



Giving It up

ONLINE BULLETIN

Lent 2025



Order of Worship—3/23/2025

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting+		
Hymn	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	#577
Affirmation of Faith		#883
Morning Prayer		Kim Scaccia
Offering/Doxology+		
Scripture Reading: John 4:5-10[NRSV]		Susan Franchi
Anthem	Song of the Shadows	Choir
Sermon	<u>Giving Up Superiority</u>	Tom Nelson
Hymn	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”	#301
Welcome New Members		
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	“Praise” “Goodness Of God” “King Of My Heart”
Scripture Reading: John 4:5-10[NRSV]		Quintt McDonough
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Closing Song		“Here It Is (I Worship You)”
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



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: We are so excited to welcome those who wish to join our church family today at either service. If you'd like to join, talk to Pastor Tom before the services today.

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 tonight, March 23 at 7:00 PM. A love offering of \$10 is requested.

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

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.

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST APRIL 5th: The men of First Church PO would like to extend an invitation to all men to attend the Men's breakfast on April 5th at 9:00am in the Hanstine Hall. It will be a time of rich fellowship and the opportunity for guys to meet and get to know each other. Please invite a friend or a family member to join us.

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?

BEGINNER PAINTING CLASS: Patty Hill is a local artist and is hosting a Beginner's Painting Class for 25 people at \$35 per person on April 15th in the Hanstine Fellowship Hall. We're painting a flamingo. No prior experience necessary. Tools, paint, canvass', etc. are provided. You should wear something you don't mind getting paint on. Come with cash or check that night. Proceeds go towards StuMin Auction Fundraising. [Register Here](#) or in Incoming Tide.

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 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: **Giving Up Superiority** **[John 4:5-10](#)**

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God's judgement is _____ in response.

We _____ rather than _____ for others.

We cannot _____ and offer grace at the same time.

Superiority is created by a fear of _____.

We build the _____ together in Christ

We seek _____, not perfection.

Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)

FURTHER STUDY

[Romans 2](#)
[Colossians 1](#)

[Matthew 5](#)
[Ephesians 2](#)

[2 Corinthians 4](#)
[Philippians 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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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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