

THE WONDER OF
ADVENT



ONLINE BULLETIN

First Church News



TODAY IS #10 CAN SUNDAY: Your monthly support has helped to purchase thousands of #10 cans of fruits and veggies, meat, and many other essential items to prepare a daily hot meal for our local hungry and homeless. You may donate to the ushers in the lobby, or with your regular gifts. Thank You!

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](#).

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](#).

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](#)

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.

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.

**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 Peace

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

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_____ is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God.

_____ lead us to mountaintops.

_____ lead us to valleys.

Peace is always available when we _____ to Christ

If we have _____, we will have peace.

We must let peace get _____ of us.

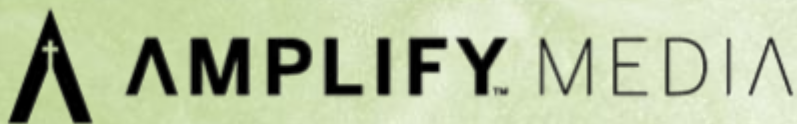
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FURTHER STUDY

[John 14](#)
[1 Kings 7](#)

[Psalm 120](#)
[Isaiah 32](#)

[1 Corinthians 10](#)
[Ephesians 2](#)



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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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
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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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