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The newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

APRIL 11, 2022

Holy Week Worship Services

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.



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

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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.**

**** We will also celebrate the baptisms and membership of the James Family! Come enjoy some cake and greet our newest members.**



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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](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCTallahassee).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Friday



Pastor's Column

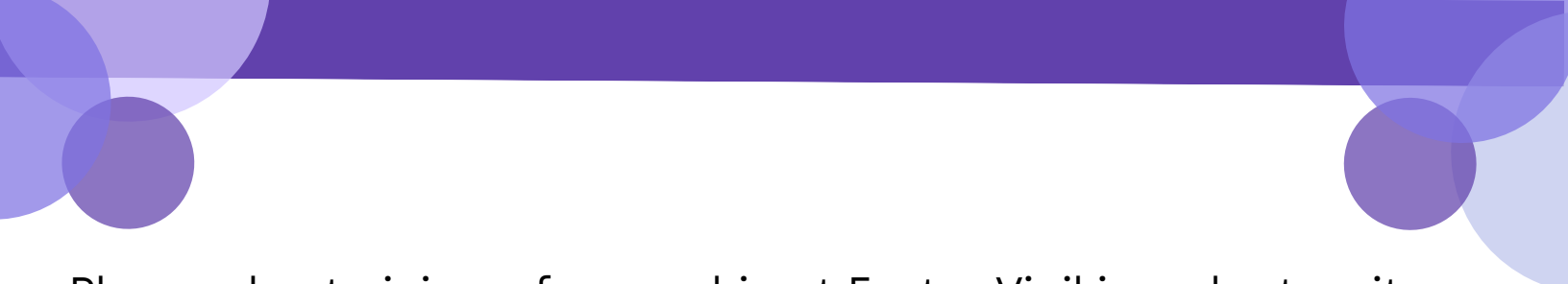
By Rev. Margaret Fox

Between Leo Sandon's memorial service and Palm/Passion Sunday, thank you for a weekend of worship that was by turns beautiful and poignant, joyful and sad—a witness to resurrection, and then to the passion that preceded it.

This Holy Week, we'll have a chance to experience that story in full. I'd encourage you to set aside some time, this week, to encounter this narrative, both in the text of scripture and in worship, as we mark the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Crucifixion on Good Friday, the silence of Holy Saturday leading into the Easter Vigil, and then the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Worship services are 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All are livestreamed, with communion at every service except Good Friday.

Even as we experience this story together as a community of faith, we'll have a chance to welcome a new family into God's story through the sacrament of baptism. The James family (parents Kris and Caitlin, daughter Willa) are a preschool family who have made their way upstairs, joining us in worship on Sunday mornings (they, like the rest of us, already have a favorite pew, toward the back on the right-hand side). Caitlin loves to sew, and is a regular at Together in Service. We've been meeting together this Lent to talk about the sacrament of baptism and the meaning of membership, and this Saturday at the Easter Vigil service, we will receive Caitlin and Willa through baptism, and Kris through profession of faith.

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Please plan to join us for worship at Easter Vigil in order to witness these baptisms, remember your own, and help answer the congregation's baptismal questions: "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture the James family, by word and deed, with love and prayer?" and "Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?" Then on Sunday morning, please come early—there will be an outdoor gathering in the playground at 10, with an egg hunt for kids and a chance to welcome the James family.


PS—Congratulations to Patsy Kickliter and all the singers and musicians who participated in Sunday's Palm Sunday Cantata at Westminster Oaks. I attended because I wanted to support our members who were singing and leading that day, but as I listened, I realized, oh, this is a time when I don't have to worry about what's coming next in worship—I get to simply participate and receive. It was a great gift as Holy Week begins.



I'll be away for vacation April 29-May 7.



The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week.
Newsletter information should be submitted no later than noon,
Monday, April 18th.



SENDING SOME SPRING TIME LOVE FROM YOUR PRESCHOOL FRIENDS!



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



YOU'RE INVITED



Here is what we are hoping to start accomplishing.

- Yard work: weeding, planting, mulching, picking up trash and limbs
- Pressure washing
- cleaning and organizing the Library & Calvin's kitchen,
- possibly some indoor painting of the Great room (patches) and Calvin's.

There is something for everyone to help with. Many hands make light work.

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:
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no later than noon on the Monday of publication.**



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ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS NOT MEETING EASTER MORNING



The whole church family is welcome to meet at the Preschool Playground starting at 10:00 AM. Join us for fellowship, coffee and a light snack and then at 10:30 AM the fun of watching children hunt for Easter eggs. Please drop by on your way to the sanctuary, even if it's after 10:00. It will be a lot of fun!

On April 24 we resume meeting in person and on Zoom. Instead of the Westminster Room, which will be under construction through the end of May, we will meet next door in Room 206. Everyone is welcome to join us there OR you can connect to the “hybrid” class on Zoom.

Meet and greet: Sunday, April 24 at 9:15 AM
Program starts: Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 AM



Presbyterian Women's Mission Workshop April 3, 2022

The 2022 Spring Mission Workshop was a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and generosity. After enjoying brown-bag lunches in the Church Courtyard and under the shaded walkway, 50 people gathered on Zoom and in the Westminster Room, masked and socially distanced and thrilled to be together again, working on projects to benefit some of those in need in our local community. Volunteers at sewing tables made lap blankets and baby burp cloths while others packaged socks for free distribution, designed Easter cards and friendship notes, collected flower seeds and vegetable seedlings to plant, and learned more about caring for creation.

But the three tables overflowing with donations of new and gently-used household and childrens' items for international refugee families here in Tallahassee put smiles on everyone's faces, especially our guest speaker, Karen Duncan, our local refugee coordinator for the IRC (International Rescue Committee). Together with those items, which included a brand new laptop computer for a refugee family, our generous congregation also gave \$1,000 in cash, checks and gift cards, which will all go to the refugee families. Presbyterian Women are so grateful for your response in support of those hoping to rebuild their lives in Tallahassee; thank you and enjoy the Workshop photos below.







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!



No Youth Group at
FPC on
Easter Sunday.
Come enjoy our
Easter Egg Hunt and
Worship in the
morning.



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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 17, 2022

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

**ACTS 10:34-43
OR ISAIAH 65:17-25**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26
OR ACTS 10:34-43**

**JOHN 20:1-18
OR LUKE 24:1-12**



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