



MESSY LOVE



Order of Worship—10/4/2026
World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting	Kim Scaccia
Hymn	"In Christ There Is No East or West" #658
Kid's Moment	
Morning & Lord's Prayer	
Offering/Doxology	Pastor Tony Fotsch
Anthem	<i>Our Hearts Embrace the Cross</i> Choir
Scripture Reading: John 13:1-15 ^(NRSVUE)	
Sermon	<u>The Labor of Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
World Communion Sunday	
Hymn	"One Bread, One Body" #620
Benediction	Pastor Tony Fotsch

11:00 AM

Welcome & Offering	Miguel Rodriguez
Praise and Worship Songs	First Church Worship Band "I Thank God" "Takeover"
Kid's Moment	
Scripture Reading: John 13:1-15 ^(NRSVUE)	Donna Greenwood
Sermon	<u>The Labor of Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
World Communion Observance	
Closing Song	"Fall Like Rain"
Benediction	Pastor Tony Fotsch

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 also available in the sanctuary.

1st Sunday = Family Worship

- Kids K-5th are welcomed in the services today as celebration of 5th Sunday Family Worship. There are activities for children this Sunday for their participation in worship. Next Sunday, kids will be in Kids 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



TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING: On Sunday, October 18th, from 5-7p, we will welcome hundreds of children and families to our campus. Can you set up a trunk and hand out candy? Can you donate candy? Can you help welcome or serve or CLEAN UP? We need you! Please contact Suzi at srodriguez@firstchurchpo.org, or sign up in the lobby!

NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: In an effort to help incentivize and invite Pumpkin Patch Customers to church services, we will be making mini loaves of our Pumpkin Bread to give to first time guests. If you see someone with a mini loaf on Sunday Morning, introduce yourself and welcome them to services. (Mini Loaves are not for sale and first times guests will have received an invite card from the pumpkin patch tent for a bread.)

DINNER CHURCH: Welcome everyone to October. It's pumpkin time again with Dinner Church on Oct 6th at 6p!! You're invited to bring all your pumpkins to Chili's, for a time of gathering, worship, and the sacraments. Let's get together with family and friends for fellowship over dinner. We hope to see you and a guest there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Come on out to Denny's in Port Orange for the monthly Men's Breakfast. Its on Saturday, October 10th, from 9a to 10:30a. Come have fellowship and a devotion.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR/STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH: Join us in celebrating and giving thanks for Pastor Tony and our dedicated church staff. We are grateful for their faithful service, leadership, love, and commitment to our church family. Please take a moment this month to share your appreciation and encouragement with them.

SUGARMILL ELEM SCHOOL COMMUNITY OUTREACH: First Church supports Sugar Mill Elementary with clothes & food for kids in need. We are asking for shorts pants, underwear, socks, & tennis shoes (gently used) or new boys/girls size 5-16, as accidents happen. Also food items for the weekends such as microwaveable kid friendly things, PB/jelly, bread, chips, shelf stable milk, juice boxes, etc. Collection boxes in the Narthex & Office.

NOW HIRING FIELD TRIP TOUR GUIDES: We'll have about 1000 pre-school and elementary school aged children visit our pumpkin patch this year for field trips and we need more help this year making their event memorable. Share days and time that you're available, to help throughout October, and let Ms. [Brenda Breter](#) know that you are ready to help. Or email tsorrell@firstchurchpo.org with your information.

THRIFT BOUTIQUE NEEDS: The Thrift Boutique has a unique opportunity to serve! We need someone to take unsold books from the store and donate them to an appropriate outlet (e.g. library, shelter, school, etc.) This should be done once a month. If you can help out in this important way, please stop by or contact Ryan at the Thrift Boutique, 386-767-6511.

EXERCISE CLASS IS BACK: Ready to stretch, strengthen and improve your balance? Then put on your sneakers and join us on Thursday mornings, 10a-10:30a in the Student Center (former sanctuary) entry on Orange Ave. Class is instructor-led, free and open to everyone...male, female, members, nonmembers. No aerobics, set your own pace.

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



Sermon Notes— October 4, 2026

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“Messy Love” Series:

The Labor of Love

John 13:1-15 (NRSVUE)

The _____ common _____

The _____ of Jesus’ _____

The labor of Jesus’ love gives _____

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to new _____!

Communion Reflection Questions

- •What does it mean to you that Jesus is willing to get the lowest and messiest in His love for you?
- •Who would be the most challenging people for you to labor in love for?
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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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