



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of March 9, 2014

Issue 491

127 Years of Ministry

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### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**March 9** is the First Sunday in the church season known as Lent. Lent is the 40 day period leading up to Easter in which Christians prepare themselves to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. The forty days often begin with fasting on Ash Wednesday and include acts of penitent self-examination.

We will have Holy Communion in both worship services on the **First Sunday in Lent**. In their Lenten preaching, Dr. Harvey and Dr. Negley will be focusing on "Faithful Forties"; biblical stories which emphasize 40 days or 40 years in the lives of God's people. Please plan to make Lenten worship a part of your preparation for Easter.



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### WE ARE Following the I AM

#### A series of Lenten Devotions for the Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven

The Pastors and Program Staff members of our church will be providing daily devotions for the congregation to be used each day (excluding the Sundays) in Lent 2014. The focus will be guided weekly by one "I AM" statement of Jesus. The six staff members will each reflect on the identity of Christ which is revealed in that scripture, and share their thoughts and a prayer in a brief written devotional.

You can join this Lenten devotional activity by having the daily thoughts e-mailed to you. If you receive the Tower Chimes by e-mail, this will be automatic. New devotions will also be posted daily on the church's Facebook page. Print copies can be picked up on Sunday for the six days which will follow.

Week 1 > John 6:35

Week 2 > John 8:12

Week 3 > John 10:11

Week 4 > John 11:25

Week 5 > John 14:8

Week 6 > Revelation 21:6

I AM the Bread of Life

I AM the Light of the World

I AM the Good Shepherd

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

I AM the Alpha and the Omega



If you want to receive the daily devotionals by email, please send your email request to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).

## Church calendar

Sunday, March 9

Communion

8:50 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth

10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, March 10

8:45 a.m. MOM

10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH-Back)

6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee (MCR)

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**

6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, March 12

8:45 a.m. MOM

12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:15 p.m. Confirmation (SC)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13

9:00 a.m. **Women's Bible Study (EA)**

6:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study (EA)**

6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training (UR)

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, March 14

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Stephen Minister Training (UR)

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)

4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

**Don't forget to move  
your clocks forward  
Saturday night, March  
8, before going to bed.**



## Remember in prayer

### members

Karen Alexander

Anna Marie Barton

Maggie Beeland

Michele & Neil Berger

Win Bertrus

R. Otis Bice, Jr.

Lois Burrell

Millie Carrier

Joan Carruth

George & Sylvia Chambers

Peggy Chun

Jean Clemmons

Tom Coffman

Norma Conner

Don Dinger

Eunice Dishman

Rich & Nancy Dobler

Jerry Dugger

Jeanne Estes

Dawn & David Fellows

Mary Firment

Lois Frakes

Gary Gardner

Phyllis Gilbert

Marge Goodman

Pete & Jean Harman

Cheryce Harris

Audrey Hawk

Frances Heath

Doris Hill

Ranell Hillman

Ed Houston

Camille Howe

Scott Irvin

Dorothy Johnson

Toni Krieger

Dena Lancashire

Anne LeMacks

Dot Lenfestey

Pete & Judy Lindsay

Spike Lucia

Jim Manor

Rita Marcacci

Matt McGaffigan

Joan Murphy

Nancy Neale

Randall Palmer

Dee Palmore

Judy Partain

Liz Purnell

Barbara Roberts

Mary Ellen Rowker

Dave Ryan

Dorothy Ryan

Bill Siegel

Harvey Snively, Jr.

Jeff & Lisa Snyder

Myrtice Stolz

Jean Tannahill

Lucy Jackson Teeter

Hazel Thomas

Jean & Carolyn Thompson

Julia Trachy

Ed & Suzy Threadgill

Shirley Turner

Jennifer Vibrat

Max & Betty vonHahmann

Anne Windham

Retha Wright



### Military service

Aaron Ashley

James E. Baker

Ben Clark

Deborah Clark

Tim Davis

Leah (Doty) Fuscina

Eddie Gray

Beau Gresham

Chris Hagen

Daniel Harp

Sean Harp

Coree Jones

Terry Jones, Jr.

Jackie Jung

David Knowles

Timothy Lee

John Marotti

Kaitlin Marotti

Adam McPhail

Andrew Stapor

Keaton Thompson

Jacob van Zandt

### Friends and family

Charlotte Baker

Jerry Cooley

Luann Corby

Rodney Dugger

Millie Farthing

Arthur Girone

Clyde & Nancy Gray

Selma Griffith

Allen Hadley

Bryan Howard

John Katros

Bailee Kent

Geoff Lewis

Ruth Little

Julia Nichols

LaDonna Owen

Mike Parker

Warren Partain

Cassandra Pierce & family

Dottie Rhodes

Peggy Seigler

Brian Smith

David Smith

Kim Smith

Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.

