



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9, 2025

### Thanksgiving in a Bag

November brings one of our favorite events of the year - Thanksgiving in a Bag. We take this season as an opportunity to give to those in our community who might need assistance before the Thanksgiving holiday.

LkldNow has reported that in 2025, approximately 1 in 5 children in Polk County face food insecurity. Filled bags are donated to Anchor House, Salvation Army Community of Hope, Jesse Keen Elementary School, VISTE, Philip O'Brien Elementary School, and Wilson House.

You may also purchase a ham (\$20 each) in the Welcome Center this morning or online via the app.

If you would like to help, but aren't able to shop (or would prefer not to), monetary donations may be made as well. Bags need to be returned to the church offices by Nov. 16.

### Westminster Autumn Reception

Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 2-3 pm at Westminster Lakeland for our annual Autumn Reception. We take this opportunity each year to spend time with our members who are Westminster Lakeland residents and to extend the love of their church family with them.

### Hanging of the Greens

Do you love decorating for Christmas? Do you love the way the church looks during Advent? Join us in creating that holiday magic. We're gathering together after the 10:30 am services on Nov. 23 to deck the halls. Bring the family... we're going to have a great time together.

### Discs & Discipleship

Calling all men of the church! We're firing up the grill and throwing down in a disc golf tournament before sharing a meal together and digging into some real discipleship. Join us Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 am until 2 pm at Lake Parker Park. RSVP on the Church Center app.

### Fine Arts Series Upcoming Events

The Bach Festival of Central Florida choir, an ensemble of auditioned singers and professional orchestra, will be in concert this afternoon at 3 pm in the sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public. Invite a friend to attend with you.

### Third Annual Chili Cookoff Today

Join us this afternoon at 4:30 pm in Loudon Hall to sample and vote on our competitor's chili, while also connecting with one another. Don't miss it!

### Night to Shine Seamstresses Needed

Seamstresses are needed to help with minor alterations such as hemming and strap adjustment at the Night to Shine Boutique Days that will be held in January. Pinning is done at the fittings, and the formal wear can be taken home for alterations.

The first fitting will be Friday, Jan. 9 from 10 am to 2 pm. The second will be Saturday, Jan. 10 from 1-4 pm. If you are able to assist with alterations, please contact Elizabeth Patton at: nighttoshinefpc@gmail.com.

### Upcoming Events

**Operation Christmas Child** | Accepting boxes until Nov. 23

**OAM Spirit of Service Lunch** | Nov. 14 | 10 am | Room A

**OAM Manatee Village Historical Park Tour** | Nov. 17  
7:45 am

**SEU Fellowship Brass Quintet** | Nov. 18 | 7 pm | Sanctuary  
**Shine On/Lift** | Nov. 21 | 6 pm

**Youth Pie Sale** | Nov. 23 | after 10:30 am services | Welcome Center | Support our youth as they raise money for Montreat.

**Thanksgiving Week** | Nov. 24-28 | Offices closed

**First Sunday of Advent** | Nov. 30

**Glory of Christmas** | Dec. 1 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

**Mingle & Jingle Women's House Party** | Dec. 2 | 6:30 pm  
Register on app

**Prayers for Healing** | Dec. 3 | 6:30 pm | Chapel

**Family Movie Night** | Dec. 10 | 6 pm

**Buddy Break** | Dec. 13 | 10 am | Room 111

**Children's Christmas Workshop** | Dec. 13 | 9:30 am

**Lakeland Choral Society** | Dec. 14 | 3 pm | Sanctuary

**Caroling to Homebound** | Dec. 16 | 5 pm | Youth Hall

**Children's Christmas Choral Pageant** | Dec. 17 | 6 pm

For current information on classes and groups, please see our website - [www.fpclakeland.org](http://www.fpclakeland.org).



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### MINISTRY STAFF

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