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ONLINE BULLETIN





# First Church News



**THE MESSAGE OF JESUS LENTEN STUDY:** Lenten Study of The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton is a 6-week study in the Church Office Lobby Wednesdays at 6pm beginning March 12th. The cost is \$15 for the book. Please register with Pastor Tom at [tnelson@firstchurchpo.org](mailto:tnelson@firstchurchpo.org) or in the church lobby after services. You may also purchase your books today too.

**144 ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER:** You may have noticed a board in the lobby with envelopes on it that are decorated by our students. By taking a numbered envelope, you are pledging to give that amount to the student ministry (by 3/2) to help cut the cost of camp and the missions trip for any student that wants to go. The camp cost is \$575 and the missions trip is \$450. Any support will help.

**NEW MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** This is a time to gather for the men in our community to have breakfast and fellowship together and to grow closer to Jesus. Please invite your friends on Saturday morning, March 8th from 9 to 10:30am in the Hanstine Fellowship Hall.

**SPRING CLEANING & TEACHER WORK ROOM REMODEL:** First Church Preschool is seeking helpers for our Spring Cleaning project March 17-21, 2025. We will be remodeling and beautifying our teacher workroom. We have donated upper and lower kitchen cabinets and a countertop for our remodel, but need some extra hands to help install them. Handy with a hammer? Come help.

**EASTER CANTATA EVENT:** Come and experience the powerful invitation to the love and sacrifice of Christ through expressive singing provided by the combined choirs of First Church and Coronado United Methodist. "Song of the Shadows" reminds us that where there are shadows, there is also light. Performance is Sunday, March 23 at 7:00 PM. A love offering of \$10 is requested.

**WE'RE PUTTING A FIRST CHURCH ORCHESTRA TOGETHER:** In an effort to invite First Church musicians to use their gifts this Easter, and to promote an intergenerational service event, we're looking for youth and adults who play an orchestra instrument to sign up to perform 2 pieces at our Sunrise Service on Easter Morning here at First Church. The music is Grade 2, so all can play. [Click Here](#) to Sign Up or see your Incoming Tide. Student service hours are available.

**AARP TAX-AIDE:** AARP TAX-AIDE – It's that time of year again. Appointments may be made online at [taxaide.aarpfoundation.org](http://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org) then click "Locate Sites Near Me" or call 386-287-1960. Tax preparation will be Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-12:30 beginning February 4. The church is allowing AARP the use of the fellowship hall so please do not call the church office as they have no info.

**IT'S TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We expect about 200 "travelers" again this year, so many volunteers are still needed. Please contact Suzi at [srodriguez@firstchurchpo.org](mailto:srodriguez@firstchurchpo.org) to talk about where you can serve!

**THRIFT BOUTIQUE NEWS:** We're excited to announce that thanks to you, the Thrift Boutique just completed its most successful year ever! with just over \$200,000 in sales for 2024. We look forward to continuing to serve in 2025.

**THANK YOU:** The #10 Can Program has been retired. You have given more than \$41,000 to purchase over 7000 #10 cans of fruits and veggies, as well as hams, hamburger, and other items to support Halifax Urban Ministries daily hot meal program for the hungry and homeless. Thank you for your generosity!

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT MISSIONS TRIP:** June 7-14, 2025

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 16-20, 2025

# MORE THAN A DAY

## SERMON NOTES:

### Love Is a Choice

#### 1 John 4:15-19

God never \_\_\_\_\_ loving.

God is love in \_\_\_\_\_.

We're always \_\_\_\_\_ because we are created by love.

God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

When we choose love, we choose \_\_\_\_\_.

We don't have to wait for love, we have to \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

Love is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)

## FURTHER STUDY

[Genesis 3](#)  
[Matthew 9](#)

[Philippians 4](#)  
[1 Corinthians 16](#)

[Zephaniah 3](#)  
[Hebrews 10](#)





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 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 Answers

God never **STOPPED** loving.

God is love in **ACTION**.

We're always **LOVABLE** because we are created by love.

God is a **LOVER**.

When we choose love, we choose **GOD**.

We don't have to wait for love, we have to **ACT** on it.

Love is **CONTAGIOUS**.

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# 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!