



MESSY LOVE



Order of Worship—9/27/2026

9:00 AM

Welcome/Greeting		Kim Scaccia
Hymn	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	#560
Affirmation of Faith		#882
Morning & Lord's Prayer		
Offering/Doxology		Pastor Tony Fotsch
Anthem	No Greater Gift	Choir
Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:15-18 ^(NRSVUE)		Penny Wetzler
Sermon	<u>How Do You Want to Be Loved?</u>	Pastor Fotsch
Communion		
Hymn	"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"	#357
Benediction		Pastor Tony Fotsch

11:00 AM

Welcome & Offering		Miguel Rodriguez
Praise and Worship Songs		First Church Worship Band
		"Takeover"
		"Plead the Blood"
Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:15-18 ^(NRSVUE)		Sarah Larson
Sermon	<u>How Do You Want to Be Loved?</u>	Pastor Fotsch
Communion		
Closing Song		"Met By Love"
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

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.)

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.

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

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— September 27, 2026

“Messy Love” Series:

How do you want to be loved?

Leviticus 19:15-18 (NRSVUE)

“*Ahab* your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord”
(Lev. 19:18)

1. 1. ***Ahab*** love is a _____, not _____.
2. ***Ahab*** love is _____, not _____.
3. ***Ahab*** love is _____, not _____.

Communion Reflection Questions

- • How well do you ***ahab*** yourself?
- • How do you need more of God’s ***ahab*** for yourself?
- • In what ways can you ***ahab*** your neighbors?



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

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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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(Lev. 19:18)

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2. ***Ahab* love is JUST, not JUDMENTAL.**
3. ***Ahab* love is SOCIAL, not SOLITARY.**

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