

THE WONDER OF
ADVENT



ONLINE BULLETIN



Order of Worship—12/15/2024

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		
Hymn	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	#89
Advent Candle Lighting		Bruce and Fran St. Hilaire
Morning Prayer		Tony Sorrell
Offering/Doxology		Melissa Cargile
Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:9-12 ^[NIV]		Gabby Lewis
Anthem	<i>Every Valley</i>	Choir
Sermon	<u>The Wonder of Joy</u>	Ryan McDowell
Hymn	“Joy to the World”	#246
Benediction		Ryan McDowell

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

11:00 AM

Welcome		
Advent Candle Lighting		The Golden Family
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Band
		“Joy To The World”
		“O Come All Ye Faithful”
		“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”
Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:9-12 ^[NIV]		Barbara Koch
Sermon	<u>The Wonder of Joy</u>	Ryan McDowell
Closing Song		“Go Tell It On The Mountain”
Benediction		Ryan McDowell

**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



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. Join us TONIGHT!

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENT: Calling all cookie bakers. Our Hospitality Team would appreciate your donations of cookies for upcoming holiday events and Cafe' in the Hall. Prefer types that can be frozen. Call...Bev McGregor 386-295-9471

BLUE CHRISTMAS - DEC 21st: A western tradition, known as The Longest Night on December 21st, the winter solstice, is known as Blue Christmas. This recognizes that some are feeling grief and loss and are not as joy-filled during the holidays. Whether the loss of a loved one, an illness, stressful job situations, family dynamics, or any other reason; people may be experiencing grief. While it represents the longest night, the very next day begins the transition to gradual increase in length of daylight. We are reminded that daylight, the dawn, brings hope even if it is incremental and gradual. The church sanctuary will be open for individual and personal worship in hopes it brings you comfort and healing during this time. The 30 minute worship time will start at the top and bottom of each hour from 9a-3p. Come and go as you please.

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 needed. You may also pledge online at [here](#).

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

EXERCISE CLASS COMING TO FIRST CHURCH: Low impact instructor-led exercise coming to First Church January 9, 2025. Focus on strengthening, stretching and improving balance. Open to all. KidMin building 10a-10:30a.

4E LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: Bishop Tom Berlin will be our keynote speaker. Special breakout sessions will be offered for those wanting to learn more about church council/finance/lay leader/sprc/trustees. This will be our first in-person leadership event since redistricting in July 2024. We hope that you will [register here](#) to attend and connect with other leaders in the North East District.

SAVE THE DATES:

NORTHEAST LEADERSHIP TRAINING: January 25th, 2025

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 estimated 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

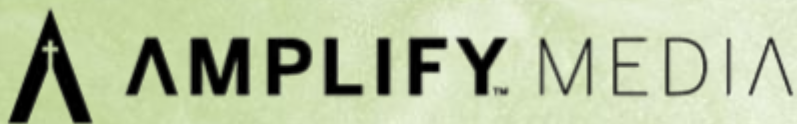
Other Commitments:

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 Joy
[Nehemiah 8:9-12 NIV](#)



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 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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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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