Scarlet Turner

Julie Valk & family

Anna Wilkenson

Mary Wilkenson

Rachal Little's friend

Susan Singleton's friend

Ron Damkjer's friend

Jeff Bowen's friend

Squire & Punkin Smith's friend

Janet Golden's friend

Pam Gray's father & step-mother

Mary Ann Snively's friend

Morris Reddout's great-nephew

Bob & Janet Howard's son

Lisa Endres father

Nancy Chilton's niece

Punkin & Squire Smith's friend

Rachal Little's mother

Lia Gray's sister

Jonathan Owen's aunt

Julia Parker's son

Judy Partain's son

Jonathan Owen's friends

Howard Beckert's sister

Ellie Threlkel's friend

Ed & Donna Rounsley's friend

Penn Tucker' friend

Marilyn Sheffield & Cori Swango's friend

Jean Harman's son

Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter

Penn Tucker's friends

Shirley Hines' niece

Shirley Hines' sister

### Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay  
in touch with the congregation.**

## LADIES, COME JOIN US FOR LYDIA AND/OR JOY CIRCLE

Lydia Circle meets on the **second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in McLeod Hall**. Joy Circle meets on the **third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Carol Carter's house**.

This year's study is titled "An Abiding Hope - The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy" from the Horizons Bible Study program.



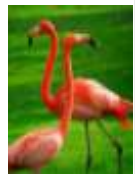
## First Presbyterian welcomes back the **Bach Festival of Central Florida**

Who will perform, under the direction of Dr. Beth Gibbs,  
Mass in G minor by Johann Sebastian Bach;  
Psalm 117 by Telemann; and Chandos Anthems by Handel.  
Come and enjoy this concert on **March 16, at 4:00** at  
First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven  
637 6th Street, NW Winter Haven, FL 33884



## IT'S EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR...

That's right, flamingos are coming! Sales will begin Sunday morning,  
**March 30**. Mark your calendar, and start planning who you want  
to flock this year!



## THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT...



*"Finding Your Piece in God's Puzzle" - Your Personality and the Spiritual Life - The Person God Made You to Be* will be held at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center on **April 5 & 6**. We are looking forward to an amazing weekend with all of our First Presbyterian friends.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex, CE Building, or McLeod Hall for your convenience. Sign up now to reserve your spot for this terrific weekend. For additional information, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org).

## FIRST FACTS

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Light Up the Night 5K race on February 21. First Presbyterian Church had great participation with the following church members finishing in the top 3 of their age brackets: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dillon Powell**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Griffin Powell**. **Ava Frost** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Rob Frost** 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Amy Powell** 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Teri Reineke** 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great job First Pres crew!



## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



Stephen Ministers are members who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling Pat Reass today at 206-9914, or ask one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: *Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.*

**Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.**



# Celebrating Generosity

## with *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*



# GLORY TO GOD

## THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Over a period of three and a half years, the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song met regularly to sing, discuss, and consider thousands of hymns and songs to be included in the new Presbyterian hymnal. In 2012, the new hymnal was presented to the General Assembly and it was commended for use within the church. In late 2013, the hymnals were printed and began to be used in worship. After thorough discussion and consideration, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven has adopted the new Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God* for use in worship.

### QUICK FACTS

- *Glory to God* contains 853 hymns, **compared to 605 of the current Blue hymnal**.
- **65% of the Blue hymnal** is in *Glory to God*; which basically means, if there is a hymn you **like in the Blue hymnal... it's in *Glory to God***.
- **The 65% of the Blue hymnal** only constitutes 50% of the new hymnal.
- This means there are over 400 new hymns in the *Glory to God*!

To raise the funds necessary for *Glory to God*, the Session has approved the selling of dedications for each hymnal. Each dedication will be attached to the inside cover of the hymnal and will cost \$20.

### “What about the Blue hymnals?”

- If you or your family purchased a Blue hymnal dedication, you will be encouraged to take that hymnal home after *Glory to God* is adopted in mid-April. The Worship and Music Committee will label all the blue hymnals for pick-up.

We hope that you will consider purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the forms below and return them to the office.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please circle one - In Memory of or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please circle one - In Memory of or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



For one of the most popular hymns in the world, *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty* almost quietly disappeared from history. Only by **God's providence** was it saved.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826) was a Bishop in the Church of England. In preparation for Trinity Sunday in 1826, he wrote *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty*. Later that year, Heber died unexpectedly at age 43. While going through some of his papers, his wife found a small collection of his writings. She recognized the beauty of the hymn and passed it to noted musician John B. Dykes, who then arranged the hymn as we know it today.

