

FIRST PRESS

*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022



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).

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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.

**Younger Children's Class
Room 306**

**Older Children's Class
Room 301**

**Children and vaccinated adults
with masks are welcome in the
Sanctuary. Childcare is
available for children younger
than kindergarten.**




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**



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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.





ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

9:15 a.m. Meet and Greet on Zoom &
In Person in the Westminster Room
Program starts at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday September 25, 2022

Topic: “Justice in the Torah”

Presenter: Steven T. Mindlin

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?

Sunday Church School



YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CLASS
9:30 a.m. Room 306

OLDER CHILDREN'S CLASS
9:30 a.m. Room 301



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.



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.



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

SERVING MEALS AT GRACE MISSION



First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday, October 9; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm. Upcoming dates are:
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.

Old First Church Book Group

Thursday
September 22
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

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.





e pluribus unum — out of many, one
the village square

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.

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**Sunday
Festival Readings**
September 25, 2022
**16TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**
JEREMIAH 32:1-3A, 6-15
&
PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16
OR
AMOS 6:1A, 4-7
&
PSALM 146

I TIMOTHY 6:6-16
LUKE 16:19-31



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 16- 30, 2022

Friday, September 16

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32;

139 Esther 1:1-4, 10-19

Acts 17:1-15 John 12:36b-43

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

Luke 3:15-22

Acts 21:27-36 Luke 6:1-11

Wednesday, September 21

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 125; 91

Esther 6:1-14

Acts 19:1-10 Luke 4:1-13

Thursday, September 22

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 81; 116

Esther 7:1-10

Acts 19:11-20

Luke 4:14-3

Friday, September 23

Morning: Pss. 88; 148

Evening: Pss. 6; 2

Esther 8:1-8, 15-17

Acts 19:21-41

Luke 4:31-37

Saturday, September 24

Morning: Pss. 122; 149

Evening: Pss. 100; 63

Esther 9:1-32

Acts 20:1-16 Luke 4:38-44

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

Morning: Pss. 62; 145 Evening:
Pss. 73; 9 Hos. 2:2-15 Acts 20:17-
38 Luke 5:1-11

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

Luke 5:27-39

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

Acts 21:37-22:16

Luke 6:12-26

If you wish to read these on your computer you
will find them on the PCUSA website [here](#).