



MESSY LOVE



Order of Worship—9/20/2026

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting	Kim Scaccia
Hymn	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy " #121
Affirmation of Faith	#882
New Member Liturgy	
Morning & Lord's Prayer	
Offering/Doxology	Pastor Tony Fotsch
Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 11-32 ^(NRSVUE)	Barbara Lampert
Anthem	<i>My Savior's Love</i> Choir
Sermon	<u>Prodigal Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
Communion	
Closing Song	"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" #357
Benediction	Pastor Tony Fotsch

11:00 AM

Welcome & Offering	Miguel Rodriguez
Praise and Worship Songs	First Church Worship Band
	<i>"I Thank God"</i>
	<i>"Fall Like Rain"</i>
Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 11-32 ^(NRSVUE)	Clint Hulcher
Sermon	<u>Prodigal Love</u> Pastor Fotsch
Communion	
Closing Song	<i>"Another One"</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

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.

PRESCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE: Come join us for a fun evening and support First Church Preschool! Tuesday, September 22 from 5:00–9:00 PM at Chipotle – 1731 Dunlawton Ave. Ste. 103, Port Orange, FL, 32127. Gather your family and friends, enjoy dinner together, and help support our preschool ministry. 25% of event sales will be donated back to First Church Preschool.

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.

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!

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.

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 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

Pumpkin Patch UNLOADINGS: Pumpkin Unloading #1: September 26th, 2026 (8a) - Pumpkin Unloading #2: October 17th, 2026 (8a)



Sermon Notes— September 20, 2026

“Messy Love” Series: **Prodigal Love**

Luke 15:11-32 (NRSVUE)

1. Prodigal (adj.) : _____

Our _____:

_____are prodigal in _____

2. Prodigal (adj.) : _____

Our _____:

_____is prodigal in _____!

Communion Reflection Questions

- When have you felt like you “wasted” the love that God or a loved one has given you?
- When do you feel like it’d be a waste to give love to another person or group of people?
- How might you give God’s “prodigal love”?



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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First Church Preschool
M-F, Rooms 3-8
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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1. Prodigal (adj) : **EXTRAVAGANTLY WASTEFUL**

Our **CONFESSION**:

WE are prodigal in **LOVE**

2. Prodigal (adj.) : **WASTEFUL EXTRAVAGANT**

Our **SALVATION**:

GOD is prodigal in **AGAPE!**

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