Church School Begins
September 11, 2022
9:30-10:30 AM

Adult Class
Westminster Room & Zoom
Highlights from the General Assembly with our Presbytery’s Stated Clerk, Jeannie Dixon

Younger Children’s Class
Room 306: Growing in God’s Love
September’s unit of study is, What is God Like?

Older Children’s Class
Room 301
Re:Form– Ancestors
The fall semester will focus on Old Testament people of faith.

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
It's time again for our Fall Family Picnic!

Plan to bring your family for a time of yummy food and games.

The Details

Wear your picnic clothes to worship (in-person or online!) and afterward head to Maclay Gardens State Park. When you enter the Park, give your name and let them know you are a part of First Presbyterian’s Family Picnic, and the Care and Outreach Ministry will cover your entrance fee. You will then proceed to the first road to the right where you will see the sign for the swimming and picnic area. In front of you at the end of the road is the lake and the pavilion is to your left behind the playground. Park in the large parking lot located at the end of the road.

This year we'll be reinstating our potluck sides along with fried chicken from Lindy's! We are looking forward to some of our traditional potluck favorites! We will have a table set-up after church for the picnic sign-up. The chicken will cost $3 per person with no more than $10 per family. We will have chocolate and vanilla sheet cakes, but feel free to bring your dessert specialty!

Your entrance into the park will include an opportunity to walk through the gardens, swim in the lake, fish (license needed) take your canoe/kayak/boat (no motors allowed) out in the lake, hike the trails, play on the playground, or just sit on the dock or the shaded hillside and delight in all the beauty surrounding you. We are free to stay until the park closes at sunset.

You will also be able to register at Sign-up Genius, or if your prefer by calling the church office at 850-222-4504.

if you decide to come at the last minute and haven't signed-up, please join us!
We always have extra food and we want YOU there to join your First Presbyterian Family in this special time of fellowship.

Looking forward to sharing in this special family time,
Your Care and Outreach Ministry Team

Sign-up Genius Link here.
Special Thanks to These Volunteer Teachers & Coordinators
Teachers will be recognized and commissioned during the Sept 11, 2022 Worship Service

ADULT CLASS
Jane Atkinson Diaz, Emily Bruno, Patrick Kennedy and Stan Williams

YOUNG CHILDREN’S CLASS
Mary Hodges, Anna Jordan, Aide Whitaker and Mary Kutter with our regular assistant: Eleanor Cleveland

OLDER CHILDREN’S CLASS
Dan Bruno, Carolyn Bradley and Carolyn Herrington, Sue Hightower and Melanie Meyer with our regular assistant: Jacqueline Cruz

FPC BOOK GROUP
Peggy Cleveland

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR
Eleanor Cleveland
In celebration of The Village Square’s determination this year to celebrate what’s working and worth emulating (in a world in which much seems broken), God Squad will kick off their 13th season thinking about our fellow humans who have behaved heroically during these challenging times. But—beware—one’s hero might be the other’s villain in these divisive “us or them” times. If we can’t agree, we’ll imagine what a hero might look like, and ask—might it fall to us to save ourselves?

Register to join us for this important discussion on September 16 from noon-1:00 PM at First Baptist Church downtown.

We’re delighted to be gathering with God Squadders Father Tim Holeda of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral, Dr. Gary Shultz of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Stefanie Posner of Temple Israel, and Dr. Judy Mandrell of Life Changer Church of God in Christ.

An optional lunch is available for advance purchase. Otherwise, the program is free to attend. Please register in advance so we can plan accordingly.

[God Squad — Wanted: A Few Civic Heroes Tickets, Fri, Sep 16, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite]
Did you know...We have two separate prayer ministries, and invite you to participate in either, or both. You are not limited to asking for prayers for yourself, but when the prayer requests involves another individual, please get permission from the person concerned before submitting his or her name.

To have a prayer concern read aloud during worship, please call the office during the week (850-222-4504), and Lori will ensure that your request is relayed to both our pastoral care team and the Care and Outreach Team. You may also indicate whether the request should be repeated from week to week.

