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*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

OCTOBER 3, 2022



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.



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.

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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.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday



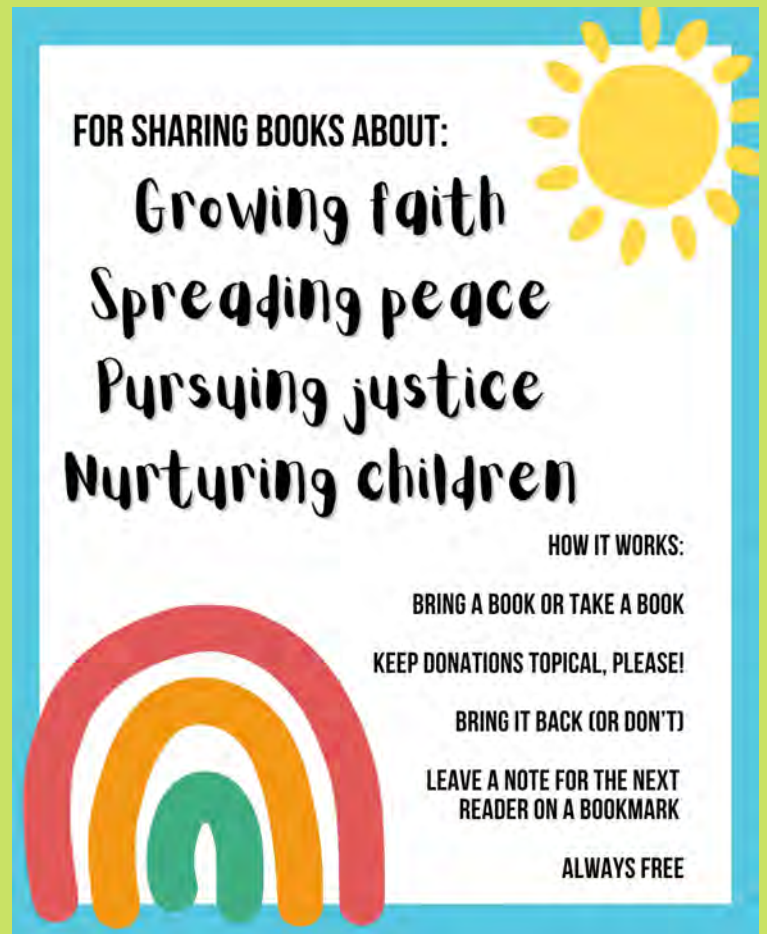
Please check out the new
Community Sharing Library in
the Education Building
hallway!

This library was installed in
honor of Christy Williams'
long-time service to this
church as Director of
Christian Education.

It is a place to build
community through
sharing books,
specifically about:

- (1) growing faith,
- (2) spreading peace,
- (3) pursuing justice, and
- (4) nurturing children.

Bring your books on
these topics to share
with our church family
and friends, and/or
borrow one that
someone else has
brought.



Dear Church Family,

I want to express my gratitude to you all for the lovely celebration yesterday and the meaningful gifts you thought of to honor my ministry at First Presbyterian. The Sharing Library, Dogwood Project, the kind cards and notes, the book of recommendations and the gift certificate to find more books to read, the hugs and expressions of good luck- all of it overwhelmed me. If I could have done so without (more) tears, I would have told each of you how much you have meant to me professionally and personally. Please know that you all are family as well as the people I relied on to partner with me in ministry.

Thank you beyond yesterday's joyous cake and balloon reception, thank you for 34 years of nurturing my growth as a church professional and challenging me to deepen my faith through your own words and actions. It is my greatest hope that we will continue to collaborate on ministry projects and will still encourage one another in faithful living.

With love,

Christy

P.S. Just to be clear,

I am not moving to Vernon, Florida.





You're Invited

**Restorative Practice
Listening Circle
Sunday, October 23, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of First Presbyterian Church cordially invites members of the congregation to participate in our Restorative Practice Listening Circle on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 3:00-6:00 in the Westminster Room. The Listening Circle will be facilitated by Restorative Practices Consultant Henry McClendon, Jr. who has been retained by the Session to facilitate the event. Session members will be trained prior to the event to assist in the facilitation of the listening circles.

The goal of this Listening Circle event is to provide our membership with an opportunity to express how they have been impacted by the pastoral transition process over the past 2 years. We aim to support individuals and help membership who have been affected to explore the collective experience together. This Listening Circle event will provide a space for people to connect, share their experiences, and look to the future.

During this large and small circle experience, you will be asked questions to explore this issue on a deeper level. When participating in a Listening Circle, we will all have the responsibility to listen and an opportunity to be heard.

To help you prepare for this experience and decide if you would like to attend, we want to ask you to reflect on the following questions:

- Am I prepared to listen deeply to those I may not agree with?
- Am I prepared to share my experience and perspective, even if others disagree with me?
- Am I prepared to sit in discomfort?
- Do I have an apprehension about attending and, if so, can I share it with someone?
- Will I be able to address the apprehension and still participate?
- Do I have support if I am unable to continue with the process?

You can register for this event by sending an RSVP to office@oldfirstchurch.org. If you have questions about the purpose of and the logistics for the Listening Circle event, feel free to reach out to Janet Bowman, Clerk of Session, at Janetebowman@msn.com. If you would like to receive additional information on the theory and practice of listening circles, please contact Jane Atkinson at janelouise_atkinson@hotmail.com

We look forward to your participation on October 23rd.



