First Presbyterian Church
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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

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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 Gorzine

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
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.
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.

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.
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.
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!
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.

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.

Gifts can be made [online](#), by
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PDAUKR to 41444, or by check
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Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-
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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  
Zechariah 9:9–12  
1 Timothy 6:12–16 or Zechariah 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9  

#### Monday, April 11  
**Monday of Holy Week**  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Lamentations 1:1–2, 6–12  
2 Corinthians 1:1–7  
Mark 11:12–25

#### Tuesday, April 12  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Lamentations 1:17–22  
2 Corinthians 1:8–22  
Mark 11:27–33

#### Wednesday, April 13  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Lamentations 2:1–9  
2 Corinthians 1:23–2:11  
Mark 12:1–11

#### Thursday, April 14  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Lamentations 2:10–18  
1 Corinthians 10:14–17; 11:27–32  
Mark 14:12–25
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