

This Week @ First

Worship & Music

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

Compassion and Social Justice

Snack pack and Laundry Love volunteers are invited from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays. For information on volunteering, speak to Debbie Gibson.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering continues through Lent. Offering envelopes are in the pews, or you can designate a special gift online. Did you know...?

- OGHS is an ecumenical offering collected and administered by several different denominations, including the PCUSA, UCC, and American Baptist Church. Other denominations participate in similar efforts, such as the UMC.
- OGHS grew out of relief and rebuilding efforts after the Second World War.
- The OGHS offering lets us combine our efforts with congregations across the PCUSA to repair peoples' lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society.

Repairing the breach

ISAIAH 58

Please give generously—
for when we all do a little,
it adds up to a lot.

MARCH 5 – APRIL 20, 2025



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

To submit information to be included in the newsletter and/or the Sunday bulletin (as space permits), please use [this link](#), which will take you to an online form. Thank you!

Spiritual Formation

Sunday School—Youth

All youth are invited at 9:30 AM each week! Grades K-5 in room 306. Middle and High School Students in room 301. A nursery will be available starting at 9:15 AM.

“Feasting on the Word” Lectionary-Based Bible Study

Calvin Room and via [Zoom](#), 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

This class meets weekly to engage and discuss selected texts from our Lectionary readings.

The **Inquirer’s class** will meet this Sunday in the Westminster Room and by [Zoom](#), 9:30 – 10:30 AM, to continue a six-week Lenten series based on Adam Hamilton’s *The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World*.

Guided Meditation continues on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Library.

The Spiritual Formation Team is in need of volunteers to assist our teachers in the Elementary and Middle/High School classes, and to assist in our nursery. Please contact [Mary Kutter](#) to find out more.

Dinner at Grace Mission



First Presbyterian joins with other congregations to serve dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers are needed! Sign up [here](#) or speak to Carol Weissert. Pictured here are the servers from March 9.

**Dogwood Acres Services Opportunities —
See page 2!**

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EXPLORE Dogwood SERVE

the community

Join us for an Open House with a missional twist! This fun-filled day is the perfect blend of serving the community, fellowship and exploring Dogwood. Besides fun camp activities, we will partner with Caring & Sharing of So Walton to create hygiene kits for our neighbors.

April 5th 2025

When?

Saturday April 5th

9:30 AM CT - check-in

10:00 AM - worship

10:30 AM - Service
Project

Noon - Lunch

1:00 PM - Guided camp
activities and hikes

3:00 PM - Depart

Who?

Bring your families, youth groups, and friends- anyone who wants to explore more about the ministry at Dogwood Acres!

How?

Everybody interested can register at dogwoodacres.org starting March 1st
Cost for the day: \$8.00 with a family cap of \$24.00



DOGWOOD ACRES

Retreat Center and Summer Camp
Vernon, FL

The Rake's Progress

Remember to get your tickets for the FSU Spring Opera, Igor Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress, in which our friend Kelby Yoder will have a major role!



You can see Kelby in the performances on Friday, March 28, at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, March 30, at 3 PM. Tickets are available [here](#).

DOGWOOD ACRES PAINTING PARTY



Come help us paint the dining hall - inside and out - and other items at DWA on Weds, March 19 beginning at 8:30 AM Central Time (or anytime you can make it!).

Let [Christy Williams](#) know you will be attending, and lunch will be provided. Thank you!

New Book Club Meeting at FPC

A local book club has requested to meet at First Presbyterian, and you are invited to be part of the conversation! The group has been meeting weekly for over two years, and typically spends about six weeks on each book, diving into a few chapters at a time to foster thoughtful discussions. The reading list has explored topics like building bridges across divides, understanding human behavior, and making sense of today's polarized world. They write:

We're excited to kick off our next book, The Great Experiment by Yascha Mounk, on March 19th, and we'd love for you to join us! Whether you're a longtime bookworm or just looking for a fun, thoughtful community, there's a seat for you at our table. Come share ideas, explore new perspectives, and connect with great people. See you there!



The Book Club will meet from 12 to 1 PM in the Calvin Room beginning on Wednesday, March 19. All are welcome!



Together in Service is a hands-on mission circle that meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM in Room 206 of the Education Building. All are welcome: sewing and knitting skills are not required! Contact Aide Whitaker for more information on Together in Service.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Join us on **April 6th immediately after worship** in the courtyard and Westminster Room for lunch, fellowship and mission work.

Everyone is invited - men, women, youth and children!

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

Dessert and Beverage will be provided

Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop April 6 after worship

In the meantime, please consider collecting necessary workshop items:

- gift bags (birthday or other), approximately 16 inch x 13 inch
- 9x13 disposable aluminum foil pans
- cans of sprite or other lemon-lime soda
- boxes of cake mix, any flavor
- containers of icing, any flavor
- birthday candles



Donations can be left outside the office