



This Week @ First

Friday, May 30, 2025

Worship & Music

To watch our worship services, connect with us on [YouTube](#) and find the weekly bulletin [here](#)!

Spiritual Formation

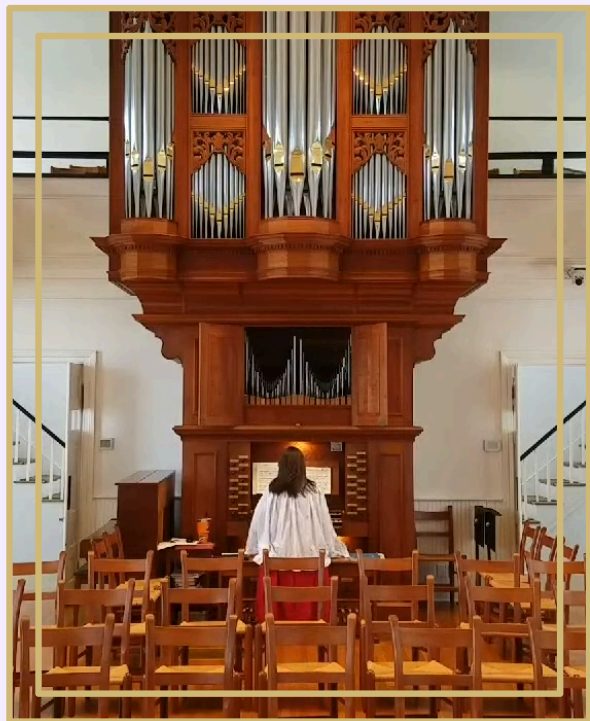
Sunday School — Youth and Adult:

Classes will resume in the fall.

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

Staff Celebrations, Thanksgiving, and Farewells

Next Sunday, June 8, is both Pentecost Sunday and the last Sunday for Elizabeth LaJeunesse to be in our midst as our organist and music worship leader.



Please join in a congregation-wide reception after worship on June 8th in the Westminster Room with cake, lemonade and the opportunity to thank Elizabeth for her vital and joyful leadership of worship at First Presbyterian.

Looking ahead: On Sunday, June 22, there will be a covered-dish luncheon after worship in the Westminster Room in honor of Ethan and Abbey. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

Compassion and Social Justice

Snack Pack and Laundry Love volunteers are invited from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays. For information on volunteering, contact [Debbie Gibson](#).

On Friday, June 6, we will be filling up bread boxes at Second Harvest. Sign up [here](#) or contact [Debbie Gibson](#) for more info.

First Pres Preschool Scholarship

It's time for the annual Friends of the Preschool Scholarship!

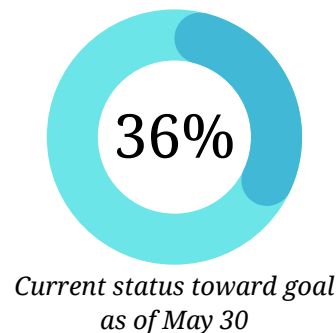
First Presbyterian Preschool was opened in 1966 as a mission of First Presbyterian Church to provide an integrated, safe, nurturing environment for young children of diverse economic, racial, and religious backgrounds. It was the first integrated Preschool in the city of Tallahassee. The Preschool provides meals for all children who attend the preschool, enrolls children who are in the state subsidized childcare program, and gets funding for participating in the VPK program. FPP works to keep tuition rates for its three classes—T.C Bears (2-3 year olds), Busy Bees (3-4 year olds), and VPK (4-5 year olds)—accessible to all families.

Each year, generous contributions from First Presbyterian Church are used to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need. Our goal this year is \$10,000, which is the approximate cost of one year of tuition.

Ways to give by June 9th:

- By check to First Presbyterian Preschool
 - Leave in the church office
- Online giving via the [donation page](#) on the church website
 - Choose "First Presbyterian Preschool Scholarship Fund"

Questions? Please send an email to the session liaison [Jane Atkinson](#).



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. Submissions are due by Thursday at noon each week. Thank you!

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Pastoral Note

Ascension Day this week is Thursday, May 29th, marking the 40 days after the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday). We remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven (Mark 16:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; & Acts 1:1-11; &). The church, on this day, gives thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as His priestly intercession for us at the throne of mercy (Hebrews 4:14-16).

The ascension means two things to us today. First, it affirms the completion of God's work through Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Word of God, dwelt among us and returned to God. And this very Jesus will come again (Acts 1:11). Jesus promises us that the Holy Spirit will complete all things announced in the incarnation.

Second, the earthly ministry of Christ, which began with the Christmas incarnation, does not end. The path of faithfulness that Christ follows travels through the suffering of the cross to glory. The pattern of Jesus' ministry, like ours, moves from glory to suffering and back to glory. And we know that when Christ appears again, we will be with him.

John Calvin's theology emphasizes the ascended Christ who dwelt among us in the Godhead, and all things came into being through him (John 1:3). Since Christ has ascended, He is the Lord of the world and the head of the Church. With Christ's ascension, there are no other rulers; Christ is supreme.

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Stookey, Laurence Hull. 1996. *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*. Nashville: Abingdon Press

Bower, Peter C. 2003. *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship*. Louisville: Geneva Press

“They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’” (Acts 1:11).



Heritage Team

The Heritage Team reports that digitization of our historical documents has begun! Jodee Dorsey was on hand to help the archivists from FSU Libraries, Special Collections & Archives, take materials from 1946 to the present to digitize and add to their library.

We are following along with the process and looking forward to accessing our historical archives in new ways!

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our June babies!

Ken Kronholz, Aide Whitaker, Pam McVety, Meg Paschal, Joan Custis, Pat Johnson, Suzanne Young, Sara Barber, Walter Moore, Daniel Jordan, Robert Bradley, Nicolas Rosica, Lucas Heiker, Carl Morse, June Stewart, Deborah Whisnant, Seaton Bradford, Grier Hodges-Willis, Allie Orange, Julia Simmons, Kate Kerr, Thatcher Nalls, and Paul Brooks Kutter

