



FINDING COMMON GROUNDS

MAY 2025

 **FIRST CHURCH**
First Group



Order of Worship—5/25/2025

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting+

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

#451

Morning Prayer

Tony Sorrell

Affirmation of Faith

#887

Offering/Doxology+

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:4-10^[NRSV]

Susan Franchi

Anthem

Come Build A Church

Choir

Drama

“Welcome to Common Grounds”

Act 4

Sermon

Unity in Adversity

Tom Nelson

Drama

“Welcome to Common Grounds”

Act 5

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#140

Benediction+

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

11:00 AM

Announcement Video

Praise and Worship Songs

First Church Band

“Exalted One”

“Jesus We Love You

“Here It Is (I Worship You)”

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:4-10^[NRSV]

Judy Ogden

Drama

“Welcome to Common Grounds”

Act 4

Sermon

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Act 5

Closing Song

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Benediction

**Giving of offering and taking of communion is available at any time the Lord calls you*

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

LOVE OFFERING FOR PASTOR TOM: As Pastor Tom nears retirement, we're collecting a special love offering to thank him for his faithful service and the many ways he's blessed our lives. Please mark your offering envelope "Pastor Tom's Love Offering" or give online using the labeled link. Let's show our love and gratitude—please give by Wednesday, May 28.



PASTOR TOM'S RETIREMENT PARTY: We are excited to be honoring Pastor Tom for his years of service to our church and community on his last Sunday, June 1. There will be a reception following the second service with a potluck dinner and slide presentation. If you have pictures that you would like to contribute for the presentation please give/send them to the office. Anyone willing to help with the reception please contact Gloria Gardner 315-323-0856.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEPTION: The seven High School Seniors and their families would like to invite everyone to the Hanstine/Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 25th at 10a and 12p for a small reception. The families want to say Thank You to the church for fostering in the growth of these individuals all these years. Enjoy some cupcakes and visit with them or bring them a card with some words of advice or encouragement.

NOW HIRING FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS: We are looking for at least 2 people over the age of 18 to work in our nursery program on Sundays. This is a paid position, and an application and background check are required. The hours are 8:30a – 12:30p (ish), and curriculum is provided. If you're interested in loving and teaching our littlest ones at First Church, please reach out to Suzi!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!: We still need lots of volunteers, but we are also beginning to collect supplies. Please take a card off the Black A-Frame, VBS board and return it, along with the item listed at your earliest convenience. We're expecting about 200 kids to attend this year, and your donations help us tremendously. [Register Here!](#)

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please consider donating to our Food Pantry. We currently need canned goods (especially soup, fruit and vegetables. pop-tops are preferred), boxed foods, peanut butter, cereal, pasta & sauce.

WELCOME CARDS FOR OUR NEW PASTOR: We're excited to welcome Pastor Tony and his family to our church community! To show our support and hospitality, we invite you to write a welcome card for them. If you feel led to go a step further (above your regular giving), consider including a gift card to a local store, restaurant, or coffee shop. Please seal your greeting card and drop it off at the church office or in the designated box in the narthex by **June 15th**. Let's extend a warm and generous welcome to help Pastor Tony and his family feel right at home!

NO CAFÉ IN THE HALL ON 6/1: There will be no Cafe' In The Hall on Sunday, June 1. We invite you to join us for Pastor Tom's Retirement Party at 12:15p.

THRIFT BOUTIQUE UPDATE: When donating to the Thrift, PLEASE make sure items are clean, undamaged, in working order and are complete. When we must scrub, fix, or hunt down missing pieces, it takes us away from serving those who seek our ministry. We serve an average of 100 people daily from 10am-2pm!

SAVE THE DATES:

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT: 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:

Unity in Adversity

1 Corinthians 1:4-10

Our greatest strength is _____.

We have been saved by _____.

We have _____ been given gifts.

Unity in Christ is our _____!

Unity is on _____.

Worthlessness and fear of failure are not of _____.

Our _____ is Christ.

Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)

FURTHER STUDY

[Isaiah 43](#)

[1 Corinthians 12](#)

[Colossians 1](#)

[James 1](#)

[Romans 8](#)

[Ephesians 4](#)



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 Page

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
For more information,

Contact the Preschool at
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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Name: **FUMCPO Guest** Password: maygodbewithyou





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