



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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CHAPEL CHATS



This final gathering of Chapel Chat on **Wednesday, April 9** at **10 am** will focus on two types of Psalms, royal and prophetic. The royal Psalms are written as prayers either for a king or by the king. Even if our world is no longer surrounded by kingly rulers, these Psalms can be particularly helpful because they can provide divine comfort in God's order. Prophetic psalms offer a glimpse into the future and through the poetic words we begin to see the future of Christ's coming. As we journey toward the cross at Easter, and our king of kings, these two types of Psalms through comfort and prophecy point us toward Jesus and help prepare our hearts for the coming days.

HOLY WEEK SAVE THE DATES



April 13: Palm Sunday~Chapel Service at **8 am** & Sanctuary Service at **10 am**.

April 17: Maundy Thursday~Supper at **5:30 pm** in the Upper Room &
Tenebrae Service at **6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary.

April 18: Good Friday~Chapel open from **Noon-3 pm**.

April 20: Easter Sunday~Community Sunrise Service at **6:30 am** in Martin Luther King Park.
Chapel Service at **8 am** & Sanctuary Service **10 am**.
Easter Breakfast from **8:45-9:30 am** in the Courtyard and Geneva Room.
Easter Egg Hunt at **9:30 am** in front of the Christian Education Building.

EASTER BREAKFAST HELP

If you would be willing to help cook or serve at breakfast please, contact the church office.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION



The Christian Education Committee is collecting plastic Easter Eggs and individually wrapped candy (no chocolate, please) for our Church Easter Egg hunt. Please drop off your donations in the plastic bin in the Narthex.

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Monday, April 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)

Tuesday, April 8

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (UR)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, April 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)
- 10:00 am Chapel Chat
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (ER)
- 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 He Chose the Nails Bible Study (GR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, April 10

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- 6:00 pm Women's Gospel of John Bible Study (GC)

Friday, April 11

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)

Saturday, April 12

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 6:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (Off-site)

SHIRTS FOR HONDURAS NEEDED



Joyce Anderson and Linda Stavres are sewing little boys camp shirts for Honduran children from donated men's dress shirts for this mission.

Long or short sleeved cotton or cotton polyester. Button down or regular collars are OK. No polo shirts. Deliver your used shirts to the church office or bring them to church any Sunday.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Kim Powell
John Beckman	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Debbie Rubner
Orrin Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Bill Johnston	Suzanne Sherry
Rob Donaldy	Joanie Kooser	Katie Sparr
Richard & Dana Elmore	Ross Kosmenschky	Barbara Tackett
Becky Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Jay Tackett
Jim Francis	Lynn Lassater	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Glenn Thomas
Pam Gray	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Rick Montney	Gale & Gwen Waters
	Joe & Arletta Oriani	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Barbara Blauvelt	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tom Bracket	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa	Tom Oldt's friends
Sean Duerr	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Gary & Georgia Green	Tom Oldt's friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Ray & Marla Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friends
Jane Lawson	Sara Koon's sister
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Carroll Negley	Steve Negley's mother
Ann Reddout	Pat & Rick Reass' friend
Destiny Cheyenne Rivers	Thom Rivers' daughter
Kline Roberts	Jim Threlkel's friend
Calvin Stanley	Lynn Oakley's friend
Beatrice Stewart	Kyle Lease's grandmother
Phillip Waters	Gwen & Gale Waters' son
Bob Wexler	Gale Waters' friend

MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	John Portlock
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Colton Powers
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Diane Secord
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	Shad Skinner
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	Drew Stapor

THE 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 information.



HEARTS AND HANDS

Appreciation and Invitation



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 First Presbyterian Church Survey. Your voices are being heard, and your feedback is helping shape the future of our church community. We appreciate your contributions and look forward to using your insights to strengthen our ministry and better serve all who call First Presbyterian home.

WOMEN'S NIGHT TIME BIBLE STUDY



Attention all women! Looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and connect with others? Join us for Women's Bible Study every **Thursday** night from **6-7 pm** at the Golden Center (Youth House) as we explore the Book of John.

New women are always welcome, so feel free to drop in anytime! If you're interested in the study guide, email us at firstpresask@gmail.com, and we'd be happy to share the study questions with you. We can't wait to see you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



We hope you can join **Wednesday evenings** at **6 pm** in the Geneva Room for this Bible study running through **April 23**.

In *He Chose the Nails*, Max Lucado observes that the last moments leading up to Jesus' death were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. Our Lord planted the trio of crosses and painted the sign. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. And in those details are gifts Christ provided for us... The cross. The thorns. The nails. His seamless robe. The empty tomb.

God didn't have to give us all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more.

The study guide is available on Amazon.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH EACH TUESDAY

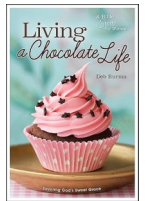


This is a gathering of men of faith who share and support one another through Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. Bring your lunch and join us **each Tuesday** at **12 pm** in the Upper Room.

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 **April 15** at **10 am** at Carol Carter's house.



The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month. The next meeting is **April 17** at **10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

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.

APRIL FUNTIMERS

On **Monday, April 28**, FunTimers will visit *Tavern on the Dunes* at *Southern Dunes*. We will meet at the church at **11 am** and head to Haines City for an enjoyable lunch. All it will cost you is your lunch.



ODD MONTH BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to enjoy books, discussion, and fellowship with the Odd Book Club on **Monday, May 19** at **3 pm** in the library. We are reading an Agatha Christie mystery after reading her biography last year. We will have a great discussion about her second mystery, *The Secret Adversary*. If you have questions, please contact Sue Henry.



PS... If people read her first mystery, *The Affair at Styles*, we will discuss it also, but she admitted it was not very good (whatever that means). Meanwhile, enjoy reading!

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 247 lunches
the week of 3/24/25.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on
Saturday, 3/29/25.

BRIGHT SUNDAY



For over two decades, we have celebrated *Bright Sunday* on the Sunday after Easter with joy and laughter. This year, please wear your brightest outfit and come ready to continue smiling over the good news of Easter at our **8 am** Chapel Service & **10 am** Sanctuary Service.

After the late service we will conclude with a **butterfly release** in the Memorial Garden, then a cookie reception in the court yard.

EASTER LILY FORM



It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 20**. 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 \$16 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Please turn form in by **Monday, April 14**.

A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday.
We 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: _____

BUTTERFLY FORM



In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 7, 2024, and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following our late service on **Sunday, April 27 at 10 am**.

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for **\$5**.

Please turn in form by **Monday, April 21**.

Your name: _____

Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

No. of butterflies: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____