



# FIRST PRESS

*The newsletter of First Presbyterian Church*

**JANUARY 10, 2022**



First Presbyterian Church

110 North Adams Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Phone (850) 222-4504

Fax (850) 222-2215

email: [office@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:office@oldfirstchurch.org)

website: [www.oldfirstchurch.org](http://www.oldfirstchurch.org)

[www.facebook.com/oldfirstchurch](https://www.facebook.com/oldfirstchurch)

## Sunday Schedule

**9:15 a.m. Adult Church School**

**Meet and Greet on Zoom & In**

**Person in the Westminster Room**

**Program starts at 9:30 a.m.**

**9:15 a.m. Nursery open for  
infants - two year olds.**

**9:30 a.m. Children's classes  
gather for music in room 307.**

**9:45 a.m. Preschool and  
Elementary School classes begin  
in their respective rooms**

**11:00 a.m. LORD'S DAY WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**Children and vaccinated adults  
with masks are welcome in the  
Sanctuary. Childcare is available  
for children younger than  
kindergarten.**

**5:00 p.m. Youth Group**

**In Person and**

**Live-Stream Worship**

Visit [www.oldfirstchurch.org](http://www.oldfirstchurch.org) to  
download Sunday's bulletin and  
view the service. Services are  
recorded and available for later  
viewing on YouTube  
@FPCTallahassee.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

## Volunteers needed for Homeless Count

The Big Bend Continuum of Care conducts a count of the homeless population in our community once a year. This year's count is scheduled for January 25 and 26. The

Count gives our community a better understanding of how many individuals experience homelessness in our area on a given night, which helps guide strategic planning, policy development, and funding opportunities to acquire permanent, safe and affordable housing opportunities for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Our church has participated in this count in previous years.

You can sign up to participate here:

<http://bigbendcoc.org/pit-volunteer/>

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Weissert at [cweissert@fsu.edu](mailto:cweissert@fsu.edu).



## Pastor's Column

By Rev. Margaret Fox

Disappointed though I was at missing last week's Moveable Feast, the silver lining was the chance to take a deep dive into the new church website. After Chris Corzine provided a helpful tutorial, John Guthrie, Barbara Bousharis, Lori Touchton and I dove right in.

It turns out that editing a website can be a lot of fun. This is going to sound super dorky, but it's like a combination of writing and logic games—all the stuff I loved from school. (There are other things about it that are NOT so much a strength for me—anything involving color, picture, and design is a real reach.) But fortunately, as Paul reminds us in this Sunday's lectionary text from the letter to the Corinthians, "There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are a variety of services, but the same Lord; and there are a variety of activities, but it is the same God who activates them all in everyone." (1 Cor. 12:4-6). This new website is a team effort!

Ultimately, the best part about it is that building a new website is a chance to do some of the most important and most fulfilling parts of ministry: connecting members, welcoming visitors, and telling the congregation's story. How do we share with the world—and with each other—who we are and what we're up to? How do we worship God, and how do we understand who God is calling us to be? How do we show the faces of the congregation? How do we live into our role as a church in downtown Tallahassee? Who are our partners in ministry? How are we adapting to this difficult time of remote worship and connection?

The site is very much a work in progress, so suggestions are welcome! In particular, I've asked some of the newcomers to the church to give us some feedback on how it looks from a fresh set of eyes. I've been really grateful for their thoughtful and generous response. Long-timers, we'd like to hear from you, too! Check out the brand new site at the same old address: <https://www.oldfirstchurch.org>

# MONTREAT COLLEGE CONFERENCE

## JANUARY 2-5, 2022



Abigail Cleveland, Jacqueline Cruz, Molly Kennedy, Yasmyn Gooden and Christy Williams attended this year's Montreat College Conference. The theme of this year's conference is What's Next. We got to hear amazing keynotes by Mary Laura Philpott, author of the book, I Miss You When I Blink, and the Reverend Jerry Cannon. Each day we were led in worship by John Molina-Moore with music by Marissa Galven-Valle and Marcus Hong. Each of the leaders challenged us in how to consider What's Next for us as we step out in faith in 2022. There were also wonderful moments of fellowship with our housemates from Davidson College and in achievements – like climbing to the top of Lookout Mountain.

## Church School in the New Year!

Children's Music Class at 9:30 a.m. in Room 307 – this class will continue to learn songs of our faith, and responses used in worship using voices and instruments. Thanks to Aide Whitaker and Emily Bruno for their leadership with this class.

Children's Church School at 9:45 a.m. in Room 304 – this class is for our elementary school aged children, and those older preschool children who would like to participate. On January 16, the children will begin a new unit, People Jesus Met. Exploring the stories of the women and men that Jesus spent time can teach us about how to be more faithful to God in our daily lives. Each class period has time for a Bible story and then a study of that story through art, craft, prayer, activity and game. There is something for any age student to engage in and learn more about the story of the people of faith. Thanks to Eleanor Cleveland, Mary Kutter, Sue and Chloe Hightower, and Sandy Neidert for volunteering to teach.





