



# FIRST PRESS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF First Presbyterian Church

MAY 8, 2023  
**Old First Church At a Glance**

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome reception for  
Lillian Cleveland and Jacob Beychok

**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

**Friday, June 1, 2023**

9:45 a.m. - noon

Second Harvest Bread Boxing

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Food Offering

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

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

Serving Meals at Grace Mission



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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.

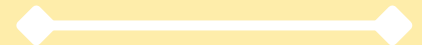
9:30 a.m.

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](http://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

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. One sentence in Wisdom literature speaks steady truth about all the things. An Old Testament scholar draws this truth out in what I find to be a beautiful expression that articulates a bit about our life together at First Presbyterian.

*"Every life passes through these seasons, and we shouldn't expect it to be otherwise. We will celebrate births and mourn deaths. We will find new relationships and let go of old ones. We will dance in celebration and mourn in lamentation. This is all to be expected and cannot be avoided."*

*Robert Williamson, Forgotten Books of the Bible*

As you will read later in a letter from our kind editor, Kathee Winstead, she will retire from her ministry of producing the newsletter at the end of this month. When Kathee first told me about her plans early in my tenure at First, she also described how she had intended for this ending to occur earlier, and yet – all the things of being church kept unfolding. It was as if there wasn't space to step out of the role, or take a breath, because of the pace and need for communication about First Church. Please join me in thanking God, and Kathee, for her faithful service throughout the years; for helping our congregation to know about the life and ministries of First Presbyterian through her faithful witness to service. The newsletter has been the primary communication tool for years.

The Personnel Ministry Team has applied for a Thriving Congregations grant which will help us as we envision a comprehensive communications plan moving forward. Things will look different in the interim time, so thank you in advance for your patience as we bring a new vision forward.

As this ending transpires with Kathee, we also are at another beginning.

First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, will host a pastoral intern this Summer, a rising Senior from Davidson College. We will welcome Ellie Stewart, (They, Them). Ellie will serve this internship as an opportunity for full exploration of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament from June 12th – August 18th. They will preach three times, work with Christian Formation, attend Session meetings, practice pastoral care and visitation in homes and hospitals, and explore Sabbath practices. Ellie's internship will be supported by an internship prayer group who will meet regularly to assist to build a regular practice for action and reflection to assist in their discernment for ordained ministry.

I first met Ellie Stewart, as a young elementary student. Their father was a deacon and mother a ruling elder of the congregation I was serving in Memphis, Tennessee, Idlewild Presbyterian Church. I had the privilege of being one of three associate pastors who got to watch and to participate as Ellie's faith was developing from a young child into adolescence. They have ways been actively involved in worship, program, and leadership - inquisitive and curious in a way that rings with integrity. Attending a high school with Baptist affiliations and being an active member of a PC(USA) congregation left them lots of space for questioning and seeking. I look forward to watching their continued growth as they explore ministry in Tallahassee this Summer! Please take a minute to review Ellie's resume which is wildly impressive – it reveals how God is at work in Ellie's life in unique ways. And, join me in welcoming Ellie. If you would like to write a letter of welcome to Ellie, you may send that to Ellie Stewart, 8131 Cambury Cove East Germantown, Tennessee, 38138 or by email at [elliestewart1227@gmail.com](mailto:elliestewart1227@gmail.com).

God's Peace,  
God's Presence,  
Anne



# Ellie Stewart

Davidson College

Class of 2024

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## OBJECTIVE

Passionate student looking to discern future career paths. Interested in ministry, utilizing cultivated rhetorical communication skills, and social activism.

