

FIRST PRESS

*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

OCTOBER 17, 2022



Stewardship Emphasis 2022

The 2022 stewardship season has begun. A mailing went out on Friday, October 7, 2022, introducing our theme, Harvest of Hope. If you did not receive the mailing, kindly contact the church office for a replacement. A Time & Talents card is included in the mailing. If you did not have an opportunity to visit with the Ministry Teams in the courtyard on October 9th, please take a look at the service opportunities on this card and volunteer your talents where you feel they are most needed.

Stewardship Sunday is November 6. We need your pledges by then in order for the session to develop a budget for 2023. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to support the church as we embark on a new church experience.

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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)



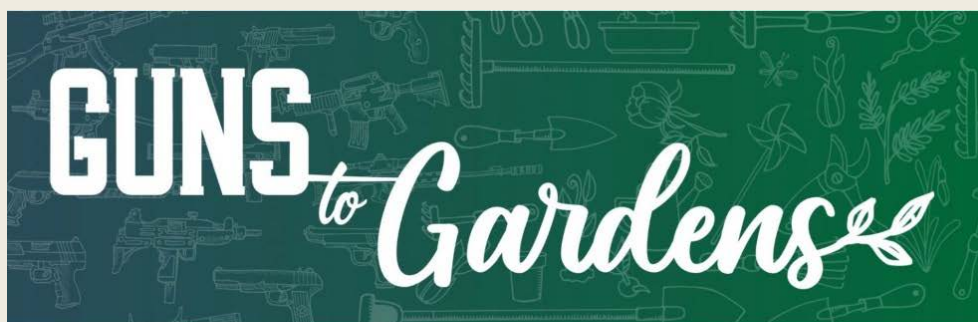
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



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.



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



Sanctuary Flowers



A fitting way to observe someone's birthday, anniversary, or to remember a loved one who has died is to place flowers in the church. By doing this, we can have a lovely symbol of our love and gratitude for another and a public statement of our thankfulness to God. There are two options for gifts of flowers: you may wish to provide a flower arrangement and bring it to the church; or, if you prefer, the flower committee will supply an arrangement for you with a donation for the flower fund of \$50.00. If you would like to participate in this offering, please print and fill out the form below, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (at 110 N Adams, Tallahassee, 32301). Questions can be directed to Lori in the church office.

Sanctuary Flowers I would like to provide sanctuary flowers to the Glory of God and in memory of (or in honor of and/or in thanksgiving for)

The Sunday closest to _____

This is to be a recurring gift.....Yes No

I would like to be reminded a week prior to the date.....Yes No

I will provide an arrangement and bring it to the church.....Yes No

I can donate seasonal flowers...Yes No Season _____



Friends,

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 p.m. 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. Childcare will be available. In addition, a Zoom link will be provided for those who request participation via Zoom by noting in a RSVP to the church office.

You can register for this event at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-restorative>

Or you can register by sending a 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 jane.louise1313@gmail.com

We look forward to your participation on October 23rd.

We're Collecting Donated Food Again

Please join us in resuming First Church's long practice of collecting donated food once each month, as sponsored by the Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team. We will begin by receiving donated dry and canned food in the narthex on Sunday, October 23rd. The items we collect will be given to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services of the Big Bend to support their much-needed efforts to feed the hungry in our community and the surrounding service areas. A list of the most-needed items is provided here for your convenience. Going forward, we will accept donations on the first Sunday of each month, so on November 6 and December 4 for this calendar year, and continuing into 2023. Please consider including in your grocery list some items for those food-insecure neighbors around us. For questions, please contact Jan Bush.





GRACE MISSION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE



We are in desperate need of your support!

We are in need of men's coats, all sizes, and would greatly appreciate donations from your church.

Donations can be dropped off at Grace Mission Tuesday – Friday
from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you have any coats that you are able to donate this week, please do so by
Wednesday, October 19th.

