



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

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Week of March 26, 2017

Issue 620

131 Years of Ministry

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FOURTH 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.

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 26 4th 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
5:30 p.m. HSYG

Monday, March 27

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
6:15 p.m. Nominating Committee (GR)

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, March 29

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Leaders (MCR)
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, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 1

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Boot Camp (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in Prayer MEMBERS

Roger Able	Joey Johnston	Ed Rounsley
Maxie Adams	Kelly Kennedy	Marilyn Schleifer
Bob Beale	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	
Camille Howe	Barbara Roberts	
Jim Huff	Earle Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper & Randal Spivey Relatives & Friends

Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Florence Curtis	Stephany Alexander's mother
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
Cooper Hicks	Mary Ellen Rowker's former student
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Julien McCall	Lynn Oakley's friend
Larry McCullough	Helen Champlain's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ann Rowker's former student
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



*Our Christian
sympathy goes to
Mike Easterling,
on the death of his
brother, Alan Miller,
who died on Sunday,
March 12, 2017.*



**KEEP
CALM
AND SMILE.
IT'S A
BOY!**

*Congratulations to
Sam & Kristan Sheffield on
the birth of their son,
Robert Tate Sheffield,
born February 23, 2017.*

*The proud grandparents are
Bob & Marilyn Sheffield.*

ALL FIRST PRES YOUTH RETURN TO THE TRAINS!

Join the Middle School and High School Youth for a special outing on **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** on Saturday, **April 1**. 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, **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

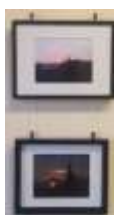


The All Church Retreat will be **May 6 & 7** at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This weekend is for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday or just one of those days.

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.

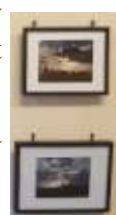
Please contact Evelyn McMullen at 294-3121 for more information.

DID YOU SEE?



Please stop and take a look at the gallery in the second floor North Hallway. The photography of Walter Ferguson displays the beauty of the First Presbyterian chime tower at different times of the day.

If you have a talent in visual art and would like to share in our gallery, please contact Lia Gray, Cheryce Harris or Lynn McCoy.



If you had a paper cut art on display in the gallery please pick it up from the Upper Room.



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, 2015, 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. ☐

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.

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; a train ride & lunch in Dundee; 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.



THE 2017 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS WIDE OPEN

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

We have **April 30, May 21, June 4 & 25** available in the near future.

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 here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



ARE YOU STRESSED? DISCOURAGED? FEELING DOWN?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone through the holiday season. Our Stephen Ministers are "there to care."

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.

AND REMEMBER

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.



This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, 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.

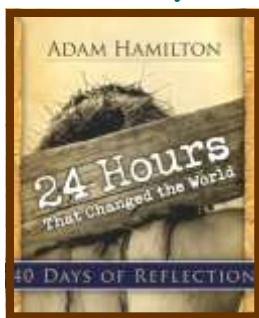
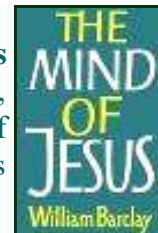
## 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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
271 bag lunches the week of 3/13/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 77 people on 3/18/17.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER, APRIL 13 AT 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, cshingley@firstpreswh.org, or complete this reservation form in bulletin and Tower Chimes.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16 at 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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