**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

11:00 a.m.  
Worship in the Sanctuary.  
Childcare is available for children younger than kindergarten.

**Lenten Labyrinth**

Our canned food meditation labyrinth needs more canned goods.  
Please continue to bring your donations to the room, formerly known as the parlor, on the southeast side of the Westminster Room throughout Lent.  
All donations will be given to Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

If you need reserved parking, please call Lori at 222-4504, or email office@oldfirstchurch.org.

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.
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
9:30 A.M. START TIME
(9:15 A.M. MEET AND GREET)

We continue our Lenten "Grounding" series around the theme of "Dirt and Water." In the class, we will take part in an earth confession ritual, inspired by our friend from the beginning of this year's programming, Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes. We invite everyone to bring a plant from home, a jar of water from a natural source, or other small symbol of our natural environment to incorporate in this service of confession.
MARCH 5, 2023

Younger Children's Class
9:30am Room 306
Pre-K - 3rd grade
This week, the Younger Children will follow the lectionary, focusing on a lesson about the good Samaritan called *Nicodemus Comes to Jesus*.

Older Children's Class
9:30am Room 301
4th-8th grade
This week, the Older Children will continue their journey through the New Testament: *Simon Peter*.

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 eleanor@oldfirstchurch.org about childcare.
Mark your calendars -
March 26th Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop
Bring a Brown Bag Lunch
Dessert and Beverage will be provided

Everyone is invited – men, women, youth and children. Join us on March 26th immediately after Worship in the courtyard and Westminster Room for lunch, fellowship and mission work. Please watch future newsletters for more information about the specific opportunities which will be available to support mission projects and information about connecting after lunch by Zoom. **We are pleased to share that Rev. Anne Apple will be our guest speaker to share her experiences as a Presbyterian Woman.**

Thank you to those who have begun collecting items to bring to the workshop, or to bring in advance to the John Calvin Room, including:

- 100% cotton briefs for women (sizes S,M,L) and girls (sizes 10, 12, 14, 16) in plain solid colors (no white, please) and without pictures or writing to respect cultural norms.
- solid color washcloths (no white, please)
- small bars of soap

PW will also be collecting donations of small, pre-wrapped packages of peanut butter crackers or energy bars as part of lunch bags being created for interested congregation members to share with people who are hungry.

Please mark your calendars now, and plan to join us - look for more details in upcoming announcements. For questions, please call Jan Bush.
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.

FIRST PRESS
The newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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; or, if possible, earlier the previous week.

Presbytery of Florida produces a monthly electronic newsletter that you may access using this link: Panhandle Presbyterian
SECOND HARVEST BREAD BOXING
Friday March 3 from 9:45 - Noon
If you are interested in joining your First Pres family in helping provide food for the hungry in March, you can sign up at
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849AAA72DAB9-second
or
contact Debbie Gibson at gibsond1207@mail.com or 850-656-3659.
We hope you can join us some time soon.

First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is **Sun. March 12**; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm.
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.

**OUR FOOD GIFTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**
Thank you so much for your wonderful support of our First Sunday Food Collection efforts! Your food donations are brought alternately to Second Harvest and to Elder Care Services (ECS), and have been converted hundreds of meals for our hungry and food insecure neighbors. We have all seen the increased prices in the grocery store, and ECS food pantry organizer, Linda, recently shared that the need in our community now is even greater than it has been. So please mark your calendars now for our next food collection date on
**Sunday, March 5, 2023.**
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**
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.
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