

THE WONDER OF
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Christmas Eve



ONLINE BULLETIN



**Children's & Family Service
4:00 PM**

Welcome	Suzi Rodriguez
Opening Prayer	Tom Nelson
Lighting of the Christ Candle	McDowell Family
Christmas According to Kids	
Reader #1	Franny Mayberry
Reader #2	Adrian Reyes-Gonzalez
Reader #3	Ezra Dutton
	"What A Glorious Night"
Offering+	
	"It Wasn't Just Another Day"
Reader #4	Annalise Reyes - Gonzalez
Reader #5	Ben Quartararo
	"We Wish You A Merry Christmas"
	Soloist: Franny Mayberry
	Soloist: Miah McDowell
Message:	<u><i>The Wonder of Christ</i></u> Tom Nelson
Candle Lighting & Closing	
	"Silent Night"
Benediction	"Joy to the World"

Praise and Worship Songs by our First Church Band

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What's Available for the Children on a Sunday Morning?

- 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.



**Traditional Christmas Eve Service
6:00 PM**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymns **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240 vs 1 & 3”**

“Away in the Manger #217”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 vs. 1 & 3”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Nelson Family

“Angels We Have Heard on High #238”

Offering+

Anthem

Once Upon a Night

Choir

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 [NRSV]

Hal Maskiel

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem #230

Message:

The Wonder of Christ

Tom Nelson

Anthem

Listen to the Silence of Night

Choir

Candle Lighting

Hymn

“Silent Night”

#239

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Joy To The World”

#246

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First Church News



YOU MATTER AT FIRST CHURCH:

- **Sunday Services:** We have a 9a Traditional with Choirs and Hymns. We have an 11a Contemporary with a full band and relaxed feel.
- **Weekly Small Group Meetings:**
 - Men: Iron Men Class Sundays 10a
 - Women: Women's Study Sundays 10a
 - Girls On Fire Study Group Every other Tuesday 6p
 - Co-ed: Sunday Schools 10a, Bell Choir Thurs 6p, Choir Thurs 7p
 - Quilters: Mondays at 8a
 - Alt Church: Dinner Church @ Giuseppe's 1st Tues 6p

KIDS MATTER AT FIRST CHURCH:

- **Sundays:** We have a dynamic kids' service held in our very own Kid's Ministry Building at 9a and 11am as well as the 10am Sunday School.
- **Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday Night we have Kidz Club. A fun night of crafts, games, play and devotions. For Kids in Grade K-5th Grade. 6p-7:30p



- **Mon-Fri:** Accredited preschool for children ages 2-5. VPK Programming and all day service available. Also, Club After—After School Care for kids in K-5th Grade with Sugar Mill, Port Orange, and Spruce Creek Elem. Pick-up 'til 5:30p. *January Enrollment available for Preschool only.*



STUDENTS MATTER AT FIRST CHURCH:

- **Tuesdays:** High Schoolers meet for hang time, snacks, games, and a lesson from 6-8p (Starting Back Jan 7th)
- **Wednesdays:** Middle Schoolers meet for their fun night from 6p-8p, just like the High Schoolers on Tuesdays. (Starting Back Jan 8th)
- **Sundays:** Breakfast and Devotion at 10:15a for Grades 6-12. Youth Worship Service from 430p-7:00p. Includes dinner, worship, small groups and fellowship. (Starting Back Jan 12th)



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOW ABOUT 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!

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024: Confirmands (graduating 5-12 graders) will learn about the meaning of their Christian faith; history of Methodism; and the vows they'll profess. The class is offered weekly for 8 weeks. For more information and to register, visit www.firstchurchpo.org/confirmation

FREE GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING CHUCK CRAIN ON

2/6/25: 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.

Room at the Inn



Cold-Weather Homeless Shelter

YES! *I'm Interested in
volunteering*

Name

E-mail

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Can You Receive Text Messages? Yes No
Are you able to be added to a facebook group? Yes No

I am interested in serving in the following ways:
(check all that apply)

- Serving in a Leadership Position*
- Preparing Meals & Assisting in Kitchen (5pm-7pm)*
- Serving Food (6:30pm-8pm)*
- Baking Desserts/Muffins*
- Providing Chaplain Services*

**Evening Monitor (8pm-1am) - Select All Available*

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

**Overnight Monitor (1am-6am) - Select All Available*

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**Morning Send Off/Clean Up (6am-8am) - Select All Available*

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Remember, Choosing a day of the week to monitor only means if a cold night falls on that day of the week, will you be called on to serve. It does not mean you will serve every week.

- Substitute Evening Monitor*
- Substitute Overnight Monitor*
- Substitute Morning Send Off/Clean Up*

Not sure how to serve? Call Kay at 386-334-7404 to learn more about it.

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!



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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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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