SERVING MEALS AT GRACE MISSION



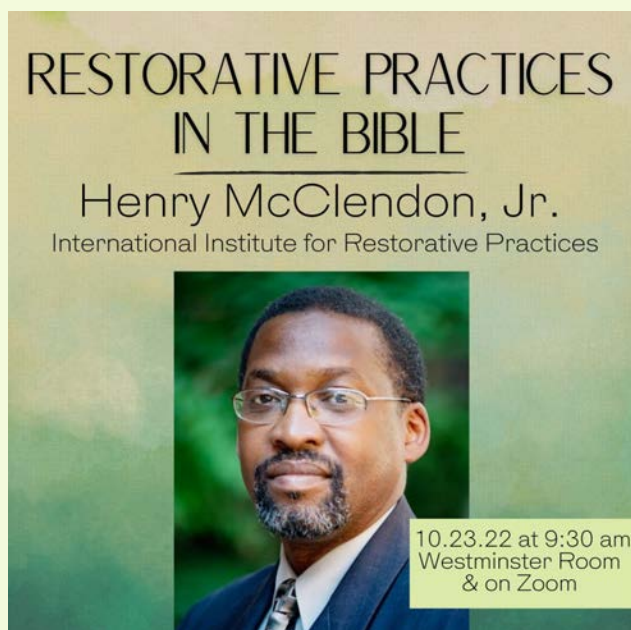
First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday Nov. 13; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm.

Upcoming date: 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.

Presbytery of Florida
produces a monthly electronic newsletter
that you may access using this link:
[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)



Adult Church School

Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:30 a.m. start time

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

Restorative Practices in the Bible with guest Henry L. McClendon, Jr.

The aim of Restorative Practices (RP) is to "build community and to manage conflicts by repairing harm and restoring relationship." On Sunday morning, we will explore the biblical view of RP including its origin, purpose and intended result. We will also see examples of how using a restorative approach can help strengthen good relationships and enable Christians to carry out the biblical mandate to be reconciled found in 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.

Our guest for this program is Henry L. McClendon, Jr., who will also be leading our Listening Circle later in the afternoon on Sunday. Henry is a lifelong resident of Detroit, MI. He currently serves as the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) Graduate Schools, Director of Community Engagement. He is also a former Vice Chair of its International Board of Trustees.

His work focuses on the infusion of restorative practices into multiple systems (schools, police, employment and training, health, courts, non-profits, neighborhood block clubs, youth serving agencies and churches) to improve the culture and climate among the people working within those systems and the people they serve.

His professional experience also includes: six years - U.S. Army Reserve Officer; seven years - Executive Assistant to the Honorable Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young, Sr.; five years - Southeast Michigan Area Director and Transition of Prisoners (TOP) Director for Prison Fellowship Ministries; eight and a half years - Director of Youth Development at New Detroit, Inc. focusing on best practices in K-12 education; and six years - Education and Community Leadership Program Officer for The Detroit based Skillman Foundation.

Additionally, he has thirty-six years of experience in a variety of pastoral ministries, including sixteen years in his current assignment as Pastor of Berean Chapel of Detroit.

He is married to his wife of 37 years, Cheryl! They are proud parents of three adult children and 4 totally awesome grandchildren!

Sunday Church School



OCTOBER 23, 2022

Younger Children's Class 9:30am Room 306

The Younger Children's Class (Pre-K - 3rd grade) will continue their 5 week unit on Abraham & Sarah's Big Family.

Older Children's Class 9:30am Room 301

The Older Children's Class (4th - 8th grade) will continue exploring people of the Old Testament, focusing on Rahab this week.



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 about childcare.



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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
 Post-Hurricane Ian: Disaster Relief



1. Write checks to First Pres and designate FLDAPDAN or PDA US Hurricane Response.
2. Send funds directly to FLAPDAN at: Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc, 3146 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609. Earmark your donation with Hurricane Ian. To give with a credit card you can click the page's ["Give Now" link at FLAPDAN's](#).
3. Send funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) marking your check with DR000169 for US Hurricane Response at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 64370, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Call PDA with a credit card donation at 800-872-3283 Or give with your credit card through the [PDA US Hurricane Response web page](#).
4. If you have or want to put together a mission team to go to the affected areas to help with recovery efforts, information found at [FLAPDAN Volunteer](#) will get you started.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact Presbytery FLAPDAN liaison Tim Crawford at tcrawford@cox.net or (850) 217-2597 or FLAPDAN directly at fla.pdan@pcusa.org or (941) 483-0675.

