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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 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



Easter Celebration Sunday, April 17 in the Preschool Playground at the Church

10:00 - Light Breakfast Snacks

10:20 - Easter Eggs hidden

10:30 - Egg Hunt

11:00 - Worship in the sanctuary

The whole church family is invited to join us for this
fellowship time before worship. Join us for fellowship, coffee
and a light snack and then the fun of the great Easter egg
hunt before heading to the sanctuary to experience the joy
of Easter morning worship. Children can bring their own
baskets or use one of the designated church bags for
hunting eggs.



****All the eggs we use are from the Sunny Bunny company
whose mission is to teach and employ adults with differing
abilities.**

a joyful noise.
**celebrating the ministry and
retirement of Michael Corzine**



Saturday, May 14, 2022

5 pm Hymn Festival at First
Presbyterian

6:15 pm Cocktails and hors
d'oeuvres at St.
John's Episcopal

7 pm Dinner and program
at St. John's
Episcopal

More information to follow



Pastor's Column

By Rev. Margaret Fox

Yesterday's text, the anointing of Jesus by Mary the sister of Lazarus, functions as a kind of invitation to Holy Week, to the practice of encountering the story's of Christ's passion in scripture, song and worship.

We pick up the story on Palm Sunday, this coming Sunday at 11 a.m., processing in to worship together and enacting that triumphal welcome into Jerusalem. But the liturgy doesn't let us treat this as the finale to the story; instead, we move, through the liturgy of the Passion, to the cross.

As the week progresses, we slow the story down. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper in the upper room, which we enact through the celebration of communion. Good Friday marks the crucifixion. Holy Saturday is a day of silence, but as the sun goes down Easter Vigil begins, and we welcome the light of Christ into the sanctuary. Easter Sunday we bear witness to the resurrection.

You are invited and encouraged to take part in this story, both by individual scripture reading and by participation in corporate worship. If you are following along in the biblical story, spend the week reading Luke 19:28-24:12. And please plan to join us for worship at the following times:

Palm/Passion Sunday: Sunday, April 10 at 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 17 at 11 a.m.



From last week's sermon, the prayer of St. Augustine from Confessions VIII.iv.

Come, Lord, work upon us; call us back;
set us on fire and clasp us close;
be fragrant to us, draw us to thy loveliness;
let us love, let us run to thee.

THE STORY OF TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: APRIL 29, 5:30-8 P.M.

Faith Presbyterian in Tallahassee is hosting an evening titled Telling the Story of Trinity United Church. The event will be on Friday, April 29, from 5:30 - 8:30 P.M. in Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. This event is undertaken as part of Faith's Session approved Antiracism Initiative and a yearlong partnership between the Black Dog Sunday School Class at Faith and the Trinity United Presbyterian Bible Study Class. We are extending the invitation to register to all the Presbyterian congregations in town. There is no cost for registration or the spaghetti dinner. The meal will be catered by Fran Doxsee. We are extending this invitation to your entire congregation and look forward to welcoming anyone from First Pres. who has an interest in joining us. If anyone has difficulty using the Sign-Up Genius they can contact Renee at the church office, 850-385-6151, or Ruth Reynolds at 850-567-9555 for help with registration.

[Trinity United Presbyterian Story RSVP](#)



Lenten Volunteer Opportunity at Second Harvest's Warehouse

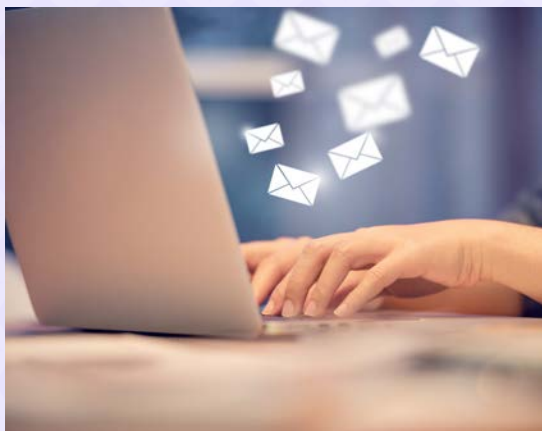
Thursday, April 7 from 9-Noon

Volunteer by emailing christy@oldfirstchurch.org

Visitation Ministry



Our "visiting" ministry has had to adapt to social distancing restrictions, but we are still trying to keep in touch with members who would appreciate extra care, either because they are home bound or because they are recovering from illness or injury. If you are able to keep in touch with members by phone, text, or email, or if you are aware of a member who would appreciate extra contact with our church family, please let the Care and Outreach team know by contacting Linda Smith at 7Yodanana7@gmail.com.



