

WEIRD

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ONLINE BULLETIN



Order of Worship—7/28/2024

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting+		
Hymn	“Come Christians Join To Sing”	#158
Affirmation of Faith		#889
Morning Prayer		Tony Sorrell
Offering/Doxology+		
Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-9 [NRSV]		Gloria Gardner
Special Music	Simple Gifts	
Sermon	<u>Weird Way To Save The World</u>	Tom Nelson
Hymn	“Jesus Calls Us”	#398
Benediction+		Tom Nelson

+Communion at First Church is an open table-and all are welcome during these times.

11:00 AM

Welcome		
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Band
		“Holy Water”
		“Graves Into Gardens”
		“The Blessing”
Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-9 [NRSV]		Donna Greenwood
Sermon	<u>Weird Way To Save The World</u>	Tom Nelson
Closing Song		“Trust In God”
Benediction		Tom Nelson

Giving of offering is available at any time the Lord calls you to do so during the 11am service. Offering Boxes are available at the front of the sanctuary.

What’s Available for the Children?

- Kids K-5th are always welcome in the services but also know they are now invited to head over to the KidMin Bld. where they will have a time of worship geared for them.
- Nursery care is available for children 0-4 years. Check with the ushers for directions. Please know the mother’s room is also available if necessary in the glass lobby.



VISION AND DIABETES SCREENING: Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the US (CDC 2022). The average Pre-Diabetic/Diabetic goes 5 years without knowing. Free Diabetes Screening will be done today, Sun. July 28th in the Fellowship Hall. Fasting is not required for a screening.

GLASSES COLLECTION: Used eyeglasses are being recycled to send overseas. There are collection boxes in the foyer of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. All glasses and frames are usable. Due to federal law, we cannot give these out in our country. For more info, contact Hank Lunsford at church, or leave a message and call back at (386) 451-1386.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE: The program is for children ages 6-11 years. We pick up at Port Orange Elem, Spruce Creek Elem, & Sugar Mill Elementary. Call 386-797-2689

FIRST CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL IS HIRING: Seeking Early Educators in our twos – VPK program. CDA in Early Childhood Education preferred. Are you newly interested in Early Childcare? No problem. Come see us and we will assist you with getting your introductory training requirements.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On August 11th is Blessings of the Backpacks. As we head back to school kids, come on Sunday morning with your backpack or teachers with your briefcase/bag to have a special blessing over it and a keepsake tag to remind you that God's with you.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: We are so excited with the number of people who are ready to join our congregation. Perhaps you might be one as well. On Sunday August 18th we will have a special New Member Sunday at both the 9 & 11am service. If you are interested, please email Donna Knott (dknott@firstchurchpo.org) or call the church office at 767-6161.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TOM: Dear Sisters and Brothers, Thank you for giving to the ministries of First Church. There are plenty of unknowns during the summer months, but one consistent issue for our church is more expenses (air conditioning expense and repairs, in particular) and lower offerings during the vacation season. With that in mind, I thank you for continuing your pledge efforts throughout the summer. A way that you can help strengthen our ministry is to give a summer gift, as well. Years ago I would ask you to skip a dinner out and give to the church instead. If you feel a tug on your heart for the many exciting things that have happened, perhaps you have a way that we can thank God for the blessings we have experienced together. I count it a joy to share ministry with you as we begin our sixteenth year together with the Spirit of God leading the way. I trust that God can!

SAVE THE DATES:

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: August 18, 2024

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT MISSIONS TRIP: June 8-14, 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 16th-20th, 2025

WARREN WILLIS SUMMER CAMP 2025: June 23-28, 2025



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SERMON NOTES: A Weird Way to Save the World [Philippians 3:4b-9](#)

The _____ way seems weird to follow.

Religion is humans' attempt to _____ God.

Two things to remember:

1. We can't _____ the rules
2. The rules _____ work.

Paul was a great _____ follower.

The weird way is _____, not powerful.

The primary 'rule' is have a _____
with _____ Christ.

Sermon Note Answers on Last Page

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[James 1](#)
[John 10](#)

[Titus 2](#)
[2 Corinthians 3](#)

[Matthew 5](#)
[John 17](#)

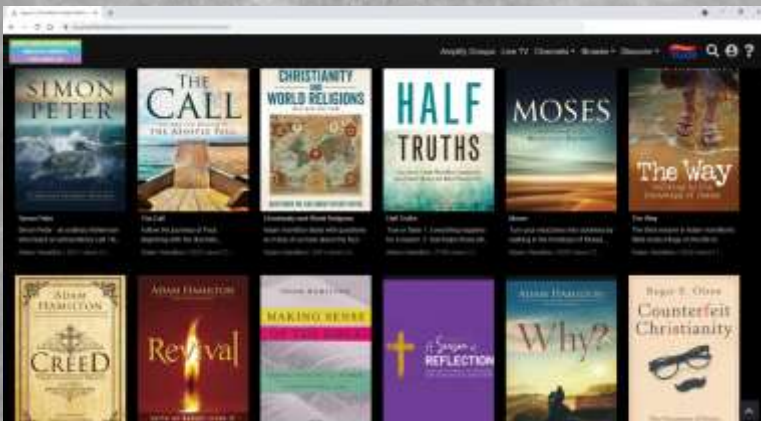


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Offering Page

Click on the offering plate below to be taken to the Online Giving Page at First Church of Port Orange. Weekly tithes/offerings go to the *General Fund Contributions* line.

Check out other opportunities to give above and beyond your regular weekly giving there as well .



Tap the plate above.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Contact Ashley Gonzalez
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Here for a Visit? We'd love to meet you!

We're excited to have you in worship with us today, and we hope you feel the friendly warmth of our church family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider First Church Port Orange. Our Pastor would be happy to talk with you on any questions you may have.

For more information or for a staff directory, visit us online at:

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The **NARROW** way seems weird to follow.

Religion is humans' attempt to **PLEASE** God.

Two things to remember:

1. We can't **FOLLOW** the rules
2. The rules **WON'T** work.

Paul was a great **RULE** follower.

The weird way is **VULNERABLE**, not powerful.

The primary 'rule' is have a **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ.

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