



MESSY LOVE



Order of Worship—9/13/2026

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting	Kim Scaccia
Hymn	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384
Affirmation of Faith	#881
Morning & Lord's Prayer	Tony Sorrell
Offering/Doxology	Pastor Tony Fotsch
Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSVUE)	Barbara Davis
Anthem	<i>How Will They Know?</i> Choir
Sermon	<u>The Source of Messy Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
Communion	
Closing Song	"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" On Screen
Benediction	Pastor Tony Fotsch

11:00 AM

Welcome & Offering	Miguel Rodriguez
Praise and Worship Songs	First Church Worship Band <i>"Washed"</i> <i>"Fall Like Rain"</i>
Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSVUE)	Nick Proctor
Sermon	<u>The Source of Messy Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
Communion	
Closing Song	<i>"Met By Love"</i>
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.

5th 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

PUMPKIN PATCH RALLY TONIGHT: Want to learn about the biggest fundraiser here at First Church to benefit the youth and kids? We are having a Rally tonight at 4p here in the sanctuary. All are invited.

FIRST CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE 9/26: The First Church Charge Conference is scheduled for September 26, 2026. This year's Conference will be held at Tomoka UMC, from 10am – 12pm. The Charge Conference is open to everyone to attend, particularly the leadership teams. Please RSVP by email to LVogl@firstchurchpo.org.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY COMING 9/20: Our next New Member Sunday will be September 20, 2026! Pastor Tony will be offering a class on Wednesday 09/16, from 6pm – 7:30pm in the Church office. We'd love to have you join the First Church family!

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.

PUMPKIN BREAD BAKERS NEEDED: The schedule is to bake one day a week through the end of October. If you would like to join this team please contact Judy Ogden (386-334-3468) for more information.

THRIFT BOUTIQUE NEEDS:: The Thrift Boutique needs a volunteer to help on the truck Tuesday or Thursday mornings from about 9a to 12p. Stop by the Boutique or call Ryan at 386-767-6511.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASS: BASIC INTRO TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES: It will be offered by ZOOM on each Saturday from Oct 3 through Oct 31. The cost is \$5.00 plus purchase of the textbook: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book, available on Amazon for \$13.00. Register by sending a \$5 check to Rev. Ken DeWalt, 7 Jute Street, Alva, FL33920, or contact him at kendewalt@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY: For World Wide Communion Sunday, on 10/4, we'd like to have breads from around the world to celebrate the world wide significance of this day. 4 or 5 different breads from different countries / regions. If you'd like to contribute a couple loaves from your ancestral home – or area you hold dear – please contact Hal Maskiell. 440-829-0482

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

UPDATE! SHOE DRIVE: The shoe drive wraps up on September 15th. Now is your final chance to bring your shoes in to help us reach the 150 bag mark.

Pumpkin Patch Dates:

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

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

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



Sermon Notes— September 15, 2026

“Messy Love” Series: **The Source of Messy Love**

1 John 4:7-21 (NRSVUE)

1. God is _____, the perfect _____
of messy love.
2. Follow _____ the perfect _____
of messy love.
3. Filled with the _____ who _____
us in messy love.

Communion Reflection Questions

- Looking at past or present “messy” experiences in your life, how have you or are you seeing God’s agape love at work before you?
- What other “sources” do you depend on in messy experiences? How might you seek God in new ways?



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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1. God is **AGAPE**, the perfect **SOURCE**

of messy love.

2. Follow **JESUS CHRIST** the perfect **REVEALER**

of messy love.

3. Filled with the **HOLY SPIRIT** who **PERFECTS**

us in messy love.

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