Old First Church Book Group

Thursday
October 27
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

Our October selection, The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd, presents the life of Jesus' wife, Ana. No. You did not miss this story in church school; it is completely fictional. Yet, this intensely human look at Jesus, Judas, John the Baptizer, and other familiar figures is rich in its call to the human-ness within each reader. I already get a sense from our regular book club members that they have OPINIONS about this book. If you are curious; if you might read it one day; if you read it long ago; if you are reading it now, come join our discussion. We will talk about ALL the things and then we will ask each other: what is this book saying to believers, particularly believers committed to very human, political, and social justice?

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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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.



Sunday Festival Readings

**October 23, 2022
20TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JOEL 2:23-32**

**&
PSALM 65
OR
JEREMIAH 14:7-10
&
PSALM 84:1-7**

**2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8;16-18
LUKE 18:9-14**



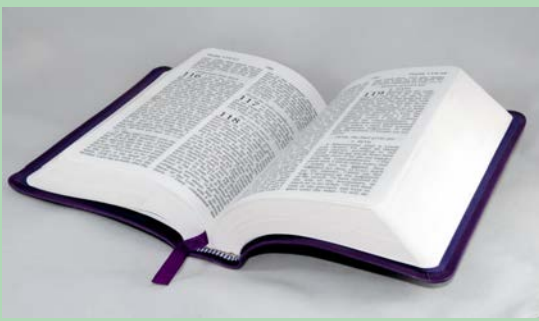
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 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

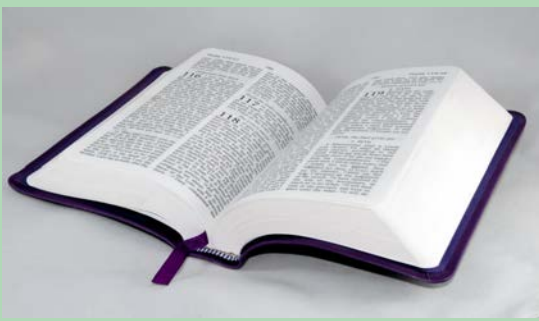
Sunday, October 30

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

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



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 1- 15, 2022

Tuesday, November 1**All Saints' Day**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Isa. 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13,
19-21

Rev. 21:9-11, 22-27 (22:1-5)
or Heb. 11:32-12:2

Matt. 5:1-12

Wednesday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18;
147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Zeph. 2:1-15

Rev. 16:1-11

Luke 13:10-17

Thursday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Zeph. 3:1-7

Rev. 16:12-21

Luke 13:18-30

Friday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Zeph. 3:8-13

Rev. 17:1-18

Luke 13:31-35

Saturday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Zeph. 3:14-20

Rev. 18:1-14

Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Joel 1:1-13

1 Cor. 14:1-12

Matt. 20:1-16

Monday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Joel 1:15-2:2

Rev. 18:15-24

Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Joel 2:3-11

Rev. 19:1-10

Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Joel 2:12-19

Rev. 19:11-21

Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Joel 2:21-27

Jas. 1:1-15

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Joel 2:28-3:8

Jas. 1:16-27

Luke 16:1-9

Saturday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 56; 149

Evening: Pss. 118; 111

Joel 3:9-17

Jas. 2:1-13

Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Sunday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 67; 150

Evening: Pss. 46; 93

Hab. 1:1-4 (5-11) 12-2:1

Phil. 3:13-4:1

Matt. 23:13-24

Monday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 57; 145

Evening: Pss. 85; 47

Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20

Jas. 2:14-26

Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 54; 146

Evening: Pss. 28; 99

Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18

Jas. 3:1-12

Luke 17:1-10

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