

ONLINE BULLETIN

JANUARY 2025

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 **FIRST CHURCH**
First Orange

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Order of Worship—1/5/2025

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		
Hymn	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	#577
Affirmation of Faith		#881
Morning Prayer		Rev. Bill Beebe
Offering/Doxology		Melissa Cargile
Scripture Reading: Esther 4:13-17 ^[NRSV]		Jackie Stippich
Anthem	<i>How Will They Know?</i>	Choir
Sermon	<u>Live on Purpose</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		
Hymn	“Where He Leads Me”	#338
Benediction		Tom Nelson

11:00 AM

Welcome		
Announcement Video		
Praise and Worship Songs	First Church Praise Band	“Praise”
		“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”
		“Good Plans”
Scripture Reading: Esther 4:13-17 ^[NRSV]		Ellen Mayberry
Sermon	<u>Live on Purpose</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		
Closing Song		“O Come To The Altar”
Benediction		Tom Nelson

Giving of offering is available at any time the Lord calls you to do so during the 11am service. Offering Boxes are available at the front of 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



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.

FAREWELL AND RETIREMENT PARTY FOR RONNIE DAWSON: Come join us for an appreciation potluck lunch to celebrate our good friend and brother in Christ, Ronnie Dawson, who is retiring after 20+ years of serving First Church as our custodian and maintenance employee. Please bring a dish to share after the second service on Sunday, January 12th to wish him well in retirement.

RED ROBIN FUNDRIASING: Thank you to everyone that supported our preschool by having a meal at Red Robin on November 21st, we were able to use those funding to buy some new cots for our growing school. We have scheduled our next Red Robin Night for February 5th! Please mark you calendars, plan a date night or dinner with a group of friends to support our preschool. Thank you, once again, and I hope to see you all there.

FREE GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING CHUCK CRAIN 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.

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

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.

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 (at 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:

Live on Purpose

[Esther 4:13-17](#)

To live live is to live _____.

We are created for _____ purpose.

Esther is about not hearing the '_____' over God's purpose.

True purpose doesn't happen until we _____ it.

When _____ accepted purpose God worked through her.

We don't _____ to the end.

The _____ we can be is on purpose!

[Sermon Notes \(Answers on Last Page\)](#)

FURTHER STUDY

[Esther 4](#)
[Romans 8](#)

[Ephesians 2](#)
[Psalm 57](#)

[Proverbs 19](#)
[Job 42](#)



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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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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SERMON NOTES: Sermon Notes Answers Live on Purpose [Esther 4:13-17](#)

To live live is to live **AUTHENTICALLY**.

We are created for **GOD'S** purpose.

Esther is about not hearing the '**SHOULD**' over God's purpose.

True purpose doesn't happen until we **ACCEPT** it.

When **ESTHER** accepted purpose God worked through her.

We don't **JUMP** to the end.

The **BEST** we can be is on purpose!

FURTHER STUDY

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