## EDUCATION

**Davidson College**, Davidson, NC - Communication Studies Major, Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor (*August 2020 - May 2024*)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Speaking Center**, Davidson, NC - Peer Tutor (*August 2021 - Present*)

- Guide students on presentations from brainstorming through giving the presentation
- Especially provide feedback on presenting styles and public speaking tips

**Chaplains' Office**, Davidson, NC - Social Media Consultant (*August 2021 - Present*)

- Develop a social media presence for the Davidson College Chaplains' Office
- Maintain weekly posts of events, religious observances, student highlights, and more

**Youth Mission Co.**, Charleston, SC - Summer Intern (*May 2022 - August 2022*)

- Support nonprofits and ministries working to aid vulnerable communities in Charleston
- Work with and guide different youth groups weekly on mission trips

**First Baptist Church**, Asheville, NC - Youth Ministry Intern (*May 2021 - August 2021*)

- Led a youth group of 20-25 consistent members in Bible studies, trips, and fellowship
- Developed and executed plans for a rooftop garden and mural

## SKILLS

Proficient in Canva, Weebly, Google Drive applications, and iMovie. Some experience with Adobe Workshop applications and Audacity. Experienced with childcare (ages 3-18).

## EXTRACURRICULAR LEADERSHIP

**Turner House Merch Chair** (*May 2022 - May 2023*) and **Historian** (*May 2021 - May 2022*)

- Designed and ordered merchandise for Turner events and for general use
- Developed an archival presence for the organization

**UKirk (PCUSA Campus Ministry)** Retreats and Fellowship Chair (*August 2022 - May 2023*)

- Organized semesterly retreats, including themes, itinerary, and transportation
- Led and designed community events

**Spiritual and Religious Life Council** Organization Representative (*August 2021 - Present*)

- Represent member organizations on a council of all spiritual organizations at Davidson
- Work as a team with other leaders to address issues affecting Davidson students

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**Weekly College Worship** Co-President *(January 2021 - October 2022)*

- Planned weekly worship services
- Led services, offered reflections on scripture, and facilitated community building

**Skate Club** Communications Manager *(January 2022 - August 2022)*

- Plan and execute one themed roller skating event for 20-60 people per semester
- Create advertisements for events and assist leaders with planning on a monthly basis

**Spiritual Diversity Dinner Club** Member *(August 2021 - December 2021)*

- Discussed with students of varied backgrounds our relationship to religion and spirituality
- Partook in community that addressed divisive issues within religion

**Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center** Camp Counselor *(Summers 2017 - 2019)*

- Guided campers (ages 6-15) and created a fun and safe atmosphere
- Served as camp store manager for summers 2017 and 2018







**Are you concerned about the pervasive  
gun violence in our country?  
Would you like to do something  
concrete to get guns off the street?**



On June 10 from 10:00 until noon, a group of 8 local churches will join with churches nationwide for a safe surrender event in conjunction with the [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship](#) and [RawTools](#). Our local event will be hosted by Good Shepherd Catholic Church and co-sponsored by the Leon County Sheriff's Department.

Participants bring guns that they no longer want or use--unloaded and in the trunk of their car. After being inspected by a deputy to assure its safety, the gun will be dismantled using a chop saw ensuring that it can never be used to harm anyone again. The metal will be sent to RawTools which will forge it into garden tools and an instrument of death will be transformed into a tool that promotes life. Those surrendering weapons will be given a gift card as a thank you for disposing of their unwanted guns.

In order for our event to be successful, we will need people to join us on the day of the event. Training will be provided for all participants. Volunteers are needed to be:

Greeters (2)

Shepherds (4)

Saw Operators (3)

Runners (4)

Cashier (2)

Photographer of process and volunteers only (1)

If you are interested in joining our efforts to "disarm hearts and forge peace", please contact Debbie Gibson ([gibsond1207@gmail.com](mailto:gibsond1207@gmail.com)), Susanne Korta ([slkorta@gmail.com](mailto:slkorta@gmail.com)) or Sheldon Steen ([sheldonsteen@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonsteen@gmail.com)) to sign up for training or to get further information.

“...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Isaiah 2:4

## Transportation to Worship



The Care and Outreach Committee would like to identify those who would like to attend church but may have transportation challenges.

