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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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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
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.
** 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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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 Kicklifer 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!
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
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 children's 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.
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.

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

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.
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.
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