



FINDING COMMON GROUNDS

MAY 2025

 **FIRST CHURCH**
First Group



Order of Worship—5/4/2025

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		
Hymn	“How Firm A Foundation”	#529
Affirmation of Faith		#881
Morning Prayer		Tony Sorrell
Offering/Doxology		
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ^(NRSV)		Gloria Gardner
Anthem	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	Choir
Drama	“Welcome to Common Grounds”	Act 1
Sermon	<u>Different, But the Same</u>	Tom Nelson
Communion		
Hymn	“One Bread, One Body”	#620
Benediction		

11:00 AM

Announcement Video		
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Band
		“I Thank God”
		“Raise A Hallelujah”
		“Goodness Of God”
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ^(NRSV)		Ezra Dutton
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Closing Song		“O Come To The Altar”
Benediction		

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

WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS: Today is Communion Sunday. Please remember to put on a name tag in order to be served by name.

JOIN OUR TEAM: Hospitality Team members provide a time for members, friends and strangers to connect at Cafe' in the Hall. This team also assists with receptions for special events and, most importantly, funeral receptions. You're invited to be part of this ministry by attending a brief open meeting on Sunday May 4 in the Fellowship Hall after services at 10a or 12p. Rom 12:13, Heb 13:2

MAY DINNER CHURCH: May brings many things, showers, flowers, and "Dinner Church". May I invite you to attend May 6th @ Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza on Nova Road @ 6p. May you be blessed to attend, may you invite others, and may you have safe travels to and from. May you come and join in the dining, a short devotion and the sacraments. Hope to see you there! May God Bless You.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Come on out on Saturday May 10th from 9a to 10:30a for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Enjoy spending time with fellow men and grow closer as a church body. All ages are welcomed so invite neighbors, friends and loved ones.

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.

BBQ COOKOFF REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Our 12th Annual Bar-B-Q Cookoff is coming on May 18th from 5pm-7pm. This student ministry fundraiser helps get students to camp/missions/and retreats throughout the year. There are 3 ways that you can be a part.

- 1.) Enter the cooking competition. Details at firstchurchpo.org/bbq
- 2.) Come judge/eat BBQ & bid on items. \$14 each or (2/\$25), on sale soon.
- 3.) Donate a new item or service to the Silent Auction.

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!](#)

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 who would like to help with the reception please contact Gloria Gardner 315-323-0856

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 from 10am-2pm!

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:

Different, But the Same

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

We have been _____ with gifts.

Our gifts are _____ blocks for others to use their gifts.

Using gifts that aren't ours can have _____.

Never serve with _____ teeth!

We are _____ - _____ of the Kingdom.

Don't be a _____ piece.

Our unity is in the _____ of God.

Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)

FURTHER STUDY

[Ephesians 4](#)
[1 Corinthians 7](#)

[Colossians 3](#)
[Ecclesiastes 4](#)

[1 Peter 4](#)
[James 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

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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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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