If you or someone you know fit this category, please email Ann DelRossi at [adelrossi@fsu.edu](mailto:adelrossi@fsu.edu) with your name, address and phone number. Also, please email Ann if you could be a (potential) transportation provider!

The Care and Outreach Committee is not guaranteeing that we can fill the transportation needs – we are at the initial phase of identifying those who may need help.



*You're Invited*



The families of  
Lillian Cleveland and Jacob Beychok  
invite you, the First Presbyterian Church family,  
to greet and congratulate the couple at a  
Welcome Event on  
Friday, May 12th, 7pm-9pm  
at the church. There will be cake and lemonade  
and outdoor games.  
We look forward to being able to share in the joy!

# Children's Church School

**MAY 14, 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:

**Pentecost**

## **Older Children's Class**

9:30am Room 301

4th-8th grade

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

**Lydia**

# Adult Church School

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

9:30 a.m. start time

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

Join us in the  
Westminster Room  
or on Zoom.

We continue our "Fear Not" curriculum, taking us on a deep dive into our societal understanding of violence in our communities, particularly gun violence. It is designed to facilitate reflection and conversation around ideas of safety in the face of violence and how that relates to faithfulness as followers of Jesus Christ.

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](mailto:eleanor@oldfirstchurch.org) about childcare.



# 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. If you have an ice cream maker and/or would like to help set-up and serve, please contact Carol Weissert, Debbie Gibson or Gary Niblack.





## 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](mailto: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.



### 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, June 4, 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**



**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**

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no later than noon on production Mondays; or, if possible, earlier the previous week.

## **Presbytery of Florida**



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## SECOND HARVEST BREAD BOXING

**Friday June 2 from 9:45 - Noon**

Friday, ten faithful volunteers worked together at Second Harvest to box up donated bread items that are approaching their sell-by date. Volunteers sort a variety of items into a large banana box to be frozen and later delivered to clients who distribute the food to our hungry neighbors. Not only is it a wonderful time of fellowship, it is gratifying to know that you are doing something that makes a difference. This month during the hour and 45 minutes we worked, the First Pres team packed 288 boxes to be frozen and delivered when needed by non-profits/churches in an 16 county area! Our next volunteer time will be June 2. Consider joining us then for a morning of service.



If you need reserved parking,  
please call Lori at 222-4504,  
or email  
[office@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:office@oldfirstchurch.org).



## **Sunday Festival Readings**

**MAY 14, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ACTS 17:22-31  
AND  
PSALM 66:8-20  
OR  
EZEKIEL 34:1-7  
AND  
PSALM 115  
1 PETER 3:13-22  
JOHN 14:15-21



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.



# A Message from the Editor

In January I sent a letter to the Clerk of the Session and our Pastor with this message:

*In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we are told, For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. So, it is with a heart filled with immense gratitude and a little sadness that I notify you that the time has come for me to relinquish my role as editor of First Press.*

*It has been my joy to serve in this capacity for the last decade and I deeply appreciate your trust and support of my call to this ministry. This is not a sudden decision on my part; for, I thought I was going to retire from this role in 2019. Then Brant announced his retirement, the pandemic hit and staff changes continued. During all this the Spirit whispered, "It's not time yet." After much prayerful consideration over the past few months I have come to know that the time is now.*

The last edition of First Press for which I will serve as the editor is May 29, 2023 and I am so very grateful to all of you for:

- your faithful work that provides much to share in the newsletter
- trusting me with this ministry
- submitting articles for publication
- meeting deadlines.

Anything I was able to accomplish was only made possible by the grace of God, support of the Holy Spirit and your support. Whatever form our communication system takes in the future I encourage you to embrace it as I know I will.

