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THE NEWSLETTER
OF

First Presbyterian Church

APRIL 17, 2023

Old First Church At a Glance

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Friday, May 5, 2023

9:45 a.m. - Noon

Second Harvest Bread Boxing

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Food Offering

Saturday, May 13, 2023

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Home Front Open House

Sunday, May 14, 2023

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Serving Meals at Grace Mission

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Spiritual Formation Volunteer

Appreciation Program and

Continental Breakfast



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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.

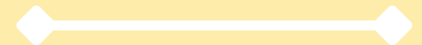
9:30 a.m.

Younger Children's Class
Room 306

Older Children's Class
Room 301

11:00 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](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCTallahassee).



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Friday



Pastor's Message

Rev. Anne H.K. Apple

When we delivered communion after Easter services, Rochelle Davis and I visited with Emily Landreth and Martha Miller. Martha was in the common area and we had to lean in to communicate over the noise of the movie that the larger group was watching. As we shared in Easter joy, Martha joined in singing parts of Blessed Assurance and Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Martha has largely lost her ability to communicate on a daily basis and yet from deep inside her, freely flow the hymns of faith.

Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, in *From Age-ing to Sage-ing*, says, "As our elders teach us how to find more inner satisfaction, we'll decrease our reliance on consumerism and live in greater harmony with the Earth and its resources." This Saturday is Earth Day. The First Earth Day was in 1970 when Senator Gaylord Nelson created the day to force the issue of protecting the environment onto the national agenda. This was the seedbed for the formation of the EPA. First Presbyterian Church has also modeled in her ministries through time the work of caring for creation. What might be the calling of the church in the future as it relates to the care of creation?

As we prepare to worship next week, I would invite you to reflect on Psalm 24:1.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it;"

**God's peace,
God's presence.
Anne**



Children's Church School

APRIL 23, 2023

Younger Children's Class

9:30am Room 306

Pre-K - 3rd grade

This week, the Younger Children will follow the lectionary, in a lesson titled:

Memory and Surprise

Older Children's Class

9:30am Room 301

4th-8th grade

This week, the Older Children will continue their journey through the New Testament:

Mary and Martha

Adult Church School

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:30 a.m. start time

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

Join us in the

Westminster Room

or on Zoom.

Be on the lookout for a Thursday afternoon e-mail from Emily with more details.



Nursery and Preschool Childcare

9:15 a.m. – the end of worship

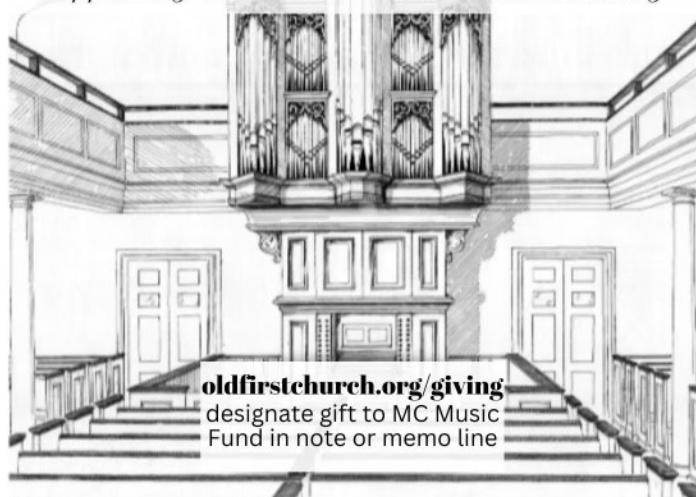
Infants and children up to three years old – main floor nursery

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.

Michael Corzine MUSIC EDUCATION FUND

supporting the call to church music ministry



oldfirstchurch.org/giving
designate gift to MC Music
Fund in note or memo line

The Michael Corzine Music Education Fund was established in 2022 in honor of Michael Corzine's lengthy music ministry with our congregation as well as his nurture and mentoring of generations of students. The goal of the fund is encouraging students who are considering a call to service as church musicians by providing opportunities for those students to participate in worship and music in ways that will both support their call and enrich the worship life of this congregation. Once the fund has accumulated a sufficient amount, proceeds will be available for either recurring or one-time expenditures relating to the music program of our congregation, as long as those expenditures are consistent with the goal of the fund. To contribute, use the "special giving" link on the website, oldfirstchurch.org/giving/, or send a check to the office; use the memo line or "notes" section to designate the Corzine Fund as the recipient of your gift.



