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First Presbyterian Church*

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EJI RACIAL JUSTICE ESSAY CONTEST

The Equal Justice Initiative in partnership with the Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project is pleased to announce a scholarship contest open to 9th – 12th grade students attending public high school in Leon County, where prizes totaling at least \$5,000 will be awarded to winning participants.

Students are asked to examine the history of a topic of racial injustice and to discuss its legacy today. Essays should explain the chosen topic using a specific historical event(s), explore how the injustice persists, and imagine solutions for a future free from racial injustice. Students are encouraged to reflect on how the topic impacts their own lives and communities.

To Learn More about Participating in this Contest, please see the [**Eligibility and Essay Guideline**](#) 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

10:45 a.m.

Worship 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

GRATEFUL FOR OUR GIFTS

The Thank Offering is organized nationally by Presbyterian Women and is collected in the fall to fund projects that meet the needs of people who are aging, disabled, homeless, or displaced. In addition, the offering supports educational, health, peace and justice programs for children, youth and women. After the offering is received, recipients are chosen by the national Creative Ministries Offering Committee and given seed money for innovative programs and projects that meet the needs of people in this country and abroad. At least forty percent of the offering is designated for hospitals and community health programs, and the remaining sixty percent is used for new creative missions.

In this still challenging year, as we continue to come together again in worship, national Presbyterian Women designated November 6 for the Thank Offering. In deference to our own Harvest of Hope stewardship campaign culminating on that date, First Church's Presbyterian Women invite all who are able to celebrate our gifts from God by making a contribution to the Thank Offering during this month of November. If you are coming to worship in person you may place your donation in the offering plate. For those not attending worship in person, checks may still be mailed to the Church and marked for the Thank Offering. However, the easiest way to donate is to use the contributions link on First Church's home page and select the Special Donation category. Gifts will be gratefully accepted throughout the month of November for this important ministry.



Here is one more opportunity to get the Halloween candy out of your house. We will be collecting candy for Grace Mission at church on Sunday Nov. 13. Thanks to those who brought it last Sunday. It was appreciated.



Adult Church School

Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:30 a.m. start time

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

Reproductive Justice: Faithfully Navigating the Post-Dobbs Landscape

The Adult Sunday School program this week is “Reproductive Justice: Faithfully Navigating the Post-Dobbs landscape.” Members Miriam Gurniak and Emily Bruno will lead us in a discussion about abortion access and faith from their respective perspectives as a midwife and attorney (and mothers, Christians, concerned citizens, etc.).

Miriam serves patients in Tallahassee and surrounding rural counties.

Emily has represented minor clients in need of abortion care pro bono.



Advent Poinsettias

The Worship Team will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary during Advent. Members and friends are invited to purchase a poinsettia. You may designate your poinsettia in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. We encourage you to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve or Christmas services, or on the following Sunday morning (Jan 1.)

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please send a check with the information below to Norma Meier (908 Waverly Rd, 32312), Mary Kutter (2804 Woodside Dr., 32312) or the church office (110 N. Adams St., 32301).

I would like to purchase ___ poinsettia plant(s) to be used in the sanctuary during Advent.

This donation is in memory (or honor) of

_____.

Name _____

Please make checks in the amount of \$12.00 per poinsettia payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" in the memo/for line.



**Food Offering
for Elder Care Services and
Second Harvest of the Big Bend
Sunday, Dec. 6th**

We will receive donated dry and canned food in the narthex on the first Sunday of the month. The items we collect will be given to Second Harvest of the Big Bend and Elder Care Services to support their much-needed efforts to feed the hungry in our community and the surrounding service area. Please consider including in your grocery list some items for those food-insecure neighbors around us. For questions, please contact Jan Bush. A list of the most-needed items is provided here for your convenience.

**Cereal
Peanut Butter
Canned: Fruits, Vegetables, Meats, and
Hearty Soup/Stew**



**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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Presbyterians!

Our community is switching to 100% renewable energy and your input is needed. You are encouraged to attend one of the City's November meetings on its development of a Clean Energy Plan. You probably received an invitation in an email that explains the importance of these meetings. In case you didn't the invitation is below.

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the development of the Clean Energy Plan and to share your input with the city.

One vitally important area to our congregation is Environmental Justice. You are encouraged to let the city know of your interest in making sure as our community transitions to renewable energy, that special attention is given to helping "the least of these" make this transition without unfair costs or new burdens. This segment of our community already pays a disproportionate amount for their heating and cooling costs. Please note that you need to register.

Thanks for your interest and support in our community switching to 100% renewable energy.

Pam McVety

Plug into the Clean Energy Conversation Community-wide Meetings Scheduled

The City of Tallahassee is a long-standing leader in protecting and caring for our natural resources. The City underscored its commitment with the adoption of its Clean Energy Resolution, which set a target of achieving 100 percent net, clean renewable energy. A plan is being developed to guide the way forward, and continued community input will ensure it reflects local values and needs while maintaining affordability, equity, reliability, safety and more.

