



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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WE WELCOME OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Please join us this **Sunday, February 2** at both worship services when we welcome **Rev. Callie Weber** as our new Associate Pastor.

Callie was born and raised in Dade City, Florida and a child member of First Presbyterian.

Callie began to sense a call to ministry in her time as a camp counselor at Cedarkirk. She graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia with a BA in Religious Studies, Union Theological Seminary in New York City with a Masters of Divinity, and the University of Central Florida with a Masters in Social Work. She was ordained as the Program Ministries Director at Cedarkirk in 2005 and for the past 18 years has served in a validated ministry as a grief counselor for hospice.

During her time at Cedarkirk, Callie met the love of her life Kevin, who was born and raised in Brandon. Kevin is a high school math teacher at Bloomingdale High School and also a Columbia Seminary graduate. Callie and Kevin have two children: Molly (15) and Ben (13). They also have a dachshund named Millie, 3 cats, and a guinea pig.

BIBLE, BLUEGRASS, & BBQ



Be sure to mark your calendars for our *Bible, Bluegrass, and BBQ Sunday* on **February 2!** During our **10 am** worship service, the music will be from the Bluegrass Gospel tradition. The Chancel Choir will share some oldies like *Down the River to Pray* and *Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?* You will be able to join on singing some favorites as well, such as *I'll Fly Away* and *Church in the Wildwood*. A new addition this year will be our Chancel Bells ringing an arrangement of *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*.

Following our worship, we will gather for a BBQ luncheon in McLeod Hall. Our menu will feature pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Moon Pies for dessert.

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.*

STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Rev. Callie C. Weber
Associate Pastor

Dr. Fred R. Halde
Parish Associate for
Visitation

Jeremy T. Rath
Director of
Music Ministries

Jenna V. Wall
Youth Team
Coordinator

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance
and Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative
Assistant

Daryl D. Fenley
Director of
Maintenance

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

WELCOME REV. CALLIE WEBER, AP
BIBLE, BLUE GRASS, & BBQ

- 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 BBQ Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, February 4

- 6:30 pm Session (UR)

Wednesday, February 5

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (GSH)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm The Daniel Plan Bible Study (MH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, February 6

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- 6:00 pm Women's Night Time Bible Study (GC)

Friday, February 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, February 8

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

ANGELS CARE AND RUBY TUESDAY



Angels Care Center is totally self-supporting and your participation in **Ruby Tuesday's GiveBack Program** supplied over 2% of

Angels Care total 2024 operating budget!

Please continue to help us by simply eating at **Ruby Tuesday** on the first **Sunday** or **Monday (February 2 & 3)** of every month. **Angels Care** will earn **15%** on all lunches, dinners, or take-out meals at the 5995 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven location. Be sure to tell your server you are supporting the clinic.

This cannot be combined with other coupons or discounts.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Norm Patrick
Orrin Champlain	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
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Barbara Tackett
Caitlyn Grady	Pat Miller	Jay Tackett
Lynne Grady	Judy Moots	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Glenn Thomas
Jane Hayman	Joe & Arletta Oriani	Jennifer & Mike Vibrant
		Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ruth Adkins' family	Ellie Threlkel
Barbara Blauvelt	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tom Bracket	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa	Tom Oldt's friend
Diane Conaly	Lynn Oakley's friend
Sean Duerr	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Gary & Georgia Green	Tom Oldt's friend
Erik Johansson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Misty Judd	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ray & Marla Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friends
Tamara Keyes	Bethany Owen's mom
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Carroll Negley	Steve Negley's mother
Patty Oakley	Lynn Oakley's daughter-in-law
Ann Reddout	Pat & Rick Reass' friend
John Shoberg	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Barbara Spinella	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Calvin Stanley	Lynn Oakley's friend
Bob Wexler	Gale Waters' friend
Jenni Wilson	Punkin Smith's friend

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	

SYMPATHY



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Judy Moots** upon the death of her brother, **Brian Marino**, who died on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2	Karen Clarke Bob Gerber Leah Weeks	2/11	Lesley Johnston 2/12 Ron Dunham Mike Vibral	2/22	Susan Singleton Gail Van Allen
2/3	Marjorie Putnum Charlie Roe	2/13	Leland Miller Eric Roe	2/23	Casey Cheatham Bill Everhart Kathryn McAllister
2/5	Kevin Britt	2/14	Marj Crittenden		Bob Sheffield
2/6	Zan Dismuke Ann King Steve Lockhart Tracy Scheck	2/15	Daryl Fenley	2/24	Cathey Lane Teresa Negley Drew Powell
2/7	Tom Wales	2/16	Jenna Johnston Kade Rabern	2/25	Thom Rivers
2/8	Steffan Bentley	2/17	Marie Able	2/26	Betts Huff Nat West
2/9	Augie Andrews Vincent Centonze Collins Counter Kevin Thomas	2/18	Kristan Sheffield	2/27	Joe Badnell
2/10	Ethan Boland	2/19	Matt McGaffigan	2/28	Pam Gray Jane Hayman Connie Minich
		2/21	Donna Rounsley Squire Smith		
		2/22	Lynn Aaron Winston Cranmer Neal McBride		

ANNIVERSARIES

2/1	Janie & Bob Hammette	2/14	Norman & Bonnie Patrick
2/2	Gus & Shannon Badnell George & Kelly Butz Greg & Shelly Prather	2/17	Ross & Jill Kosmensky
2/6	Randy & Beth Spiwak	2/19	Ron & Kris Dunham
2/11	Bob & Shirley Hines	2/21	Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/12	Fred & Kathleen Deloach	2/22	Adam & Erin Cranmer
		2/24	Bob & Lisa Endres

FEBRUARY FUNTIMERS



On **Thursday, February 27** Funtimers will be traveling to Sarasota to *Yoder's Restaurant and Amish Village*. We will meet at the church at **10 am** and travel by bus and caravan for lunch. After lunch we can check out the gift shop and goodies at the market. We plan to return to the church by **3 pm**. Please sign up at the Narthex or call the office. Cost will be the price of your lunch.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THERE TO CARE



Are you going through a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, call **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders:

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>.

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 205 lunches
the week of 1/20/25. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 130 people on
Saturday, 1/25/25.

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



The annual *Souper Bowl of Caring* football game will be **Sunday, February 9 at 2 pm** at the Polk State College soccer fields! Come join as the Geezers & Youth tackle hunger together.

Bring your canned goods donations to the church any time from now until the end of February, to support our Feeding the Hungry ministry. Thank you!

AMERICAN MAH JONGG LESSONS

Please join us for the fascinating game of *American Mah Jongg*. Spend a fun and relaxing couple of hours in fellowship with your First Pres family. We meet weekly on **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the **Girl Scout House**.



If you would like to play, please contact Sue Henry at 989-725-8224

HEARTS & HANDS: TOGETHER IN SERVICE



An ask from the congregant survey; was more opportunities and more information for our congregants to “get involved”. We heard you - our Elders and Deacons are working together to create meaningful opportunities for all congregants to engage in service. This partnership is a beautiful reflection of our shared commitment to living out our faith through action.

From supporting our local community to assisting with church activities, there’s a place for everyone to contribute their unique gifts. Whether you’re new to volunteering or a seasoned helper, your hearts and hands are needed to continue the vital work of our church.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on specific volunteer opportunities. Let's come together as a congregation to make a difference!

Question? Please reach out to our Community Outreach Committee at firstpresask@gmail.com.