

FIRST PRESS

*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

SEPTEMBER 26, 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**

Celebrating Christy



This Sunday, October 2, we will gather after worship to celebrate Christy Williams and to wish her well as the interim director of Dogwood Acres.

Please join us in the Westminster Room for light refreshments, punch, and cake. Child-friendly activities will be available in the courtyard.

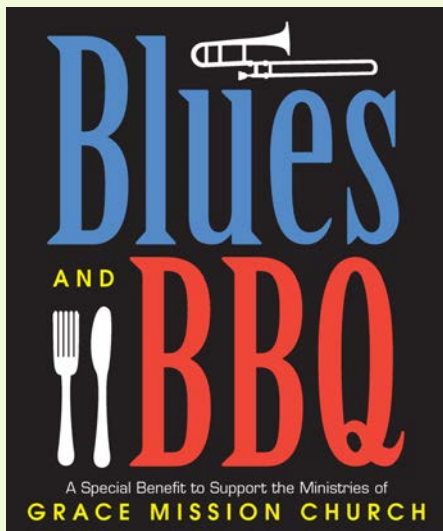


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Ministry Team Gathering

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.





Grace Mission Event

Grace Mission is hosting a Blues and BBQ fundraising event 5:30-7:30 pm Friday Oct. 14th. The event will be held at Advent Episcopal Church, 815 Piedmont Drive. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased here:

<https://gracemission.eventsmart.com/events/blues-bbq/>

Grace is seeking volunteers to help with this event. They need:

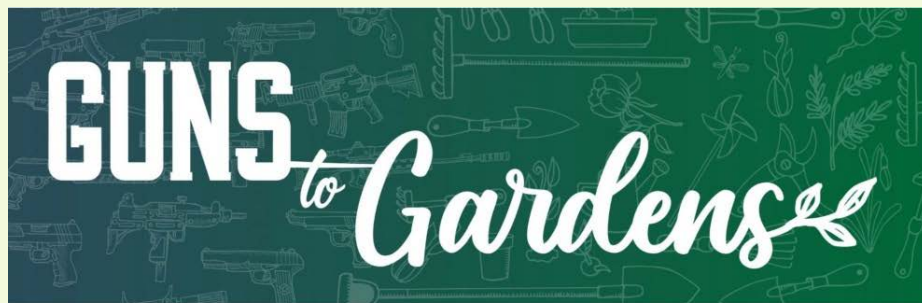
Kitchen help at Grace Mission 2-4 pm or 3-5 pm

Bar server at Advent 5:30-7:30 pm

Food runner at Advent 5:30-7 pm

Event Break Down at Advent 8-9:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Carol Weissert know at cweissert@fsu.edu along with which activity you wish to do.



Join the Tallahassee Guns to Gardens Movement

Guns to Gardens is a grassroots ministry that safely and legally dismantles and destroys unwanted firearms. The remaining metal pieces are then forged into life-giving garden tools.

Interested in doing this prophetic work with us? All are welcome in the movement! We are especially looking for volunteers with any of the following skills and/or equipment:

- Comfort and experience with power tools
- Firearms safety training and comfort handling firearms
- Blacksmithing
- Welding
- Owns a metal-cutting chop saw
- Pastoral care



Contact us at:

gunstogardens@oldfirstchurch.org

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. - Isaiah 2:4



WITH JESSICA YEARY
PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**Justice in the
Justice System:
Bail Reform**

10.02.22, 9:30 AM
WESTMINSTER ROOM & ON ZOOM



Adult Church School

Sunday, October 2, 2022
9:30 a.m. start time
(9:15 a.m. meet and greet)

The United States incarcerates more people per capita than any country in the world. Despite the presumption of innocence built into our criminal justice system, many are held before ever being found guilty of a crime -- often simply because they cannot afford to post bail.

This Sunday, we welcome Jessica Yearly, the Public Defender for our circuit, to talk about the bail system and reform measures. Jessica began her career as an assistant public defender, advancing through the office to the role of felony division chief before being elected Public Defender in 2020. After hearing from Jessica, we will reflect on faithful responses to the criminalization of poverty in our community, state, and nation.

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.



