

This Week @ First

Worship & Music

To watch our Sunday worship at 11 AM, connect with us on [YouTube](#) (find the bulletin [here](#))!

Invitation to Repair: This is the fourth week in our Lenten Pilgrimage. As the Lenten journey continues, we invite you to see the world around you each week in Lent and allow the Spirit to draw your eyes to see the overlooked, discarded and forgotten objects and people. As you are able, bring these, or an object that represents these, to worship to create a visual cairn this Lent on Christ's Table.



Spiritual Formation

Church School: The Inquirer's class will meet in the Westminster Room and by [Zoom](#) to continue our series on "Disposability." The Adult Bible Study will resume later in the spring. The children's class will meet in Room 306. Classes begin at 9:30 AM.

The Lenten Bible Study will continue on Thursday, March 14 in the Calvin Room at noon; bring a bag lunch.

Breeze User's Guide

The "quickstart guide to Breeze" prepared by Chris Corzine that was attached to last week's newsletter is available on the member section of the [website](#). If you haven't yet started to use Breeze, please take a moment to log in and update your profile information.

One of the many helpful features of Breeze has been a calendar that can be integrated into the church website. You can check for upcoming events, including worship services and ministry team meetings; see when volunteers are available in the office; and sign up for service opportunities, all from the calendar.

Care and Outreach

Please join us for "Second Sunday fellowship" after worship this Sunday. We will have light refreshments in the courtyard.

Compassion & Social Justice

A signup for serving dinner at Grace Mission on Sunday, March 10 from 4-6 PM is available [here](#).

The **Healing Racism Task Force** will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, please call or email Ann Westall at adwestall@gmail.com.

Our weekly prayer vigil for justice for Tallahassee's unhoused will continue on Wednesday, March 13, at noon. We are also continuing to distribute lunch snack packs to our unhoused neighbors on Wednesdays starting at 11 AM. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Carol Weissert.

Personnel Team

The Personnel Ministry Team met this week and approved a part-time position description for a Communications and Administrative Coordinator. The position prioritizes the work of church communications and includes administrative support and some staffing of the church office. The position description will be shared in job placement sites and we hope to have a person in place, if not before Easter, soon thereafter! The [job description](#) is posted on our website.

The best candidates for positions come from personal recommendations. If you know someone you think would be a good fit, please share that information with Pastor Apple and Donna Barber, Chair of the Personnel Ministry Team.

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Pastor's Note

This week's Lenten Bible study drew from John 15:1-17. It includes the "I am" statement, "I am the vine, and you are the branches"; and the passage offers a simple invitation, "Abide in me, as I abide in you." That Greek verb for abide is "meno" and has a sense of "remaining and being held continually." We are held in Christ, as Christ holds onto us. We remain in Christ, as Christ remains in us. This is one way that we build faithful relationships — abiding.

In Advent, we began working with First Baptist, Trinity, and Grace Mission. We saw an increase in need for assistance with our unhoused neighbors in downtown Tallahassee. In Lent, one thing that has emerged from that initial Advent work by our Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team is framed as a possibility. Together, this week the downtown churches submitted an application for a Vista (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteer to be housed at Trinity Methodist. This volunteer would help us to continue our work for the unhoused. This is an opportunity to grow capacity for service with those who have been made poor. Abiding in and with one another, that Christ's love and justice might be known. The church, and churches, doing the ministry of abiding presence.



Christ's Table at First is growing with items you have seen that indicate a need for repair in our little corner of the world in Tallahassee. Thank you for engaging in this embodied practice of worship during Lent. Remember this Sunday is Daylight Savings Sunday! See you then as we come and trust that God refills us through our shared worship together.

This church prays for a former colleague, Caitlin Bomar, and her family as she has been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. I am grateful for these weekly prayers. Caitlin is working on writing a book by the title of "Held." On this journey on which she travels, she says "If I can inhabit freedom, it will radiate from me." The freedom she names is undefined, it is grounded in deep faithfulness in Christ, in abiding in Christ. Christ who says, "Abide in me, as I abide in you." Her courage and witness is beyond remarkable and challenges me to see the places that need repair, and to speak about the freedom I know in Christ.

God's Peace,
God's Presence,
Anne

To submit an announcement for an upcoming issue of *This Week @ First*, please use [this updated link](#).

Dogwood Acres

Mission Day — Saturday, March 16. Building and repair projects for all skill levels. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP to Christy Williams (christy@dogwoodacres.org) to be included in the lunch count.

Summer Camp 2024 — Save \$50 by [registering](#) before April 1st. Scholarships are available by contacting Program Director Eric Hearn (eric@dogwoodacres.org). Program descriptions are available on the Dogwood Acres [website](#).



Renewal of Spirit

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL
GATHERING
3.16.24

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 N. Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Registration 9 a.m. EDT
Meeting 9:30 a.m. EDT

Speaker: Shelagh Wirth, Moderator, Synod South Atlantic
Musicians: Winifred Heggins, Soloist
Joshua Shelton, Pianist

Register by March 10 at:
www.faithpcusa.org/presbyterianwomen
Pay \$18 at the door
Cash or Check to PWP