

This Week @ First



Budget and Finance Ministry Team Stewardship and Giving

Generosity ... What's That?

THANKS GIVING DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
WESTMINSTER OAKS,
LUNCH @ NOON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
WESTMINSTER ROOM,
DINNER @ 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25
WESTMINSTER ROOM,
DINNER @ 6 PM

Generosity — Where did you learn about the concept of generosity? Was it a teacher who modeled ways of welcoming new students in a classroom? Maybe you saw a parent write a check each week and drop that check into the offering plate? Surely you have a story of how you have witnessed generosity in action. We want to create a place to tell and share these stories.

We are gathering the church together with the intention of listening to how our lives have been shaped in generosity and where we hope to go as we walk forth in God's grace with the Spirit's generosity.

We need you to sign up to attend a lunch at Westminster Oaks, or one of two dinners. Please [register at this link](#) or call the church office.

Next week Greta Reed and Pastor Anne will be at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, as the ReKindle Grant Cohorts meet for the first time.

Worship & Music

To watch our Sunday worship at 11 AM, connect with us on [YouTube](#) (find the bulletin [here](#))! Click the bolded words to follow the links each week.

Care & Outreach

The pandemic hindered our ability to celebrate Julia Simmons as she retired. Ms. Julia and her grandson, Jabaris Simmons, will return that we might remember their faithful service to the church. You are invited to a reception in the Westminster Room following worship on October 1st. We will collect cards in a basket in the narthex and present them to her and Jabaris at the reception.

Celebrate World Music

Join us at 3 PM in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 1 — World Communion Sunday — for a 45-minute concert of World Music presented by church members and Choral Scholars! A reception will follow in the Westminster Room.

Communion Preparation

Have you ever wanted to learn how to prepare and clean up Communion? Have you prepared it in the past and would like to do so again? If your answer to any of those questions is yes, please join members of the Worship Team on the following Sundays for "How to Prepare Communion" training.

October 1
November 5
December 3

No previous experience is required and signing up is not necessary. Members of all ages are welcome.

Please meet in the sanctuary at 10 AM on any or all of those dates. If you would like to assist with cleaning up after Communion, please stay after worship in the sanctuary and a member of the team will happily find a task for you.

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Community Announcement

Have you ever worried that something might happen to you and because you live alone, no one would know? A member has recently recommended a free app that could help you feel more secure in your independence. The app is called Snug. Once you download it to your phone, you set up the parameters for it to work for you. First you pick a time during the day by which it would be convenient for you to “check in” by tapping the button on the app page.

Then you set up the contacts that you'd like to be notified if you don't check in. If you haven't checked in by your selected time, you will get a text prompt to do so. Ten minutes later, you'll get another. If 25 minutes after your selected time you still haven't checked in, the app will send a text to those you chose that they might want to check up on you. And if you finally check in, those people receive a notice that all's okay. This app can give peace of mind to those who live alone as well as friends and family members who are at a distance.

Spiritual Formation

Adult Church School: This Sunday, all classes will meet together in the Westminster room at 9:30 am for a special session led by our International Peacemaker guest, Pastor Alison Infante. His presentation will also be available by [Zoom](#).

If you would like to receive our weekly emails with more information about adult church school offerings, please contact Emily Bruno.

Children's Church School: Our children will meet in room 306 for the lesson “So Much Love.”

Abundant Life Series: Please share your ideas for abundant life pop-up events with any member of the Spiritual Formation team.

You can also email them to Emily at bruno.emilyann@gmail.com.

2023 International Peacemaker Visit

Reverend Alison Infante arrived Thursday, September 21, to visit our area as one of the 2023 International Peacemakers selected by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Alison and his wife, elder Sarahí García Gómez, currently serve in the community of Cárdenas, Matanzas, at the Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada “Juan G. Hall.”

International Peacemakers are selected from partner congregations around the world to share their work and witness with congregations, presbyteries, and community groups.

This **Sunday, September 24**, Pastor Alison will speak to the adult Sunday School class and will preach during the worship service. Following worship, please plan to join us in the Westminster Room for a short reception and an opportunity to greet him. On **Monday, September 25, at 4:30 PM**, Alison will speak at Westminster Oaks in the Pool House.

Pastor Alison will be here until September 27. There are still some opportunities to meet Pastor Alison during his stay; if you are interested please contact Barbara Busharis, Donna Barber, or Stan Williams.



Pastor Alison, pictured here with Rev. Matt Frease, attended an evening of fellowship at UKirk after his arrival in Tallahassee.



Welcome Pastor Alison!