Since beginning the planning effort, the City has engaged thousands of residents through surveys and community meetings as part of ongoing conversations about achieving these clean energy goals. To keep the conversation going, the City is hosting another series of community meetings. To provide ample opportunity for participation, multiple dates and venues are available (both in-person and virtual). Residents are encouraged to pick the single time and date that works best for their schedules.

Virtual: November 7 at 6 p.m.

Virtual: November 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Virtual: November 30 at 6 p.m.

Visit Talgov.com/CleanEnergyPlan to learn more and RSVP in advance.

Links for the virtual meetings are available on the website.

Clean, renewable energy means cleaner air, healthier residents, new green jobs and a stronger, more resilient community. To help chart the best pathway for our community, plug into the clean energy conversation.

To learn more and RSVP for an event, visit Talgov.com/CleanEnergyPlan, send an email to CleanEnergy@Talgov.com or call 850-891-4968.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Your Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team is committed to providing a monthly opportunity for members of the congregation to put hands and feet to their faith by serving our less fortunate neighbors. Already we have a monthly commitment to feed the homeless at Grace Mission on the second Sunday from 4 - 6.

We are also working again with Second Harvest, our local food bank serving low income people from Leon and 16 surrounding counties. In talking with their volunteer coordinator, she highlighted a renewed effort they are starting--bread boxing. In the past, we've sorted canned goods, checked dates to assure the food is within guidelines, and worked in the cooler. This sounds like it requires less physical effort so anyone can do it.

She has said that they could use up to 10 volunteers; we'd like to have at least 6. Right now we've set our volunteer time as the first Friday of the month--December 2 next month. We will be there from 9:45 - 12. If you are interested in joining your First Pres family in helping provide food for the hungry in December, you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-second>

or

contact Debbie Gibson at gibsond1207@mail.com or 850-656-3659.

We hope you can join us some time soon.

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](#)



Sunday Church School



NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Younger Children's Class
Pre-K - 3rd grade
9:30am Room 306

The Younger Children's Class will begin their 2-week study on Esau & Jacob.

Older Children's Class
4th-8th grade
9:30am Room 301

The Older Children's Class will continue to explore the people of the Old Testament, focusing on Ruth 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.

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**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**



OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

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



**FLORIDA
PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE
NETWORK**

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



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

November 17
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

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.



Sunday Festival Readings

**November 13, 2022
23RD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**ISAIAH 65:17-25
&
ISAIAH 12
OR
MALACHI 4:1-2A
&
PSALM 98**

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13
LUKE 21:5-19**

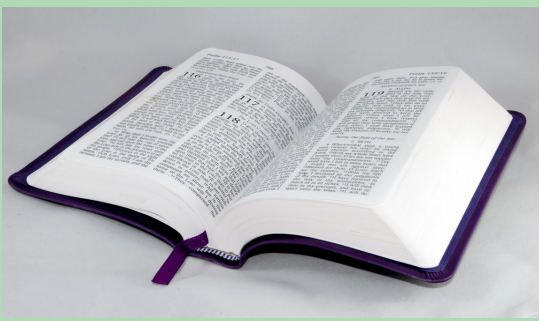


Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 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

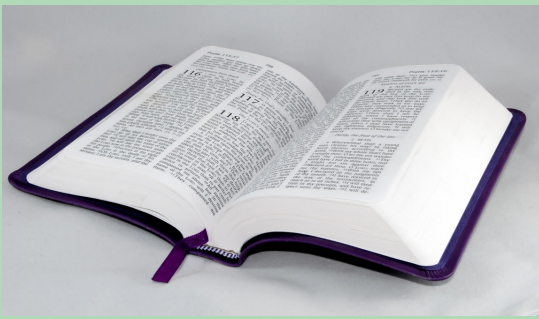
Evening: Pss. 28; 99

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

Jas. 3:1-12

Luke 17:1-10

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



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 16- 30, 2022

Thursday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Mal. 2:1–16 Jas. 4:13–5:6
Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Mal. 3:1–12
Jas. 5:7–12 Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Mal. 3:13–4:6
Jas. 5:13–20 Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Zech. 9:9–16
1 Pet. 3:13–22 Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9 Zech. 10:1–12
Gal. 6:1–10 Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7 Zech. 11:4–17
1 Cor. 3:10–23 Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134 Zech. 12:1–10
Eph. 1:3–14 Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 24

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130 Zech. 13:1–9
Eph. 1:15–23 Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40 Zech. 14:1–11
Rom. 15:7–13 Luke 19:28–40

Saturday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90 Zech. 14:12–21
Phil. 2:1–11 Luke 19:41–48

Sunday, November 27**First Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110 Isa. 1:1–9
2 Pet. 3:1–10 Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Isa. 1:10–20
1 Thess. 1:1–10 Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Isa. 1:21–31
1 Thess. 2:1–12 Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Isa. 2:1–4
1 Thess. 2:13–20 Luke 20:19–26

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