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 **FIRST CHURCH**
UNITED METHODIST *Port Orange*

ONLINE BULLETIN



**Order of Worship—11/3/2024
Communion Sunday**

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		
Hymn	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	#577
Affirmation of Faith		#881
Morning Prayer		
Offering/Doxology		Melissa Cargile
Scripture Reading: Mark 4:2-8 _[NRSV]		
Anthem	<i>I Surrender All</i>	Choir
Sermon	<u>Preparing the Soil</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		#13
Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”	#545
Benediction		Tom Nelson

11:00 AM

Welcome		
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Band “House Of The Lord” “O Come To The Altar” “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”
Scripture Reading: Mark 4:2-8 _[NRSV]		
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Communion		
Closing Song		“Offering”
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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.

First Church News



COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today is Communion Sunday. Please wear a name tag so our servers may serve you by name. All are welcome.

ALPHA REUNION LUNCHEON TODAY: We are having an ALPHA CLASS REUNION!! If you are a graduate of the ALPHA program, reserve the weekend of 2/28-3/2 and join us for a time of fun, fellowship and some organizational planning for ALPHA programs. Plan to have lunch on 11/3 at 12:15 @ Hanstine Hall to get the low down or call Clint or Susan Hulcher.

FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK—NOV 17th. It's time for Friendsgiving! Bring a dish to share, and enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch with our First Church Family after the second service. For more information, contact Suzi at srodriguez@firstchurchpo.org.

VOLUSIA BASKET BRIGADE: Let's help our neighbors with a joyous Thanksgiving. Families are experiencing food challenges. Volusia Basket Brigade helps families enjoy a special Thanksgiving. First Church would like to help 15 families with some holiday cheer boxes. A shopping list of the goods needed are in the Incoming Tide or the lobby. Complete a box as a group or individual. Contact Debbie for a box (386) 295-3484. See the Incoming Tide or to sign up a family, visit www.volusiabasketbrigade.com.

2025 SUMMER APPALACHIAN MISSIONS TRIP INFO MEETING: Are you interested in serving this coming summer to help those who lost so much from Hurricane Helene in the Appalachian mountains. We are having an informational meeting on Thurs, Nov 14th at 5:30p in the Church Office.

DINNER CHURCH THIS TUES: It's a time of Thanksgiving, fellowship, and blessings, so come join us on November 5th @ Houligans at 6:00pm. We love having family and friends join us for a dinner, a small devotion, and the sacraments. Hope to see all of you there and "invite" friends!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS WRITTEN BY YOU: Advent Season is almost upon us! The Word Servant team would love to do a devotional that also features remembrances from our congregation. Do you have a favorite memory or tradition that you'd like to share? Is there a perfect recipe that reminds you of the Christmas season? A certain hymn that transports you to the past? Contact them by emailing franchisusan@gmail.com or dknott@firstchurchpo.org

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER PUMPKIN BREAD. All orders must be in by Tuesday, November 10. Bread must be picked up Sunday, November 17. You may order on line at Sign Up Genius or in the church lobby on Sunday morning beginning November 3. Payment would be appreciated when the order is placed in person. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted.

THRIFT BOUTIQUE ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Thrift Boutique will have a Holiday Open House from 12:30 – 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 10. Come and see the holiday merchandise on display, enjoy some cookies and browse the store. Our servants will be wearing clothing from the Thrift and act as additional greeters at both services that morning! We are proud of this ministry and hope you will plan to visit that day at 5660 S. Ridgewood Ave

SAVE THE DATES:

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Sunday, November 24th, 2024

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 16-20, 2025

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



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SERMON NOTES:

Preparing the Soil

[Mark 4:2-8](#)

Our _____ calls us to give more to others.

The desire for _____ is a powerful drug.

We can be _____ with anger if we blame God.

Church-_____ comes from thorns in our midst.

Our growth can be stunted by:

_____,
_____,
and _____.

When we make Christ our _____, we tap into the good soil.

Sermon Note Answers on Last Page

FURTHER STUDY

[Hebrews 12](#)

[Luke 12](#)

[Luke 18](#)

[Psalm 22](#)

[1 Corinthians 3](#)

[1 Timothy 6](#)



First Church has invested in this multi-media tool for you to use at home, work, or in your bible studies. Explore what it's all about at

my.amplifymedia.com

If you'd like to sign up, the church access code is: **RXMKWJ**.

You can enter it when the site prompts you to log in with an access code.



Offering Plate

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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Building Disciples of Christ through Faith, Fellowship, and Love

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First Church Preschool
M-F, Rooms 3-8
For more information,

Contact Tiffany Prince at
386.767.2689

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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