This is a family-friendly event. All are welcome.

Paul Demer is a gifted musician and storyteller with a wise soul. His faith and his compassion pour through his music where he turns the ordinary into the extraordinary. Paul currently serves as the Music Minister for St. Matthew Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas, Texas. He has previously served as a musician at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas and has served as the music leader for many conferences and retreats, including the 2021 Montreat Youth Conference. He wrote the theme song for the 2022 Lenten liturgy, Full to the Brim, produced by Sanctified Art. He is touring several Presbyterian churches in Florida this April and is making a stop at UKirk, Tallahassee. Check out his music at

<https://www.pauldemer.com/>



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.



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

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



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produces a monthly electronic newsletter that you may access using this link:

[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





**ADULT CHURCH
SCHOOL CLASS
WESTMINSTER ROOM
AND ON ZOOM
APRIL 10, 2022**



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.

This week Professor Carol Weissert, Professor Emerita of Political Science, will lead a conversation about the Florida Legislature's recently concluded 2022 Regular Session. Dr. Weissert will review measures that passed and those that did not, highlighting not only the ones that garnered national attention but also some that didn't but are, nonetheless, important to citizens of our state.

All are welcome! Each Zoom meeting opens new opportunities to learn and share — whether you've attended previously or not.

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.

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 so we can get you on the list.



Spectacularly beautiful day for our courtyard luncheon as we begin the Mission Workshop



Presbyterian Women's Mission Workshop on Sunday was a huge success in collecting donations for Tallahassee's international refugees.

Fifty attendees listened as speaker Karen Duncan told us about how their organization supports refugees arriving in our city, what they do, and other ways to help . See next week's newsletter for more pictures and information.

Dogwood Acres is geared up for Summer Camp 2022! From late-June through the end of July, camps are available for all ages, from High School Hangout to a 4-day, 3-night Intro Camp for 1st and 2nd graders.

Dogwood's summer camps are designed around small-group experiences. We encourage future generations by guiding our youth toward a greater awareness of their relationship with God, instilling a sense of accomplishment, an appreciation for their own and others' abilities, and presenting a new outlook on what they are capable of achieving. It's our goal to provide an outdoor ministry where individual kids and groups can grow in Christian faith, fellowship, and fun, as we marvel in God's miracle of creation! Registration is open, and scholarships are available.

Take advantage of the early registration discount! To learn more, please visit

www.dogwoodacres.org.

[Register soon](#) – spaces fill fast!



Opportunities from the
Presbyterian Office of Public
Witness

Join us Virtually
April 25-27, 2022

[Registration is
now open!](#)

EAD 2022 calls us into solidarity to restore, protect, and expand voting rights in the United States and to realize human rights around the world. As people of faith, we know each person to be created in God's image, imbued with dignity and having a voice that demands to be heard, heeded, and treated justly. We arise in unity, holding up a mirror to leaders of nations, putting injustice on display and tearing down the veil of oppression that obscures the beautiful, God-born light shining from within us all.

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III from Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago will be preaching and Rev. Liz Theoharis co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign will be a featured keynote speaker!

[Click here to register for Ecumenical Advocacy Days today!](#)

AND

Join us for Compassion Peace and Justice Training 2022!

This year we will once again be centering our event around the Ecumenical Advocacy Days theme addressing the fierce urgency of human rights both at home and abroad!

This year's event will be offered in two parts:

On April 19th we will host a roundtable discussion and workshop on the work of the Compassion Peace and Justice Ministry in supporting international human rights. We will lift up the work we and our partners are doing to support human rights globally and the intersection of human rights with the issues of food sovereignty, migration, racism, climate change, corporate accountability and corruption, militarism, and development. Join us to learn what you and your church can do!