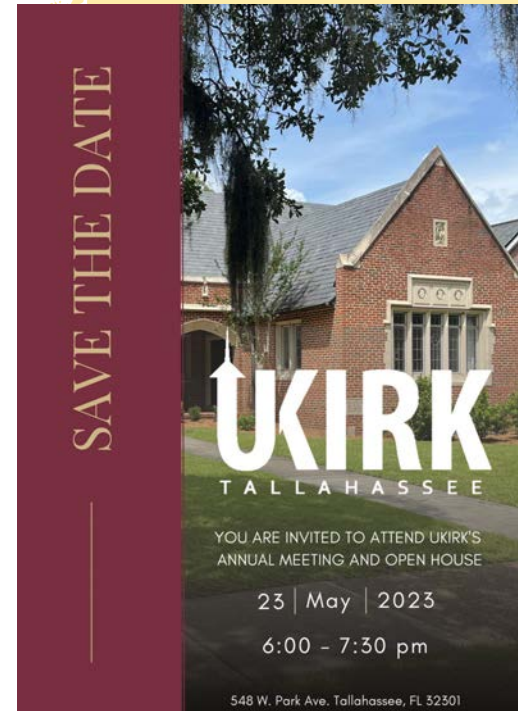
HOME FRONT

ice cream social

On Saturday afternoon May 13, First Pres will have an ice cream social at Home Front, a residential unit for formerly homeless veterans. Families are encouraged to come to enjoy home-made ice cream, music, games and an opportunity to talk with the residents. Members can also see the new rec room at Home Front refurbished and furnished by First Pres members. The time is 2-4 pm; the place, 1602 Stuckey Ave.

Part of First Church's commitment to the UKirk ministry at FSU is to provide a meal or two for the weekly gathering of college students. Thank you to Kay Crowell, Janet Fixel, and Ann Westall for providing a meal on Thursday, April 13th. This ministry of fellowship and sustenance is vital to the work of UKirk.

Meals are finished for this academic year, but if you have gifts for maintaining an older building, we could use you this summer and beyond! There may be some physical labor appreciated but we more desperately need knowledge of building and grounds maintenance and repair, connections for getting the work done, and joy in the growth and preservation of old gems. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Peggy Wright-Cleveland at mwrightc@comcast.net or 850-510-4763.



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



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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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 May 5 from 9:45 - Noon

If you are interested in joining your First Pres family in helping provide food for the hungry in May, 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.



Food Offering for Elder Care Services and Second Harvest of the Big Bend



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 provided hundreds of meals for our hungry and food insecure neighbors. So please mark your calendars now for our next food collection date on

Sunday, May 7, 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



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, May 14**; 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.



Sunday Festival Readings

**APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41
&
PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19
OR
ISAIAH 51:1-6
&
PSALM 34:1-10
I PETER 1:17-23
LUKE 24:13-35



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

APRIL 15-30, 2023

Saturday, April 15

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Isa. 25:1-9
Acts 4:13-21 (22-31)
John 16:16-33

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7

Monday, April 17

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 1:1-21
John 1:1-10
John 17:1-11

Tuesday, April 18

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 2:1-16
1 John 2:1-11
John 17:12-19

Wednesday, April 19

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 2:17-30
1 John 2:12-17
John 17:20-26

Thursday, April 20

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 2:31-49
1 John 2:18-29
Luke 3:1-1

Friday, April 21

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-10
Luke 3:15-22

Saturday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 3:19-30
1 John 3:11-18
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Dan. 4:1-18
1 Peter 4:7-11
John 21:15-25

Monday, April 24

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 4:19-27
1 John 3:19-4:6
Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday, April 25

Morning: Pss. 98; 14
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, April 26

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, April 27

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-20 (21
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, April 28

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 6:1-15
2 John 1-13
Luke 5:12-26

Saturday, April 29

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 6:16-28
3 John 1-15
Luke 5:27-39

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Gen. 18:22-33
1 Peter 5:1-11
Matt. 7:15-29

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