



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 2017 LENTEN SERMON SERIES

*You know that after two days
the Passover is coming,
and the Son of Man will be
handed over to be crucified.*
Matthew 26:2



Throughout his earthly life, and along the dusty road to the cross, Jesus lived as a faithful follower of God Almighty. In the words from Matthew chapter 26, he tied His own crucifixion with the sacrifice of Passover.

During this season of Lent, we are focusing our Sunday worship services on *The Life of Our Messiah*, celebrating how the earthly life of Jesus was influenced by Jewish traditions, festivals, and spirituality.

Please plan to have your faith deepened and stretched as we explore the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2 5th Sunday in Lent

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, April 3

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
6:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MH)
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, April 5

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 6

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 7

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 8

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



*Congratulations to
Aaron & Susan Andrews
on the birth of their
daughter,
Hannah Rose Andrews,
born February 16, 2017.
The proud grandmother
is Augie Andrews.*

Remember in Prayer MEMBERS

Roger Able	Camille Howe	Barbara Roberts
Maxie Adams	Jim Huff	Earle Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Joey Johnston	Ed Rounsley
Bob Beale	Kelly Kennedy	Marilyn Schleifer
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper
Tom Brackett	Toni Krieger	Barbara A. Smith
Millie Carrier	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Helen Champlain	Jackie Lawn	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Charlie Darte	John Maltese	Carolyn Thompson
Jana & Mike Easterling	Larry Marshall	MaryBess Thompson & family
Jeanne Estes	Gladys Meier	Shirley Turner
Bill Everhart	Lynnis Mincey	Lee Wilkinson
Margaret Goodman	Bev Morris	Marie Williams
Matthew Gray	Joan Murphy	Nancy Williamson
Marilyn Hearn	Nancy Neale	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Ed Partridge	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Doug Purnell	
Doris Hill	Keith Ray	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Marilyn Hearn

Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's Friend
Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Suzie Coal	Augie Andrews' friend
DiNunzio family	Kit Threlkel's friends
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jim Greenwood	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pam Heath	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matthew Knowles	Amy Speer's cousin
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Shelia Maskowitz	Nell Speer's friend
Julien McCall	Lynn Oakley's friend
Larry McCullough	Helen Champlain's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Amish Shah	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Gary Webb	Mathew Gray's father
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Karolina Crockett	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU...

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*" Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job--it's something Jesus calls us all to do! **Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you--or someone you know--are going through a difficult time, **call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.



ALL FIRST PRES YOUTH RETURN TO THE TRAINS!

Join the Middle School and High School Youth for a special outing this **Saturday, April 1** as we head out to *The Ridge Live Steamers* small gauge railroad in Dundee to ride the trains. **Mr. and Mrs. Dobler** will host our group. We will have a cookout and ride the mile and a half long railways on "Florida's Highest Railroad."



All First Pres youth and their friends are invited to join us!

We will meet at the Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW) at **11:00 a.m.** and take the bus and van to Dundee. We'll have lunch together at Ridge Live Steamers, then enjoy a couple of train rides for the entire group before heading back to Winter Haven. We'll be back at the church by 3:00 p.m. The dress for the day is "train casual".

Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss it!

SOUP KITCHEN BOOT CAMP

The Deacons are sponsoring another **Soup Kitchen Boot Camp** this **Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m.** People who have been interested in the Soup Kitchen but may have been a little skittish about helping will have the opportunity to work alongside your Deacons as they prepare and serve the meal, set up the 737 Building for dining, and clean up afterwards. For those who have considered serving in the role as Head Cook but are still unsure about what that entails, additional training will also be offered on the same date. This is a non-intimidating and non-threatening way to experience working in the Soup Kitchen and responding to Jesus' invitation to feed His sheep.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the Deacons board in McLeod Hall. Please consider the invitation and join us as we minister to some of the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters in our own community.



JOIN GLENN THOMAS' FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR CAKE...

... during The Connection, this **Sunday, April 2 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.** as they host his 90th birthday celebration.

EASTER IS COMING!!!

We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt which will be held on **Sunday, April 16 at 10:35 a.m.** Please bring in your **plastic eggs already filled with individually-wrapped candy or small prizes (no chocolate please)**. You may drop off the eggs in the church office or in the basket in McLeod Hall. Please have them delivered by **Monday, April 10**. Little ones through fifth graders are invited to attend the hunt.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION



The All Church Retreat will be **May 6 & 7** at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This weekend is for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday or just one of those days.

The theme this year is, "**Stones and Stories**" and we will focus on Joshua 4 during the weekend. All ages are welcome to join in fellowship, fun, delicious food, and outdoor adventures. Please register by **Monday, April 24**. Brochures are NOW available.

Please contact Evelyn McMullen at 294-3121 for more information.

APRIL 30, MAY 21, JUNE 4 & 25
ARE AVAILABLE DATES TO SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS



There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be at the church by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

2017 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 16**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked “Easter Lily Fund”.

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, April 10**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.



Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

☐ I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

☐ I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The Worship and Music Committee has approved purchasing butterflies to be released in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 5, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date**.

As we have done for the past few years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died prior to, or after, April 5, 2016, or who is beyond the relationship guidelines mentioned above (for example, grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.



So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon,
*please have your orders in by **Easter, April 16**.*



Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Which worship service **April 23:** 8:15 a.m. ☐ 9:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m. ☐

JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!



Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled:
"Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." Study books are available for \$8.00.
Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176
for book or with any questions.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.
The next meeting is April 10.

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **9:30 a.m.**
The next meeting is **April 18** at the home of Carol Carter.



CHRIST KIDS!



From **3:15 until 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday**, kids from age 4 through grade 5 enjoy a well-balanced experience of Christian community. Some of the Christ Kids have grown up at First Pres; others are new to church.