*God's peace and love be with you all,*

*Kathee*



# DAILY LECTIONARY FOR

## MAY 1-15, 2023

### **Monday, May 1**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Jer. 30:1-9  
Col. 1:1-14  
Luke 6:1-11

### **Tuesday, May 2**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Jer. 30:10-17  
Col. 1:15-23  
Luke 6:12-26

### **Wednesday, May 3**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Jer. 30:18-22  
Col. 1:24-2:7  
Luke 6:27-38

### **Thursday, May 4**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Jer. 31:1-1  
Col. 2:8-23  
Luke 6:39-49

### **Friday, May 5**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Jer. 31:15-22  
Col. 3:1-1  
Luke 7:1-17

### **Saturday, May 6**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Jer. 31:23-2  
Col. 3:12-1  
Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35

### **Sunday, May 7**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 15  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Isa. 32:1-8  
2 Thess. 2:13-17  
Matt. 7:7-14

### **Monday, May 8**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Jer. 32:1-1  
Col. 3:18-4:1  
Luke 7:36-5

### **Tuesday, May 9**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Jer. 32:16-25  
Rom. 12:1-21  
Luke 8:1-1

### **Wednesday, May 10**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Jer. 32:36-44  
Rom. 13:1-14  
Luke 8:16-25

### **Thursday, May 11**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Jer. 33:1-13  
Rom. 14:1-12  
Luke 8:26-3

### **Friday, May 12**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 13  
Deut. 31:30-32:14  
Rom. 14:13-23  
Luke 8:40-56

### **Saturday, May 13**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Deut. 32:34-41 (42) 43  
Rom. 15:1-13  
Luke 9:1-17

### **Sunday, May 14**

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Deut. 15:1-1  
1 Tim. 3:14-4:  
Matt. 13:24-34a

### **Monday, May 15**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Deut. 8:1-10 or  
Deut. 18:9-14  
James 1:1-15  
Luke 9:18-27

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on your computer you  
will find them on the  
PCUSA website [here](#).



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## MAY 16-31, 2023

### **Tuesday, May 16**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Deut. 8:11-20 or

Deut. 18:15-2

James 1:16-27

Luke 11:1-13

### **Wednesday, May 17**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Deut. 19:1-7

James 5:13-18

Luke 12:22-31

### **Thursday, May 18**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 68; 113

Ezek. 1:1-14, 24-28b

Heb. 2:5-18

Matt. 28:16-20

### **Friday, May 19**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Ezek. 1:28-3:3

Heb. 4:14-5:6

Luke 9:28-36

### **Saturday, May 20**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Ezek. 3:4-17

Heb. 5:7-14

Luke 9:37-50

### **Saturday, May 21**

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150

Evening: Pss. 136; 117

Ezek. 3:16-27

Eph. 2:1-10

Matt. 10:24-33, 40-42

### **Monday, May 22**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Ezek. 4:1-17

Heb. 6:1-12

Luke 9:51-62

### **Tuesday, May 23**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Ezek. 7:10-15, 23b-27

Heb. 6:13-20

Luke 10:1-17

### **Wednesday, May 24**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Ezek. 11:14-25

Heb. 7:1-17

Luke 10:17-24

### **Thursday, May 25**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 68; 11

Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32

Heb. 7:18-28

Luke 10:25-37

### **Friday, May 26**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Ezek. 34:17-31

Heb. 8:1-13

Luke 10:38-42

### **Saturday, May 27**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Ezek. 43:1-12

Heb. 9:1-14

Luke 11:14-23

### **Sunday, May 28**

#### **Day of Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150

Evening: Pss. 29; 33

Isa. 11:1-9

1 Cor. 2:1-13

John 14:21-29

### **Monday, May 29**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Deut. 4:9-1

2 Cor. 1:1-11

Luke 14:25-35

### **Tuesday, May 30**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Deut. 4:15-24

2 Cor. 1:12-22

Luke 15:1-10

### **Wednesday, May 31**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Deut. 4:25-31

2 Cor. 1:23-2:1

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

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