## **Nursery and Preschool Childcare**

**Sitters from Twinkle Toes Childcare agency are staffing our nursery.**

**These sitters are all: background checked, CPR/First Aid trained and vaccinated. Two additional sitters from Twinkle Toes staff the Preschool class.**

**When we are in-person for church school, 9:15 - Noon, Twinkle Toes sitters will be in the building ready to care for infants through two-years-old in the church nursery. Children aged three - pre-K will be in the preschool class and will be greeted by additional Twinkle Toes sitters.**

## **2021 First Presbyterian Pledge**

**Payments towards your 2021 First Presbyterian Pledge can still be made.**

**Please note that the payment is for 2021.**

**Giving Statements for 2021 will be released near the end of January.**

**Thanks,  
Jim Davis, Financial  
Administrator.**



## **ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS WESTMINSTER ROOM AND ON ZOOM JANUARY 16, 2021**



Meet and greet: Sunday at 9:15 AM  
Program starts: Sunday at 9:30 AM

Everyone is welcome to the Westminster Room OR  
you can connect to the “hybrid” class on Zoom.

As in worship, for your safety and as a courtesy to others, we ask all who attend in person to wear masks, respect social distance and, if eligible, be fully vaccinated.

Our program begins promptly at 9:30 AM and ends by 10:30 AM. After class, those who meet in person can enjoy coffee and fellowship in the courtyard before worship at 11:00 AM.

This week we will view and discuss the last of eight sessions in a series titled, “ProFuture Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home” ([trailer](#)). The title of this week's session is, “Staying Sane, Sober and Inspired in Contracting Times.” Copies of the participants' guides and slides are accessible in our shared folder. If you missed any of the prior sessions, reading the participants' guides or viewing the slides is a good way to catch up.

On January 23 we will start a new DVD study series with Professor Amy-Jill Levine titled, “The Difficult Words of Jesus.”

All are welcome! Each Zoom meeting opens new opportunities to learn and share – whether you've attended previously or not. Be on the lookout for John's Thursday afternoon email with the week's topic, background reading, and Zoom link for connecting online. If you have not been getting the Thursday emails, please contact [office@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:office@oldfirstchurch.org) so we can get you on the list.

### **FIRST PRESS**

The newsletter  
of  
First Presbyterian  
Church

**The newsletter is prepared on Mondays,  
including those Mondays that fall on  
federal holidays.**

**Please submit items for publication to:  
[newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org)  
no later than noon on the Monday of  
publication.**





**YOUTH GROUP AT FPC  
JANUARY 16, 2021  
FROM 5-6:30 P.M.**



**MLK**

Honoring the legacy of MLK in  
faithful service

We will meet together to serve  
several agencies in our community.

Look for an email about what to  
bring to contribute to our projects.



**Old First Church Book Group**  
**JANUARY**  
**and**  
**FEBRUARY**



**On January 27 at 7 p.m.**  
**we will discuss**  
*Searching for Sunday*  
**by Rachel Held Evans.**

**On February 24 at 7 p.m.**  
**we will discuss**  
*Anxious People*  
**by Fredrik Bachman**

**Two copies of each book are**  
**in the church office for**  
**borrowing. Email**  
**[christy@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:christy@oldfirstchurch.org) to**  
**set up a time to borrow a**  
**book.**



## Sunday Festival Readings

**JANUARY 16, 2022**  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ISAIAH 62:1-5  
PSALM 36:5-10  
I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11  
JOHN 2:1-11

HOLY SCRIPTURE TEACHES US THAT GOD CREATED HUMANKIND IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE. CHRIST CALLS US TO LOVE GOD, WITH ALL OUR MIND, SOUL, AND HEART, AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES. WITH THIS COMES THE SACRED RESPONSIBILITY TO TREAT EACH HUMAN BEING WITH THE LOVE AND RESPECT DUE TO A CHILD OF GOD.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE LONG HISTORY OF SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT, THROUGH VIOLENCE, LAWS, POLICIES, AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, WAS INTENDED TO EXCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT CAUCASIAN FROM BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES - FROM THE FIRST EUROPEAN SETTLERS WHO CONSIDERED THEMSELVES ENTITLED TO LAND AND VIOLENTLY DISPLACED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES, TO THE EQUALLY LONG HISTORY OF SLAVERY WHICH BUILT THE WEALTH OF THIS COUNTRY, TO JIM CROW LAWS TO CURRENT INSTANCES OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND THE OVERWHELMING MASS INCARCERATION OF PEOPLE OF COLOR.