The hymn has its inspiration from several sources including the Sanctus of the Latin Mass, and Revelation 4:1-11. In this passage John catches a glimpse of Heaven and witnesses the creatures that speak day and night of the glory of God.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty* first appeared in a Presbyterian hymnal in 1869. Since then it has practically never left and it has stood the test of time in our denomination, and many others around the world.

# YOUTH GROUP

## MARK YOUR MARCH CALENDAR

March 9: HSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm  
March 12: Confirmation, 5:15-6:30 pm  
MSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm  
March 16: Montreat Mtg., 5:15 pm  
HSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm  
March 19: Confirmation, 5:15-6:30 pm  
The Great Escape Mtg, 7:40 pm  
MSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm  
March 23-30: No youth groups

**Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)** is for all students in grades 6-8.

We meet every **Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center for dinner, games, fellowship, and a lesson about God's love and what it means to be a young believer.

**High School Youth Group (HSYG)** is for anyone in grades 9-12.

Our meetings are **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center. We enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discuss God, our relationship with Him, and other relevant topics in the lives of high school age students.

**For more information regarding our youth groups or to RSVP for any of these events, contact Rachal Little at 294-3121 or [rlittle@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rlittle@firstpreswh.org).**

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## CLASS OF 2017

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next years Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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2.
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5.

Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.





## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **9:45 a.m.** children & youth Sunday School and **10:00 a.m.** adult Sunday School.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**

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## PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Preschool Children** – Meet in Room 108 for their very own time of Bible stories, craft, and snack time.



**All children in kindergarten through fifth grade** are invited to attend Route 52: A 52-Week Bible Journey – just for kids! The children explore the Bible with hands-on crafts, food, Bible study, and lots of fun with their friends. Children are divided into two groups: kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. We gather for music from 9:45-10 a.m. in Room 101 and depart from there.

**Middle School & High School Youth** – meet in the **Mary Spencer Reference Library** at **9:45 a.m.** for Talk-Sheets. There is discussion, activity time, and of course BREAKFAST. Come hungry, come happy, and come hang out with Rachal Little and a variety of faithful volunteers on Sunday mornings.

**The Perspectives Class** – facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas continues the second part of their study on *The Old Law, The New Law* by William Barclay. The class spends their time in The New Law. The words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount have moved and challenged men and women since He first spoke them. Here they are explained, simply and clearly, showing how Jesus mixed honesty with compassion and helped people to inject good into life. This is the New Law. This study raises questions about war and peace, God and materialism, and about fostering essential relationships and values. This class meets in the Geneva Room in the CE Building.



Join **Connect - Grow - Thrive** as they begin *Unfinished* in 2014 ..."So you believe in God. Now what? Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. But the single task he gave us to accomplish remains unfinished. In this small group Bible study, best-selling author Rich Stearns takes you and your small group on a breathtaking journey to rediscover the critical mission of Christ in our world today and the richness of God's calling on our lives. Why are you here, what is your purpose, and where do you fit in the bigger story God is writing?" This class meets in Room 207, please feel free to drop in anytime. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome!

**Sundays with Steve, God Talk in the Family of Faith** - As people of the Christian faith, we talk about our faith. Questions and answers abound. Dr. Steve Negley invites you to join in a class that will explore the biblical texts that help us to answer some of the questions we face in life:

How can we find God?

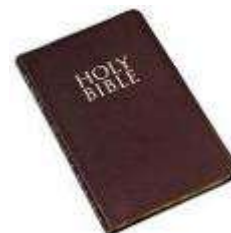
What are we doing here?

Why doesn't God do something about evil?

What does God want with us?

Is God against us?

...to name a few.



Bring your Bible and your God-given curiosity to the back section of McLeod Hall on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to join in this exploration of faith.

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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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 187 bag lunches in  
the week of 2/24/14.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 68 people on 3/1/14.

**Return Service Requested**

## SPLAP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**Why? (SPLAP) St. Pat's Lunch And Party.**

**When?** Immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service.

**What to wear?** Something green, of course!

**What?** Lunch in McLeod Hall – Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Soda Bread, and Dessert.

For Children Only: Mac 'n' Cheese and Chicken Nuggets.

**What else?** Fellowship and Fun for Everyone!

For Adults: Table Games and an Irish Sing Along.

For MSYG & HSYG: Scavenger Hunts.

For Children: Playground Time and Organized Games.

**Cost:** \$6 for MSYG, HSYG, and Adults; \$3 for Children.



Please call the church office for reservations at 294-3121 or  
complete the tear off form below and place in the offering plate on Sunday.

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### SPLAP – St. Pat's Lunch And Party

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MSYG/HSYG:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children:** \_\_\_\_\_