In addition to prayers read during worship, you can contact Debbie Gibson (gibsond1207@gmail.com) to be placed on a list shared with a group that has covenanted to pray for specific requests. Once Debbie knows of a need, it will be relayed to the prayer chain for the volunteers in that ministry to hold up the specific concerns or celebrations in prayer for as long as is needed. Prayers requested through Debbie will not be read during worship unless you ask for that to happen as well.

First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday Sept. 11; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm. Upcoming dates are:

- Sun. October 9
- Sun. Nov. 13
- Sun. Dec. 11

If you are interested in helping in this worthwhile effort, please contact Carol Weissert at cweissert@fsu.edu or go to the Sign Up Genius page directly at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-grace1

Hope you can join us.

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
Thanks to Peggy Wright-Cleveland for being FPC’s Book Group Coordinator for the fall.

September is Banned Book Month and FPC’s Book Group will read one of the many banned books, Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison. Peggy Wright-Cleveland will facilitate the discussion. Join us on Thursday, Sept 22 at 7:00 PM on zoom.

Midtown Reader has these books in for purchase with a 10% discount. Go to the front desk and ask for FPC’s Book Group books and tell them you are part of the group to get the discount.

-There are a few copies to borrow in the church office and the Public Library also has copies.


November’s Book Group – November 17, 2022. No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler.

There are multiple copies of both these books in the church office to borrow now. Start reading!!

Book Group discussions are on Zoom. Look for the link in your email box the Monday before book group.
Summer Nursery and Preschool Childcare

9:15 a.m. - the end of worship

- Infants and children up to three years old – main floor nursery
- Three - Pre-K children – third floor preschool classroom

The Twinkle Toes Agency staffs both rooms. All our sitters are CPR/First Aid trained and have had a full background screening. There are two sitters in each room. Please don’t hesitate to contact christy@oldfirstchurch.org if you have questions about our summer childcare.

The newsletter is prepared on Mondays, including those Mondays that fall on holidays. Please submit items for publication to: newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org no later than noon on production Mondays.
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 September 1-15, 2022

Thursday, September 1
Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20  
   Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
   Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16  
   Acts 13:1–12  
   John 9:1–17

Friday, September 2
Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
   Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
   Job 19:1–7, 14–27  
   Acts 13:13–25  
   John 9:18–41

Saturday, September 3
Morning: Pss. 63; 14  
   Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
   Acts 13:26–43  
   John 10:1–18

Sunday, September 4
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
   Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
   Job 25:1–6; 27:1–6  
   Rev. 14:1–7, 1  
   Matt. 5:13–20

Monday, September
Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
   Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
   Job 32:1–10, 19–33:1, 19–28  
   Acts 13:44–5  
   John 10:19–30

Tuesday, September 6
Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
   Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
   Job 29:1–20  
   Acts 14:1–18  
   John 10:31–42

Wednesday, September 7
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11  
   Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
   Job 29:1; 30:1–2, 16–31  
   Acts 14:19–2  
   John 11:1–16

Thursday, September 8
Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
   Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
   Job 29:1; 31:1–23  
   Acts 15:1–11  
   John 11:17–29

Friday, September 9
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
   Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
   Job 29:1; 31:24–4  
   Acts 15:12–21  
   John 11:30–44

Saturday, September 10
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
   Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
   Job 38:1–17  
   Acts 15:22–35  
   John 11:45–54

Sunday, September 11
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
   Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
   Job 38:1, 18–41  
   Rev. 18:1–8  
   Matt. 5:21–26

Monday, September 12
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
   Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
   Job 40:1–24  
   Acts 15:36–16:5  
   John 11:55–12:8

Tuesday, September 13
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
   Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
   Job 40:1; 41:1–11  
   Acts 16:6–15  
   John 12:9–19

Wednesday, September 14
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
   Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
   Job 42:1–17  
   Acts 16:16–24  
   John 12:20–26

Thursday, September 15
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
   Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
   Job 28:1–28  
   Acts 16:25–40  
   John 12:27–36a

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