

THE WONDER OF
ADVENT



ONLINE BULLETIN



**Order of Worship—12/1/2024
Communion Sunday**

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		
Hymn	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	#196
Advent Candle Lighting		Epic Students
Morning Prayer		Tony Sorrell
Offering/Doxology		Melissa Cargile
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25 ^[NRSV]		Judi Winch
Anthem	<i>Like A Rose</i>	Choir
Sermon	<u>The Wonder of Hope</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		
Hymn	“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”	#216
Benediction+		Tom Nelson

11:00 AM

Welcome		
Advent Candle Lighting		David and Debbie Doster
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Band
	<i>“Hark The Herald Angels Sing / King Of Heaven”</i>	
	<i>“Here Comes Heaven”</i>	
	<i>“God With Us”</i>	
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25 ^[NRSV]		Jen Linton
Sermon	<u>The Wonder of Hope</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		
Closing Song		<i>“Offering”</i>
Benediction		Tom Nelson

**Giving of offering and taking of communion is available at any time the Lord calls you to do so during the 11am service. Offering Boxes are available in 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



TURN IN YOUR 2025 PLEDGE CARD: In case you haven't submitted your 2025 pledge cards, please place them in the "front door slot" of the wooden church in the sanctuary. Also if you would like to submit any "End of the Year or Giving Tuesday" gifts, you can use the slot in the roof. We still have some blank cards in the lobby if you need. You may also pledge online at firstchurchpo.org/pledge.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA; DECEMBER 15th at 7:00p: Come and experience Once Upon a Night, a musical story presented in collaboration with our friends from Coronado UMC that follows closely the first two chapters of Luke. From the struggle and unbelief of Zechariah to the innocent faith of Mary, Luke reveals the real human emotions of the story.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025: Confirmands (graduating 5-12 graders) will learn about the meaning of their Christian faith; history of Methodism; and the vows they'll profess. Class starts on Feb 7-8 at our Confirmation Retreat to Warren Willis Camp. The class is offered weekly for 10 weeks. For more info and to register, visit firstchurchpo.org/confirmation

DINNER CHURCH! Happy Thanksgiving! We are inviting everyone to bring their "little or big" gobblers to the Houligans for Dinner Church Tuesday, December 3rd! Come join in our festive gathering for some great fellowship, superb fun and tasty food! Participate in a short devotion and partake of the sacraments. Hope to see you everyone there.

NOW RECEIVING BLANKETS FOR CHRISTMAS: Let's wrap the homeless in Love, one blanket at a time. First Church will be collecting new Christmas themed or colored blankets for families and individuals suffering from homelessness. From now till December 5, you can bring a new blanket to the office (Mo-Th 9a-3p) or the box in church lobby.

CAMPFIRE CAROLING ON DEC 22ND: We would like to invite you to bring a chair and join us around the fire pit for some singing, cookies, cocoa and fellowship. We will be in the parking lot where the Pumpkin Patch was. If you play an instrument and would like to play please bring it. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. All are welcome to join us. We are excited to see you there at 6p.

STAFF CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING: The ability of any organization to carry out its mission rests with the people who serve. We are blessed at First UMC to have gifted and dedicated staff. Please join us in recognizing our wonderful team with a special gift. Love Offering donations will be received through Sunday, December 8th. Simply identify your contribution for the 2024 Staff Love Offering on an offering envelope or give through the [church giving site](#).

LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS: Lions clubs youth exchange scholarship is available to any Volusia county graduating senior. \$1000 scholarships are awarded with emphasis on need. Contact Hank Lunsford for more information: 941-284-3241 or go to the Florida Lions Youth Exchange Scholarship website.

SAVE THE DATES:

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT MISSIONS

TRIP: June 7-14, 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 16-20, 2025

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



Tap on the Pledge Card Below to Fill Out Your 2025 Financial Pledge to First UMC Online!

2025 Pledge Card My estimateed financial support of First Church
for January 2025 through December 2025

\$ _____ per Month Year Week (for how many weeks?) _____
 Other (Please Explain) _____

Your Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____ (Please Print)

My preferred method of financial contribution is:

Cash/Check Online/Vanco App
 Direct Deposit/ACH

Other Commitments:

I'm ready to serve as a volunteer! _____ (area of interest)
 I would like information on Retirement Account Giving (RMD)
 I cannot commit financially at this time.



Thank you for your support!

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SERMON NOTES: **The Wonder of Hope** **[Romans 8:15-25](#)**

The _____ the year is the more we hope for something better

We live in a _____ world.

Hope was _____ in the Christ Child.

_____ is a living hope.

The Messiah wasn't a _____, his love was.

When we put our faith in _____ we have hope .

_____ reminds us to live in the wonder of hope.

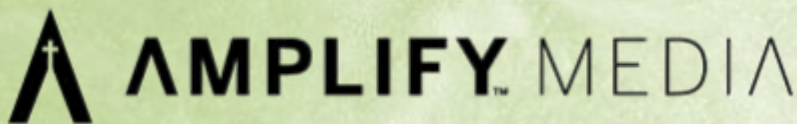
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[Psalm 25](#)

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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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Contact Tiffany Prince at
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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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