PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join. Just visit our website for more information and this year's registration. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).

## SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS



Our fall Service for Wholeness will be **Sunday evening, September 18** in the Chapel starting at **7 p.m.** Prayers will be offered for healing and wholeness in our world, our community, our families, and our lives.

Dr. Steve Negley will be leading reflections on scripture and Jeremy Rath will be offering the music for the evening. Communion will be served to those present, and people will be given the opportunity to come forward for individual prayers and anointing with oil if they desire. Please join us for this time of worship and communion.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School for PreK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Christian Education Building, starting **September 18** from **9:15 to 10 am**. Our children will enjoy weekly rotating lessons, learning music, and art projects! Join the fun on Sunday mornings.

## ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

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 on **Sunday, September 18**. Each Sunday, historians and archaeologists, connect the biblical story with the larger historic world, ancient literature, and archaeological findings. Join this class for a fascinating interactive time with guided conversation and visits from our pastors to answer your questions.



## FUNTIMERS RETURN!

Calling all First Pres Funtimers ( the 55+ crowd in our congregation.) We will be gathering on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** for food, fellowship,



and a fanciful organ demonstration by Director of Music Ministries, **Jeremy Rath**.

It all starts at **11 am**. Lunch will be served family style in McLeod Hall and then we will head to the sanctuary where Jeremy will explain some of the details of our recently renovated Moeller church organ and treat us to some tunes.

We'll wrap up at **1 pm**. To help us have plenty of food prepared, please let us know you're coming by calling or emailing the church office.