The Choir meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and we are open to all singers.

Contact Ethan Murphy or the church office for more information.

The purpose of the CR is to advise the Presbytery about implementing principles of unity and diversity, advocating for diversity in leadership, and consulting with the Presbytery on the employment of personnel.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Rev. Michael Askew (850 980-3307 or askew.michaelsr@yahoo.com).

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.
First Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team Gathering

Please join us in the courtyard after service on Sunday, October 9th to learn more about our Ministry Teams and have a slice of pie and a cup of cider.
Steven Mindlin is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Haverford College with a B.A. in Religion, earning honors in the Religion Department. His undergraduate thesis, analyzing the first references to the book Acts of the Apostles in the writings of the early fathers of the emerging Christian Church, may be the most sleep-inducing treatise ever committed to paper. That so many trees gave their lives to that endeavor seems highly unjust.

Steve received his Juris Doctor degree with honors from the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida. Steve has lived in Tallahassee since 1986 and has been and continues to be active in numerous civic and community organizations, including Board service at Temple Israel, Congregation Shomrei Torah, the Alzheimer’s Project of Tallahassee, Big Bend Hospice, and the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

In our session on 9/25, we will “speak of justice” and welcome the start of a new year on the Jewish calendar by looking into Justice as it appears in the Torah. We will consider some important biblical texts appearing in the Hebrew Bible relating to justice and will study some sections on the same topic from the Babylonian Talmud. We will also attempt to gain insight together on some questions that we think we already know the answers to, but may in fact not, such as: What is Justice? What is Torah? And what does Torah have to offer Christians and Jews in the modern world when it comes to defining, creating, and living justice in our lives and our community?
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.
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

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Sun. Dec. 11

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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.

October’s Book Group – October 27, 2022. The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd. Midtown Reader also has this book for purchase. 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.
The Village Square to host “Respect. Rebel. Repeat. Subversive Friendships for Divided Times.

On Tuesday, September 27, The Village Square will host a discussion titled “Respect. Rebel. Repeat. Subversive Friendships for Subversive Times.” Join us at St. John’s Episcopal Church for Dinner at the Square at 6:00 pm to meet and learn about some truly extraordinary members of the Tallahassee community bridging civic divides in their everyday lives. We’ll talk about differences of opinion and the friendship bonds that hold steadfast across divides. Facilitating the conversation will be the new Executive Director of The Village Square, Vanessa Rowse. Early-bird ticket prices are available through September 21. For more info, a menu, and to purchase tickets, go online to tlh.villagesquare.us, email vanessa@villagesquare.us or call 694-2098.
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.
Friday, September 16
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139 Esther 1:1–4, 10–19

Saturday, September 17
Morning: Pss. 56;
149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Esther 2:5–8, 15–23
Acts 17:16–34
John 12:44–50

Sunday, September 18
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Esther 3:1–4:3 Jas. 1:19–27
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Monday, September 19
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Esther 4:4–17
Acts 18:1–11
Luke (1:1–4) 3:1–14

Tuesday, September 20
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Esther 5:1–14
Acts 18:12–28

Wednesday, September 21
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Esther 6:1–14

Thursday, September 22
Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Esther 7:1–10
Acts 19:11–20

Friday, September 23
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 2
Esther 8:1–8, 15–17
Acts 19:21–41

Saturday, September 24
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Esther 9:1–32

Sunday, September 25
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Hos. 1:1–2:1
Jas. 3:1–1
Matt. 13:44–52

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27
Morning: Pss. 12; 14
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Hos. 2:16–23
Acts 21:1–1
Luke 5:12–26

Wednesday, September 28
Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 13
Hos. 3:1–5
Acts 21:15–26

Thursday, September 29
Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Hos. 4:1–10
Acts 21:27–36
Luke 6:1–11

Friday, September 30
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Hos. 4:11–19
Luke 6:12–26

If you wish to read these on your computer you will find them on the PCUSA website here.