



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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NATIVITY SHOW AND TELL



Join us this **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following the 10 am worship service for our **Nativity Show and Tell**. Please feel free to bring one or more of your favorite Nativities to share with those attending the lunch. (If your Nativity is extra special, you can set it up following the lunch, to make sure it's safe and sound.) We will have sandwiches and "donkey/camel" nuggets for the children to enjoy. A fun nativity craft will be provided for the kids. Come celebrate the Advent Season with your friends from First Pres.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to join us this **Sunday, December 8, 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch a Bible round table for season 4 from **The Chosen**, then discuss what we have seen. Please join us even if you haven't watched the series, we will help you catch up.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. Childcare will be provided.

COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVING NATIVITY STROLL



On **Saturday, December 14, 6-7:30 pm**, First Pres hosts an outdoor Living Nativity (including live animals!) and musical performances throughout our parking lot.

We'd love for you to be a part, whether it's joining the all ages cast during the 7:15 pm performance, providing cookies, or being welcoming at our hospitality table or helping to keep the parking lot safe; volunteers will be needed.

Please mark your calendar and begin to think about how you can be a part of this gift to our community. Sign-ups are on the bulleting board of the narthex or call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 11:15 am Nativity Show & Tell and Luncheon (MH)
- 5:00 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)

Monday, December 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, December 11

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Membership (MH)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, December 12

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, December 13

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, December 14

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 6:00 pm Come to the Stable (PL)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Orrin Champlain	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Norm Patrick
Charles Chilton	Scott & Becky Irvin	Kim Powell
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Joanie Kooser	Sharon Ramseyer
Rob Donaldy	Ross Kosmensky	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Richard & Dana Elmore	Ray & Gladys Larson	Suzanne Sherry
Bill Everhart	Lynn Lassater	Katie Sparr
Dolly Goetz	Steve Lockhart	Linda Stavres
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Barbara Tackett
Caitlyn Grady	Pat Miller	Jay Tackett
Lynne Grady	Edna Mitchell	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray		Glenn Thomas

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Diane Conaly	Tamara Keyes	Ann Reddout
Sean Duerr	Ada Lopez-Mendez	John Shoberg
Kim Hastings	Brian Marino	Barbara Spinella
Erik Johansson	Khyla Martinez	Danny Williams
Juan Joy	Carroll Negley	Tom Wood
Misty Judd	Patty Oakley	

MILITARY

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

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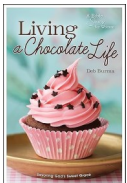
Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 121 lunches
the week of 11/25/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 85 people on
Saturday, 11/30/24.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The *Lydia and Joy Circles* Bible study is *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, the next meeting is **December 17 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **December 19 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

For **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24**, both worship services will help us to focus on the celebration of our Savior's birth with the reading of the biblical story and the singing of traditional carols.



The **5 pm** worship service will feature acoustic sounds of the season with our Praise Band and other musicians from our congregation.

The **7 pm** worship service will include music from our Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We a head cook and helpers for **December 28**. If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

The **2025** sign-up sheet is now up in McLeod Hall.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IS NOW POSTED IN THE 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 dedication information.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Worship Services: **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols** at **5 & 7 pm**. Please fill out this order form.

The cost per plant is **\$15** and checks, marked "Poinsettia Fund", should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18**.

IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has returned for our children (PreK-5th grade) after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays meet in **Room 207**. We are excited for a year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.



ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Adult Sunday School series, *The Story of the Bible*, meets at **9 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In the lessons they join a New Testament professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.

