

This Week @ First

Friday, June 6, 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.

Property Team:

Join us this Saturday, June 7

The Property Team invites you to a weed and mulch party in the courtyard on Saturday, June 7 beginning at 8 AM. We will supply the pine straw, coffee, doughnuts, and refreshing cold water. Please bring your favorite weeding tool. Hats and gloves are encouraged as well. Stay for as short or long as you like.



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](#).

First Pres Preschool Scholarship

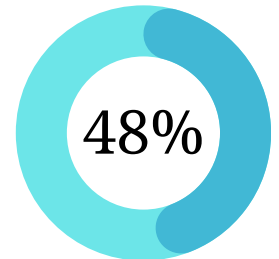
It's time for the annual Friends of the Preschool Scholarship!

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](#).

Current status toward goal as of June 2



Happy Pride Month!

This month and every month, we not only welcome but celebrate all children of God, regardless of whom they love. Our support of the LGBTQIA+ is not performative; it is deeply believed. Read more from the PC(USA) [here](#).

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:16b)



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

Today, June 6, is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, aimed at raising awareness about gun violence and its impact. It also marks the start of Wear Orange Weekend, during which individuals wear orange to show their solidarity and support for ending gun violence. One might wonder, why orange? It is the color hunters wear in the woods for safety. It also honors the life of Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot and killed on January 29, 2013, while playing at a playground in Chicago after finishing her final exams. Her family commemorated her memory by wearing orange clothing.

The tragic shooting at FSU on April 17, 2025, serves as a reminder that no community is immune to the threat of gun violence. The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA) has responded to this threat by emphasizing the need for greater control over the sale and possession of firearms while advocating for education and action at both local and national levels. The First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee is one of 20 churches within the Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM), which is actively working to eliminate gun violence in our community. Recently, in response to CAJM's urging, the Tallahassee City Commission voted to allocate \$300,000.00 over the next two years to the Group Violence Intervention program, a national, evidence-based initiative aimed at reducing gun violence. In recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness, go to www.capitalareajustice.org to learn more and to support these efforts. Let us commit to striving for a world free of gun violence.

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Britton, McKenna. "Through a Lens: National Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 6." Presbyterian Historical Society Blog. June 4, 2025. <https://pcusa.org>.

*"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
(Romans 12:17)*

Staff Celebrations, Thanksgiving, and Farewells

This 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 and lemonade to partake in the opportunity to thank Elizabeth for her vital and joyful leadership of worship at First Presbyterian. We will have a basket in the narthex to collect cards, notes, and gifts for Elizabeth.

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!



Choir Party!

Last weekend, members of our choir got together to enjoy the weather and each other's company one last time before Ethan and Elizabeth go off on new adventures.

Everyone is welcome in the First Pres choir: singing experience not required! The choir will continue to meet throughout the summer at 10 AM on Sundays.

