



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 22** at **9:55 am** in the sanctuary, to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) as they bring their recommendation for our new Associate Pastor. (This candidate, if elected by the congregation, will be installed in February, 2025 to the Associate Pastor position that was last held by Dr. Alan Harvey, and Rev. John Reiter as Interim Associate Pastor.) Please be present on December 22 to receive the full packet of information about the APNC's choice as our new Associate Pastor, and to vote on this call.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



For **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 22

FORTH 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)

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 26

- 10:00 am Poinsettia Delivery to Shut-ins (MCR)

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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| Ruth Adkins | Misty Judd | Ann Reddout |
| Barbara Blauvelt | Tamara Keyes | Ron Reiss |
| Tom Brackett | Ada Lopez-Mendez | John Shoberg |
| Diane Conaly | Brian Marino | Barbara Spinella |
| Sean Duerr | Jeannie Martin | Calvin Stanley |
| Kim Hastings | Khyla Martinez | Danny Williams |
| Erik Johansson | Carroll Negley | Tom Wood |
| Juan Joy | Patty Oakley | |

MILITARY

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 | |

OUR SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Carol Roe and Jane Till** upon the death of their mother, **Betty Rauth**, who died on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 197 lunches
the week of 12/9/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 85 people on
Saturday, 12/14/24.



Return Service Requested

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Ladies, you are invited to join your sisters in Christ for a Women's Bible Study on **Thursday evenings at 6 starting on January 9**, meeting in the Golden Center.

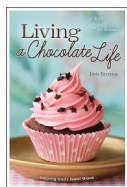
We'll read the Gospel of John together, answer questions, and discuss how the message of John can impact our lives and our faith. Please direct any questions to Lisa Centonze.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IS 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.

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 **January 21 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **January 23 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us **Sunday, January 12, 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.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We have dates open in **January & February** for head cooks and helpers. 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.

FUNTIMERS

On **Wednesday, January 22**, FunTimers will meet in Upper Room at **11:30 am**. We will hear a program from retired Police Chief Andy Ray on questions he has been asked through the years, and some misconceptions we have about what the police can and can't do. Please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