Welcoming Ministry

If you are interested in joining the dedicated and enthusiastic group of people who welcome new members and visitors, please let the Care and Outreach team know by contacting Linda Smith at 7Yodanana7@gmail.com. We are happy for any suggestions about improving our outreach to those who may be considering making this their church home.



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
October 27
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

October's Book Group
The Book of Longings
by Sue Monk Kidd

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!!
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.

The Public Library also has copies.

Book Group discussions are on Zoom. Look for the link in your email box the Monday before book group.

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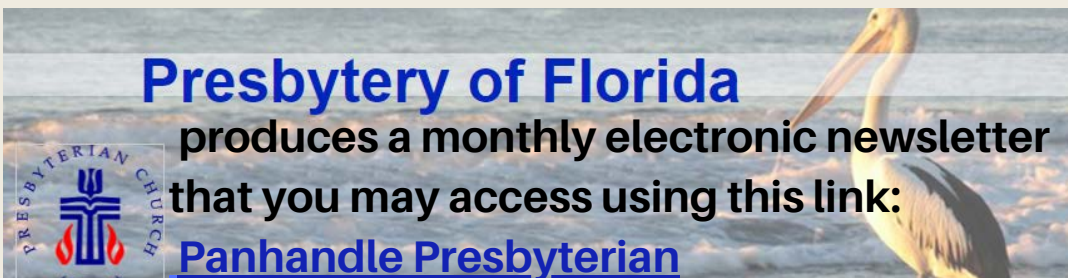
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[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





Sunday Festival Readings

**October 2, 2022
17TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6 &
&**

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26

OR PSALM 9

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HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

&

PSALM 37:1-9

II TIMOTHY 1:1-14

LUKE 17:5-10



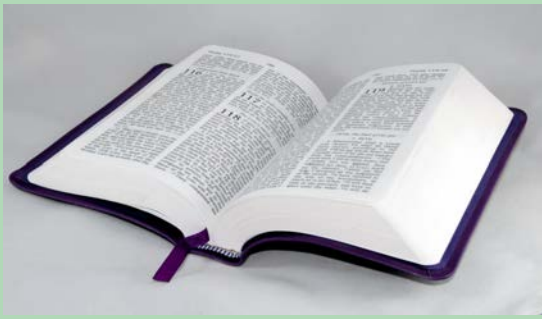
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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

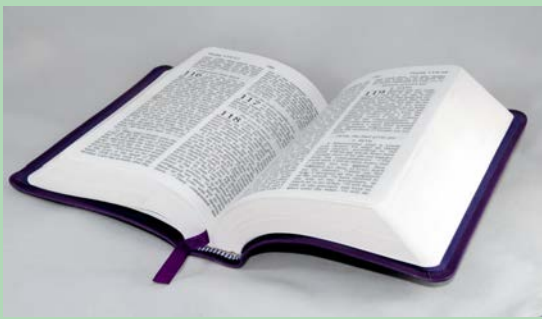
Evening: Pss. 25; 40

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](#).



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 1- 15, 2022

Saturday, October 1 Morning:

Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Hos. 5:1-7
Acts 22:17-29
Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, October 2

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Hos. 5:8-6:6
1 Cor. 2:6-16
Matt. 14:1-12

Monday, October 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Hos. 6:7-7:7
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday, October 4

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Hos. 7:8-16
Acts 23:12-24
Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday, October 5

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Hos. 8:1-14
Acts 23:23-35
Luke 7:18-35

Thursday, October 6

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Hos. 9:1-9
Acts 24:1-23
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, October 7

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Hos. 9:10-17
Acts 24:24-25:12
Luke 8:1-15

Saturday, October 8

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Hos. 10:1-15
Acts 25:13-27
Luke 8:16-25

Sunday, October 9

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Hos. 11:1-11 1
Cor. 4:9-16
Matt. 15:21-28

Monday, October 10

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Hos. 11:12-12:1
Acts 26:1-23
Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday, October 11

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Hos. 12:2-14
Acts 26:24-27:8
Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday, October 12

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Hos. 13:1-3
Acts 27:9-26
Luke 9:1-17

Thursday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Hos. 13:4-8
Acts 27:27-44
Luke 9:18-27

Friday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Hos. 13:9-16
Acts 28:1-16
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday, October 15

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Hos. 14:1-9
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50

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