



# *Giving It up*

ONLINE BULLETIN

*Lent 2025*



**Order of Worship—3/16/2025**

**9:00 AM**

Welcome/Greeting+		
Hymn	<b>“My Hope Is Built”</b>	#368
Affirmation of Faith		#887
Morning Prayer		Kim Scaccia
Offering/Doxology+		
Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6 [NKJV]		Hal Maskiel
Anthem	<b>My Savior’s Love</b>	Choir
Sermon	<u>Giving Up Expectations</u>	Tom Nelson
Hymn	<b>“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”</b>	#384
Benediction+		

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

**11:00 AM**

Welcome & Game		
Announcement Video		
Praise and Worship Songs	First Church Praise Band	
	<b>“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”</b>	
	<b>“Good Plans”</b>	
	<b>“The Lord Will Provide”</b>	
Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6 [NKJV]		Jennifer Linton
Sermon	<u>Giving Up Expectations</u>	Tom Nelson
Closing Song		<b>“Raise A Hallelujah”</b>
Benediction		

*\*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



**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.

**FISH FRY DINNER IS COMING:** Join us on March 28th in the Fellowship Hall from 5p-8:30p. Make a reservation online at [here](#) for seatings at 5:00p, 5:45p, 6:30p or at 7:15p. Open Seating from 5-9p. Invite your friends/family.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** We are so excited to welcome those who wish to join our church family, Sunday morning March 23rd, at either service. Contact the church office at 386-767-6161 or talk to Pastor Tom after the services for more information.

**LENT DEVOTIONAL NOW AVAILABLE:** The Word Servants have provided a Lenten Devotional for your use during the next six weeks. They are in the Narthex. One to a family, please.

**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.

**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 visit the website. Student service hours are available.

**DO YOU HAVE THE KEYS?:** If you were issued a church key(s) in the past for a leadership role and are no longer needing it, please contact Janet Kelley in the office to return it. 386-767-6161 Ext 103 or email [jkelly@firstchurchpo.org](mailto:jkelly@firstchurchpo.org). We are trying to collect keys to reissue to current leaders. Thank you very much.

**THRIFT NEWS:** The Thrift Boutique is looking for someone with a heart for Jesus and retail experience to become Assistant Manager. Candidates must be able to lift, carry and move heavy furniture, drive a delivery truck and carry out other store duties as assigned by the manager. Interested candidates can check out the job description for Thrift Boutique on Indeed. Help us fill this important position, please!

**UMCOR SUNDAY ON MAR 30th:** This Special Sunday offers us a chance to connect with ministries that make a global impact through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Our support ensures the operational foundation that powers UMCOR's life-changing work. On March 30, can you celebrate by giving above and beyond to this cause.

**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!

**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



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**Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)**

### **FURTHER STUDY**

[Proverbs 19](#)  
[Micah 6](#)

[Ephesians 6](#)  
[Genesis 15](#)

[Mark 15](#)  
[Philippians 1](#)



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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First Church Preschool  
M-F, Rooms 3-8  
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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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