

THE WONDER OF  
ADVENT



**ONLINE BULLETIN**



**Order of Worship—12/22/2024**

**9:00 AM**

Welcome/Greeting+

**Hymn Sing Sunday**

Advent Candle Lighting

The Denton Family

Morning Prayer

Bill Beebe

Leadership Recognition

Offering/Doxology+

Melissa Cargile

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-10<sub>[NLT]</sub>

Suzanne Eichler

Anthem

**An Advent Credo**

Choir

Sermon

**The Wonder of Love**

Tony Sorrell

**Hymn Sing Sunday**

Benediction+

Tony Sorrell

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

**11:00 AM**

Welcome

Leadership Recognition

Advent Candle Lighting

Clint and Susan Hulcher

Praise and Worship Songs

First Church Band

***“Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven”***

***“O Come All Ye Faithful”***

***“The First Noel”***

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-10<sub>[NLT]</sub>

Quintt McDonough

Sermon

**The Wonder of Love**

Tony Sorrell

Closing Song

***“Go Tell It On The Mountain”***

Benediction

Tony Sorrell

*\*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



**CAMPFIRE CAROLING TONIGHT:** 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. Dress warm. We are excited to see you there at 6p.

**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 [firstchurchpo.org/pledge](http://firstchurchpo.org/pledge).

**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](http://firstchurchpo.org/confirmation)

**DINNER CHURCH:** People, people, people! It's going to be a brand new year! Dinner church is moving to Guiseppe's Steel City Pizza for 2025. Please mark your calendars for Jan 7th and note the location change for that fellowship, food, and fun event. It's still at 6p and includes a devotion and the sacraments. Come if you can, bring family and friends, and socialize!

**EXERCISE 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 everyone. 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.

**ALPHA REUNION IN ST. SIMON ISLAND:** We are planning a reunion for all First Church PO Alpha Attendees. The dates are February 28 – March 2 and to be held at the Methodist Retreat Center "Epworth by the Sea" on St Simon's Island, Georgia. A special place that has amazing history of John Wesley, our church founder. Come and join us for a time of fellowship and planning for the continuing of the Alpha programs at First Church.

**FREE GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING CHUCK CRAIN:** . Chuck is currently a tenor singer in a gospel quartet in the Presley's Music Show in Branson Missouri. He has been a member of The Blackwoods and The Navy's Blue Jacket Choir. He and his wife enjoy traveling, in their off season, spreading the gospel through music.

**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 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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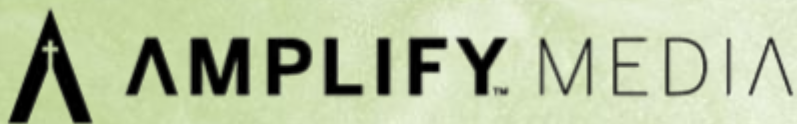
### **Sermon Note Answers on Last Page**

#### **FURTHER STUDY**

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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](http://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.*

# FIRST CHURCH

A United Methodist Church

*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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