WE DECLARE OURSELVES UTTERLY OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM. WE ARE COMMITTED TO STANDING WITH THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES ON THE RECEIVING END OF ANY FORM OF RACISM. WE WILL SEEK OUT OPPORTUNITIES TO OPPOSE ALL FORMS OF SYSTEMATIC RACISM AND TO ENSURE THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER, AS DO THOSE OF INDIGENOUS, ASIAN, AND LATINX PEOPLE AND PERSONS OF ALL COLORS OR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

OUR FAITH TELLS US THAT WE CAN DO NO LESS, IF WE TRULY AFFIRM THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE.

WE DREAM OF A DAY IN WHICH ALL PERSONS ARE TREATED AS BEARERS OF THAT IMAGE.





# DAILY LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 1-15, 2022

**Saturday, January 1**

Morning: Pss. 98; 149  
Evening: Pss. 99; 8  
Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12  
Rev. 19:11–16  
Matt. 1:18–25

**Sunday, January 2****Second Sunday of Christmas**

Morning: Pss. 48; 150  
Evening: Pss. 9; 29  
1 Kgs. 3:5–14  
Col. 3:12–17  
John 6:41–47

**Monday, January 3**

Morning: Pss. 111; 145  
Evening: Pss. 107; 15  
1 Kgs. 19:9–18  
Eph. 4:17–32  
John 6:15–27

**Tuesday, January 4**

Morning: Pss. 20; 146  
Evening: Pss. 93; 97  
Josh. 3:14–4:7  
Eph. 5:1–20  
John 9:1–12, 35–38

**Wednesday, January 5**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 96; 110  
Jonah 2:2–9  
Eph. 6:10–20  
John 11:17–27, 38–44

**Thursday, January 6****Epiphany of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 72; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 100; 67  
Isa. 49:1–7  
Rev. 21:22–27  
Matt. 12:14–21

**Friday, January 7**

Morning: Pss. 46 *or* 47; 148  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 *or* 114  
Deut. 8:1–3  
Col. 1:1–14  
John 6:30–33, 48–51

**Saturday, January 8**

Morning: Pss. 46 *or* 47; 149  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 *or* 114  
Exod. 17:1–7  
Col. 1:15–23  
John 7:37–52

**Sunday, January 9****Baptism of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150  
Evening: Ps. 29  
Gen. 1:1–2:3  
Eph. 1:3–14  
John 1:29–34

**Monday, January 10**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Gen. 2:4–9 (10–15) 16–25  
Heb. 1:1–14  
John 1:1–18

**Tuesday, January 11**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Gen. 3:1–24  
Heb. 2:1–10  
John 1:19–28

**Wednesday, January 12**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Gen. 4:1–16  
Heb. 2:11–18  
John 1:(29–34) 35–42

**Thursday, January 13**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Gen. 4:17–26  
Heb. 3:1–11  
John 1:43–51

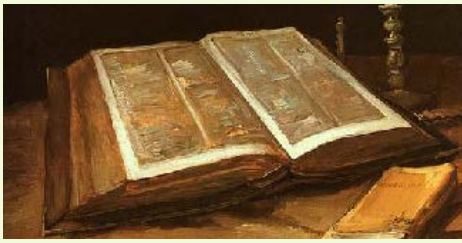
**Friday, January 14**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Gen. 6:1–8  
Heb. 3:12–19  
John 2:1–12

**Saturday, January 15**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Gen. 6:9–22  
Heb. 4:1–13  
John 2:13–22





# DAILY LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 16-31, 2022

**Sunday, January 16**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23  
Eph. 4:1–16  
Mark 3:7–19

**Saturday, January 22**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Gen. 12:9–13:1  
Heb. 7:18–28  
John 4:27–42

**Friday, January 28**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Gen. 17:15–27  
Heb. 10:11–25  
John 6:1–15

**Monday, January 17**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Gen. 8:6–22  
Heb. 4:14–5:6  
John 2:23–3:15

**Sunday, January 23**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Gen. 13:2–18  
Gal. 2:1–10  
Mark 7:31–37

**Saturday, January 29**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Gen. 18:1–16  
Heb. 10:26–39  
John 6:16–27

**Tuesday, January 18**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Gen. 9:1–17  
Heb. 5:7–14  
John 3:16–21

**Monday, January 24**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24  
Heb. 8:1–13  
John 4:43–54

**Sunday, January 30**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Gen. 18:16–33  
Gal. 5:13–25  
Mark 8:22–30

**Wednesday, January 19**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Gen. 9:18–29  
Heb. 6:1–12  
John 3:22–36

**Tuesday, January 25**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21  
Heb. 9:1–14  
John 5:1–18

**Monday, January 31**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23) 24–29  
Heb. 11:1–12  
John 6:27–40

**Thursday, January 20**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Gen. 11:1–9  
Heb. 6:13–20  
John 4:1–15

**Wednesday, January 26**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Gen. 16:1–14  
Heb. 9:15–28  
John 5:19–29

**Friday, January 21**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Gen. 11:27–12:8  
Heb. 7:1–17  
John 4:16–26

**Thursday, January 27**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Gen. 16:15–17:14  
Heb. 10:1–10  
John 5:30–47