God Squad

Friday, October 14

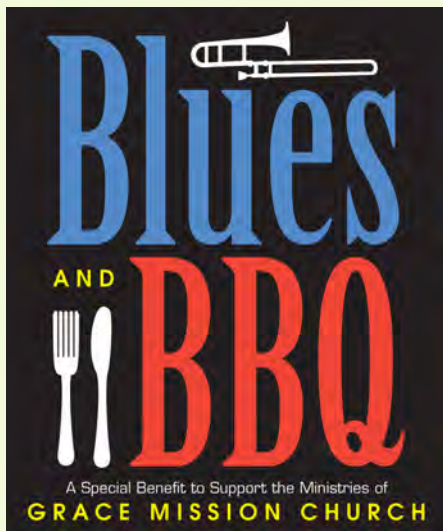
On Friday, October 14 at noon The Village Square's God Squad will continue the 2022-2023 season with Souls to the Polls? It's an election year. Should churches have political candidates speak at Sunday services? Should clergy tell congregants how to vote? Should congregations organize political rallies or get-out-the-vote efforts? What are the proper lines for religious involvement in politics? And what are the consequences (to the body politic and to religious communities) when these lines get crossed?

The conversation will be facilitated by God Squad regular Father Tim Holeda. This event will be held at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee.

**Meet the panelists and RSVP for the October 14th program here:
<https://tlh.villagesquare.us/event/souls-polls/>.**

All God Squad forums are free and open to the public. Lunch is available for \$10 if you RSVP by Tuesday ahead of the program and \$15 with a late reservation or at the door. Questions? Contact eliza@villagesquare.us or at 850-281-1223.





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

Seeking Ecojustice with
Categorical Fossil
Fuel Divestment

presented by
Pam McVety
Climate Justice Advocate



10.09.22 at 9:30 am

Westminster Room and on Zoom

Adult Church School

Sunday, October 9, 2022

9:30 a.m. start time

(9:15 a.m. meet and greet)

Topic: Seeking Ecojustice with Categorical Fossil Fuel Divestment

In the face of undeniable and accelerating climate change, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has received repeated requests from tens of thousands of Presbyterians to divest all our holdings in fossil fuel companies. And yet, the denomination continues to insist on a slow company-by-company review of fossil fuel companies to decide whether to divest or not. This presentation takes a deep dive into why the call for categorical divestment continues to be denied, leaving the church funding the fossil fuel industry and contributing to the suffering and deaths of millions.

This Sunday, we welcome long time member and climate justice advocate and retired scientist, Pam McVety to talk about what happened at the 225th General Assembly on categorical fossil fuel divestment. This is the fourth GA that she has participated in as an Overture Advocate for the Florida Presbytery in support of categorical divestment from the fossil fuel industry.



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 Eleanor Cleveland at eicleveland18@gmail.com. if you have questions about our summer childcare.



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.



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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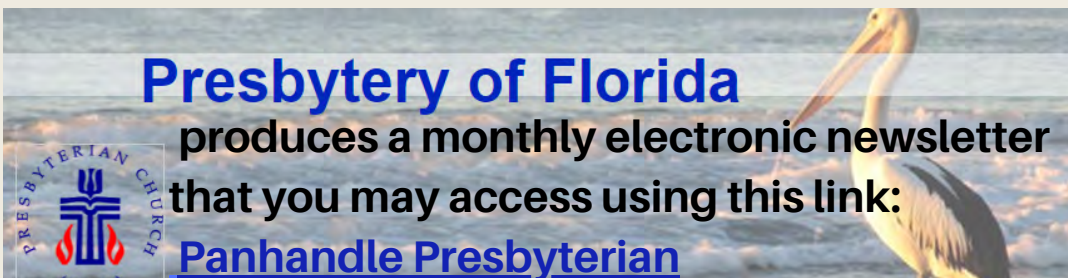
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[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





Sunday Festival Readings

**October 9, 2022
18TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7
&
PSALM 66:1-12
OR
II KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15
&
PSALM 111**

**II TIMOTHY 2:8-15
LUKE 17:11-19**



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 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

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



DAILY LITURGICAL FOR OCTOBER 16- 31, 2022

Monday, October 17

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Micah 2:1-13
Rev. 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday, October 18

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Micah 3:1-8
Rev. 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday, October 19

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Micah 3:9-4:5
Rev. 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday, October 20

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Rev. 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday, October 21

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Micah 6:1-8
Rev. 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday, October 22

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Micah 7:1-7
Rev. 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, October 23

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Jonah 1:1-17a
1 Cor. 10:15-24
Matt. 18:15-20

Monday, October 24

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Rev. 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday, October 25

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Rev. 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday, October 26

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Nahum 1:1-14
Rev. 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday, October 27

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Nahum 1:15-2:12
Rev. 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday, October 28

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Nahum 2:13-3:7
Rev. 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday, October 29

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Nah. 3:8-19
Rev. 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday, October 30

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Zeph. 1:1-6 1 Cor. 12:27-13:13
Matt. 18:21-35

Monday, October 31

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Zeph. 1:7-13
Rev. 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59

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