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First Presbyterian CHURCH OF BARTOW

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The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Bartow is:
making it simple for people to find and follow Jesus
by being **IN**, **OF**, and **FOR** Bartow forever.

- ◆ We are grateful to be strategically positioned **IN** the middle of downtown Bartow.
- ◆ We desire to steward the gifts and influence **OF** our church family and resources to serve Bartow.
- ◆ We believe our church should be known in Bartow for what it is **FOR** and not just what it is against.

As a church family, we are committed to being people who **LOVE**:

- 1) Jesus 2) God's Word 3) One Another 4) Our City 5) Families 6) Stewardship

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WELCOME

ACOLYTES

Mei Mei and Warren Lauen

*SONGS OF PRAISE

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.
One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
We gladly choose You now.
Come. Come, just as you are, come. Come.

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“Trust In God”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time.
Born of His Spirit, Washed in His blood,
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough.

Chorus: I trust in God, my Savior, The One who will never fail. He will never fail.
I trust in God, my Savior, The One who will never fail. He will never fail.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.

Repeat Chorus

I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
That's why I trust Him, That's why I trust Him.

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“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Saviour say: “Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all.”

Chorus: Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

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PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *After Children's Moment, children K-5th grade may be excused to Children's Church*

VIDEO

SERMON *Stand Firm or Shrink Back* Rev. Josh Roberts

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

PRAYER

*SONGS OF RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Family

TRIVIA
Night

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST - 5:00 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and Trivia!

Test your knowledge! Have Fun!

Win Amazing, Fantastic, Not-So-Valuable Prizes!

Bring a friend & Join us!

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WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP! — We are so glad you're here! We hope you are able to feel God's presence here as you worship with us this morning! We invite everyone, members, guests and visitors alike to please take a moment to **sign in using the red attendance pad located in each pew and pass it down to your neighbor**. You can also scan the QR code to check-in online.

TAP OR CLICK →



HOW ABOUT A CUP OF COFFEE — Join us this morning before worship for a cup of coffee. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and catch-up with your church family. Coffee is served in the narthex of the sanctuary every Sunday morning before service.

INFO CENTER — After you get your coffee, stop by the Info Center in the narthex of our sanctuary for helpful brochures, handouts, service time cards or just to say "hi"! Our Hospitality Team Members are available to help provide more information or help you navigate our church campus. Look for the light blue lanyards!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB FOR HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the East Room of the Fellowship Hall. The students are watching **The Chosen — Season 1**. Discussion of the episode follows. All high school and middle school students are invited. This Sunday the group will view episode 2: "Shabbat". Breakfast is served at 8:50 AM and the film starts at 9:00 AM. Bring a friend!

FLOWERS — The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Deena and Jeff Fussell to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of their wedding anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER — Suzannah Albritton, Katherine Arnold, Mica Barrington, Jesse Beeles, Laurie Benton, John Bianco, Wayne Blount, Dr. Bill Brown in China, Dana Campbell, Bobby Campbell, Charles & Kathi Colvin, Marsha Dalley, Tami Estes, Tim & Debra Gensch, Sarah Hallock, Dot Harris, Doug Hartsaw, Travis Hoover, Melody Horne, Diana & Joe Huskisson, Shirley Johnson, Robert Jones, Johnathan Kimble, Fred Lepley, Frank & Monette Munroe, Becky Arnold Pate, David Patt, Jerry Patt, Willene Pawley, Jersey Perez, Angie & Albert Reese, Benjamin Sanchez, Luke Shaver, Diane Sheffield, Lisa Shenson, Wendy Simpson, John Stansel, David Stewart, David Tanner, Leila Thompson, Vicki Tillis, Debbie & Ted Turbe, Cathy Whistin, Glenda Wiggins, Patrick Zier, Bill Zeigler, Our Pastor & his family, Our Elders, Our Children & Youth, Our Military & their families, Our Nation & Leaders, Our Community, and Our Church.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY — Every Sunday morning someone is praying for our service, for our needs, for our pastor and ministry leaders. Pastor Josh invites the congregation to express their needs and requests on prayer cards located at the Info Center in the narthex and in each pew. Place your request in the offering plates as they are passed. The cards are given to our Sunday Morning Prayer Person and he or she intercedes for us during our Morning Worship Service. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry please sign up in the narthex. We have many opportunities still available.



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INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP MONDAYS AT 1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE — Join us in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link, meeting ID and password to join are:

Meeting ID: 912 609 0774 **Passcode:** 3ZAi6F

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9126090774?pwd=61dfXxjqGSesig1nGLJqAT4U0hSTui.1>

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP will meet tomorrow evening, April 22, at 6:00 PM at the home of **Marsha Stephenson, 6721 Hampshire Blvd in Lakeland**. Bring a covered dish, your Bible and a friend. The Monday Night Women's Bible Study & Fellowship meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

TUNE IN TO THE BONUS ROUND — FPC Bartow's weekly podcast airs Tuesdays at noon streaming live on our website. Go to fpcbartow.org and click **Watch Worship Live** at the top of the page. You can also watch on **Facebook, YouTube, and X**. Have questions or comments about this week's sermon? Email Josh@fpcbartow.org and Pastor Josh and Lloyd Harris will discuss and answer during the podcast.

COME TO GROWTH WEDNESDAY — Growth Wednesday happens each Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We invite you to come and grow as an individual and as a church family by joining together for a time of community, learning, growing, and fellowship. See our Growth Wednesday weekly schedule below:

- **5:30 - 6 p.m.** — **Supper** served in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation - \$5 per meal
- **5:30 - 6 p.m.** — **Handbell Choir Rehearsal**; Choir Room
- **5:30 - 7 p.m.** — **'Made for More' Life Coaching with Deena Fussell**; 10-15 minute appointments available; text (863) 327-5007 to make an appointment
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** — **Student Ministry Small Groups**;
Student Ministry Rooms upstairs in the Education Building
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** — **Wednesday Warriors Kids Ministry**; Rooms West 3 & 5; downstairs
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** — **Adult Small Group Study**; in the Sanctuary
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** — **Choir Rehearsal**; Choir room

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — 7:15 AM every Thursday at PalletOne Corporate Office, 6001 Foxtrot Ave., Bartow.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays at 9:30 AM; in East Room.

FEEDING BARTOW — **This Thursday, April 25th**, beginning at 1:00 PM, Bartow Church Service Center in partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay distributes free boxes of food to anyone in our community! All are welcome - there are no restrictions or income limits. Boxes include meat, fresh fruit & vegetables, and nonperishables. It's 1st come 1st served and people begin lining up at 11 AM at the Church Service Center, 495 E. Summerlin Street in Bartow. **Volunteers are needed** to help pack and distribute the food. If you can help, please be at the Church Service Center at 11:30 for a brief training and to pre-box the food.

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In a world filled with shifting circumstances and evolving challenges, it's remarkable how the adventures of Elijah remain as captivating today as they were centuries ago. Join us for ten weeks as we embark on a journey through Elijah's escapades, each title cleverly reflecting the passage of scripture we'll explore, and discovering how his experiences parallel the struggles and triumphs we encounter in our own lives. Whether you're a seeker exploring faith or a seasoned believer seeking deeper insights into God's Word, we invite you to join us for

"Elijah's Epic Escapades"

Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM — May 5th through June 30th

Together, let's discover timeless truths that offer hope and guidance for our lives today. Come as you are, and let's journey together through the highs and lows of Elijah's life, finding inspiration and encouragement for our own walk of faith.