Christ Kids have fun on the Playground, learn to praise God with Music, offer their prayer concerns during Circle Time, and experience Bible stories in ways that connect with their lives. During the weeks leading up to Easter, Christ Kids' circle time will explore the Lord's Prayer. A dedicated team of ten volunteers each week makes it possible for these children to grow in Christian faith.

WE STILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 55 DIRECTORIES TO BE PICKED UP.



You can claim your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE:
**EVERY CHURCH FAMILY GETS A
DIRECTORY, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT
HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN.**

REMEMBER THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Shirley Ussery	4/14	Beverly Morris	4/23	Kimberly Gaines
4/2	Kenny Lasseter		Julia Parker	4/24	Diany Blanton
	Alexander Schulz		Mark Schreiber		Kelly Butz
	Phillip Tanner	4/15	KC Davidson		Clara Nell Dantzler
4/3	Glenn Thomas		Tracy Garcia		Kristen Hahn
4/5	Blake Bentley		Perry Oakley		Lydia Rennie
	Kalen Rabern		Penny Zwicker	4/25	April Porter
	Glynn Swango	4/16	Steven Dunham	4/26	Blair Dunham
	Betsy Wengler		Elise Levasseur		Ryan Groetsch
4/7	Russell Aaron		Barbara H. Smith		Camille Howe
	Betsy Bogahn		McCree Stults		John Marchetti
	Brandy Gray	4/17	Howard Beckert		Darcie Owens
	Kelly Kennedy		Scott Hart		Dave Tannahill
	Caden Kok		Billy Melvin	4/27	Lori Calvin
	Kenneth Welch	4/19	Joni Gann		Lindsay Fitzgerald
4/8	Elizabeth Walker		Jane West		Barbara Puckett
4/9	Mal Boland	4/20	Jay Gray	4/28	Carolyn Greene
	Paul Harkins		Roxane McCann		Kyle Seney
	Katie Solomon		Julie Valk		Lucas Volpe
	Kristin Tannahill		Ansley Wales	4/29	Alice Colgrove
4/10	Julius Windham		Dave Wander		Matthew Gaines
4/11	Quentin Roe	4/21	James Bruce		Marilyn Sheffield
	Mike Speer		Christian Cornejo		Alexandra Turner
4/12	Ellie Crowder		Kevin Grady	4/30	Deane Briggs
	Charlene Glenn		Corbin Hart		Judy Denlinger
	Meg Strang		Marcia Strang		Dale Johnson
4/13	Drew Baker		Dave Zwicker		Ryan Seney
	Barrett Bostick	4/22	Lyndsey Clarke		Ellen Tate
	Debbie Sowards		Harper Roe		Nancy Williamson
4/14	Marcia Eycleshimer	4/22	Thomas Wales		

Anniversaries

4/4	Tom & Jeri Oldt	4/17	Richard & Susan Wales
4/6	Stephen & Beth Luxford	4/22	Ted & Paula Threadgill
4/7	David & Marcie Dersheimer	4/23	Michael & Meredith Baragona
4/10	Carson & Kay Weeks	4/25	Joseph & Martha Burke
4/12	Lauren & Zane Schwenk	4.25	Bob & Linda Mishael
4/14	David & Kathleen Gillen	4/26	Shorter & Marcia Strang

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities play on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES**



## 8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

A **traditional worship service** held in our chapel: The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included if we have children in attendance.

## 9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

A **Praise and Worship service** held in our sanctuary: Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

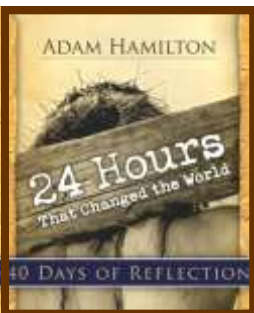
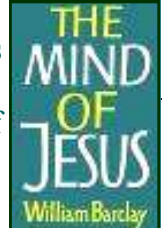
## 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

A **traditional worship service** held in our sanctuary: The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult

Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in *The Mind of Jesus* his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.



You are invited to **24 Hours that Changed the World--** the Adam Hamilton study at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 207. Join **Gannon Olmert** for this 8-week video discussion leading us toward Easter. Hamilton's video highlights the perspective of the people in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

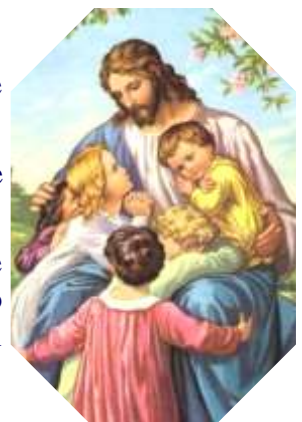
From the review: "We are Judas, Peter, John, Pilate, the Council, and others. We are asked to seriously consider our humanly weaknesses, our prejudices, and our plan to become even closer to God and move ourselves further along our faith walk."

9:30 a.m. ~ Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience the Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.



We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!

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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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out
301 bag lunches the week of 3/20/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 79 people on 3/25/17.

Return Service Requested

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER ~ APRIL 13, 5:30 P.M.

Family Style Menu: shepherd's pie, caesar salad, dinner roll, apple cobbler, coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door.

Reservations required by **Monday, April 10**. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, cshipley@firstpreswh.org, or complete this reservation form in bulletin and Tower Chimes.

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____

EASTER BREAKFAST ~ APRIL 16, 9:15 - 10:45 A.M.

Menu: ham and cheese strata, "Georgia Ice Cream" grits (buttered or with cheese), pastries, orange juice, milk, and coffee. For children, cereal & mini donuts. A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted at the door.

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