

*Getting to the
Heart of It*

 FIRST CHURCH

ONLINE BULLETIN

LOVING GOD



LOVING PEOPLE



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



ORDER of Worship

Order of Worship—08/16/2026

9:00 AM

Traditional Service

Welcome/Greeting

Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

Morning & Lord's Prayer

Offering/Doxology

Anthem

Eye Hath Not Seen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40^(NRSV)

"Heart of First Church" Invite & Inspire

Sermon

What's Most Essential

Altar Response and Communion

Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Benediction

Kim Scaccia

#408

#881

Pastor Tony Fotsch

Choir

Suzanne Eichler

Pastor Tony Fotsch

#399

11:00 AM

Contemporary Service

Welcome

Praise and Worship Songs

First Church Praise Team

"Just That Good"

"Plead The Blood"

Kay Luzier

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Closing Song

Benediction

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"You've Already Won"

*Giving of offering is available after the sermon
during the 11am service. Offering Boxes & Offering plates are available
at the Communion Stations. Online Giving is also available.*

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. 1st Sunday of Month is First Family Sunday and kids are in church.
- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AUGUST 30th IS A COMBINED 10AM SERVICE: As we begin our "140 Visioning Journey", we start with What is at the heart of First Church? Join us Sunday, Aug. 30 for "Heart of First Church" Worship & Workshop. Unified Worship service at 10am, followed by Workshop 11a-2pm. Together, we'll work to identify our Core Values and Mission Statement – the heart of our ministry for the years to come. We'll also enjoy a potluck lunch! Click Here: [SIGN UP](#)

COMMUNITY DINNER HIATUS: We will be taking a break from Community Dinner service for August and September! We can't wait to welcome you back October 19th for another wonderful season of dinners. We hope you'll join us.

JOIN THE MUSIC 9AM MINISTRY: Choir & Handbell rehearsals began Thursday, August 13! Handbell Choir: 6:00 PM & Chancel Choir: 7:00 PM. Whether you're an experienced musician or simply love to make a joyful noise, there's a place for you! ALL are welcome. Come share your gifts & make music to the glory of God!

YOUNG ADULT ALPHA COURSE: The Alpha Youth & Young Adult Series is an opportunity for young people ages 16-25 to explore the core ideas of the Christian faith in a relevant, accessible, and engaging way and to confidently invite their friends to join in the conversation. This is a FREE event. FREE Dinner will be provided. Thursdays (through-10/1) from 6-8:30pm at 5609 Victoria Blvd (Victoria Gardens clubhouse) in Port Orange.

UPDATE! SHOE DRIVE: The Church Shoe Drive has entered the final 60 days of collection. We need at least 100 bags of shoes by September 15 to receive free shipping! We have collected.... DRUM ROLL PLEASE.... 110 bags of shoes!!!! Continue reaching out to other churches, civic groups and businesses for help. If you know of an establishment that may want to help, please let us know! We will provide the collection box and necessary announcements.

CAFÉ SUMMER BREAK: Cafe In the Hall will be closed August. Refreshments will be available in the church lobby between services. If you currently donate cookies or would like more information on how to help, contact Bev McGregor.

BUMPER STICKER: Available on the WELCOME WALL in the lobby. Place \$5 in the cup next to it. Don't miss out, they are pretty cool. *Stick it on a binder, laptop, car's bumper or window, use your imagination.

RETURN YOUR KEYS: If you have a key to the Administration Building and/or a "G" Key that you are no longer in need of, please return the key(s) to Linda in the church office. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND: We have several items in our lost and found that are desperately seeking their owners! If you have lost an item or two . . . keys, sunglasses, jacket, cups, jewelry, etc. check out the lost and found box located in the church office! Can't make it into the office? No problem! Call the office and ask if we found your missing item! 386-767-6161

Pumpkin Patch Dates:

Pumpkin Patch Workday: September 7th, 2026 (8a)

Pumpkin Patch Rally: September 13th, 2026 (4p)

Pumpkin Unloading #1: September 26th, 2026 (8a)

Pumpkin Unloading #2: October 17th, 2026 (8a).



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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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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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