

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services*

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Journey

Walking the Road
to **Bethlehem**



ORDER of Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE **Contemporary Service** **4:30 PM**

***Altar Flowers are given today by Joann Jarvis
in memory of those who have passed***

Welcome

Suzi Rodriguez

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Fotsch Family

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing / King Of Heaven”

Offering

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

12 Days of Christmas Skit

Kids Moments

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14

Tori Kinnett

Message:

Christ

Pastor Tony Fotsch

Candle Lighting & Closing

“Silent Night”

Benediction

“Joy to the World”

Praise and Worship Songs by our First Church Band

It is a common reminder that when lighting our candles during Silent Night, please turn the unlit candle to the lit one to avoid excessive wax dripping or burns.



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9a Traditional & 11a Contemporary Services*

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CHRISTMAS EVE Traditional Service 7:00 PM

***Altar Flowers are given today by Joann Jarvis
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Prelude—Bell Choir

***Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Good Christian Friends Rejoice
O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Fotsch Family

Hymns ***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240 vs 1 & 3”***

“Away in the Manger #217”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 vs. 1 & 3”

Offering

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Duet

Isabella Killian and Tony Sorrell

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14

Sam Scaccia

Hymn ***“Angels We Have Heard on High” #238***

Message: A Journey of Light into Darkness

Pastor Tony Fotsch

Anthem

Our Lord, Emmanuel

Choir

Candle Lighting

Hymn

“Silent Night #239”

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Joy To The World #246”

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First Church News



GATHER AROUND COMMUNITY DINNER: Starting Jan. 20th, we will host a Dinner from 4–7p, offering both Dine-In and Drive-Thru options on the third Tuesday of each month. There are many ways we can make this event a success: Donate, volunteer, eat, and Spread the Word! Proceeds will support our budget.

FAMILY FIRST SUNDAYS: Each 1st Sunday of the month, starting January 4, 2026, KidMin families will be worshipping together in the Sanctuary. We're excited for the kids to be more regular participants in the life of the church, enjoying a Kids Moment just for them, and communion with their families!

BEGINNER GUITAR CLASS: Only 1 spots left for our class starting Jan 12th from 5-6p for 6 weeks. Cost of the class is \$125 and keep the guitar! See Tony Sorrell.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Come on out to the first men's breakfast of the year on Sat. January 10th. We will have fellowship and a message. All ages welcome so, invite you sons, grandsons, uncles, and fathers. Breakfast will be served at 9 am.

HELP WANTED: Workday Saturday Jan 10th from 9a – 1p. Lots of projects including yard work, preparing building spaces for yard sale items and a little kitchen cleanup. Attention men: you can attend Men's Breakfast and then roll up your sleeves and lend a hand.

BAPTISM SUNDAY: Baptism is offered for anyone, infants to Grandparents. We will be performing baptisms at both 9am and 11am services on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026. If you or a loved one are desiring to be baptized, please contact the Church office by phone or email LVogl@firstchurchpo.org

FREE SUNDAY MORNING PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Our youth group has the opportunity to attend all 3 days of Rock The Universe. To help offset the expenses, we are offering a Donation Only pancake breakfast on Jan 12 from 8a-11:30p. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and help with this wonderful opportunity.

ALPHA COURSE: It's coming back to First Church Port Orange!! An 11 week program where dinner is served each night, God's word provides answers to spiritual questions, and great fellowship! Classes will start Wednesday 1/14 from 6-8:30p and continue weekly. Contact the Hulcher's at 407-928-4929 to join.

DINNER CHURCH NOTICE: There will be NO Dinner Church in January! We will start in February at a new location "Chili's!" Mark your calendars for Tues, Feb. 3rd!

CHUCK CRAIN CONCERT: We are hosting Chuck Crain on Thursday, 2/5/26 at 7:00p. He performs with Presley's Country Jubilee in Branson, MO and can be seen on RFD TV. This is a free concert open to the public. A love offering will be taken. Come hear Chuck's witness, stories and Gospel songs.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2026: Confirmands (graduating 5-12 graders) will learn about the meaning of their Christian faith; history of Methodism; and the vows they'll profess. Class starts on Feb 6-7 at our Confirmation Retreat to Warren Willis Camp. More info and Registration is at the [Church Website](#).

IMPORTANT UPDATE OF CHURCH YARD SALE ON 2/7 9a-3p : Get a few white elephants for Christmas? Downsizing to make room for great gifts? Gather up those treasures and drop off at our storage house, 408 Herbert Street on Saturdays beginning Jan 10th, 10a & 12p or Thursdays, 11a & 1p. Call Julie to rent a table. Grab a flier in the lobby or office for details.



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Offering Page

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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.

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