[Click here to register!](#)

On April 20th we will be hosting a roundtable discussion on the work of the Compassion Peace and Justice Ministry on domestic civil and human rights. We will hear from staff who are working and organizing nationally on the issues of voting rights, poverty, racism, environmental justice, LGBTQIA+, gun violence, and domestic human rights for all of God's children. Learn how you and your church can plug into the work and contribute to further civil rights at home!

[Click here to register!](#)

Please be sure to register for both the 19th and the 20th!



Youth Group at FPC

5-6:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and discussion/planning for upcoming meal distributions: at Grace Mission, and Potluck in the Park.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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Gifts can be made [online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Old First Church Book Group



APRIL 28, 2022

7:00 P.M.

we will have author, David Powell, with us to talk about his recent book, *Ninety Miles and A Lifetime Away: Memories of Early Cuban Exiles.*

Bringing together an unprecedented number of extensive personal stories, this book shares the triumphs and heartbreaking moments experienced by some of the first Cubans to come to the United States after Fidel Castro took power in 1959. It is a moving look inside fifteen years of migration that changed the two countries and transformed the lives of the people who found themselves separated from their homeland.

There are copies of both books at the church for borrowing – just email Christy@oldfirstchurch.org for a time to pick one up. These books are also available at Midtown Reader with a 10% discount if you tell them you are a member of our Book Group. Midtown Reader has book group books in a special area of the store. Ask a clerk if you can't find them.



Sunday Festival Readings

APRIL 10, 2022
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

PALMS

LUKE 19:28-40
PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

PASSION

ISAIAH 50:4-9
PSALM 31:9-16
PHILLIPPIANS 2:5-11
LUKE 22:14-23:56
OR LUKE 23:1-49



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

APRIL 1-14, 2022

Friday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 2:1-22
1 Cor. 12:27-13:3
Mark 9:2-13

Saturday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 2:23-3:15
1 Cor. 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Exod. 3:16-4:12
Rom. 12:1-21
John 8:46-59

Monday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Exod. 4:10-20 (21-26) 27-31
1 Cor. 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Exod. 5:1-6:1
1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Exod. 7:8-24
2 Cor. 2:14-3:6
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday, April 7

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 7:25-8:19
2 Cor. 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Friday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 9:13-35
2 Cor. 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday, April 9

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 10:21-11:8
2 Cor. 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, April 10

Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Zech. 9:9-12
1 Tim. 6:12-16 *or* Zech.
12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9
Luke 19:41-48

Monday, April 11

Monday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Cor. 1:1-7
Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Lam. 1:17-22
2 Cor. 1:8-22
Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Lam. 2:1-9
2 Cor. 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Lam. 2:10-18
1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 15-30, 2022

Friday, April 15**Good Friday**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Lam. 3:1-9, 19-33
1 Pet. 1:10-20
John 13:36-38
or John 19:38-42

Saturday, April 16**Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Lam. 3:37-58
Heb. 4:1-16
Rom. 8:1-11

Sunday, April 17**Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1-14
John 1:1-18 or Isa. 51:9-11
Luke 24:13-35
or John 20:19-23

Monday, April 18

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 12:14-27
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday, April 19

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 12:28-39
1 Cor. 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday, April 20

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 12:40-51
1 Cor. 15:(29) 30-41
Matt. 28:1-16

Thursday, April 21

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 13:3-10
1 Cor. 15:41-50
Matt. 28:16-20

Friday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 13:1-2, 11-16
1 Cor. 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Saturday, April 23

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 13:17-14:4
2 Cor. 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

Sunday, April 24**Second Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

Monday, April 25

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 14:21-31
1 Pet. 1:1-12
John 14:(1-7) 8-17

Tuesday, April 26

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 15:1-21
1 Pet. 1:13-25
John 14:18-31

Wednesday, April 27

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 15:22-16:10
1 Pet. 2:1-10
John 15:1-11

Thursday, April 28

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 16:10-22
1 Pet. 2:11-3:12
John 15:12-27

Friday, April 29

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 16:23-36
1 Pet. 3:13-4:6
John 16:1-15

Saturday, April 30

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 17:1-16
1 Pet. 4:7-19
John 16:16-33