



This Week @ First

Friday, July 18, 2025

Worship & Music

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

The Summer Choir meets at 10 AM on Sundays — all are welcome to join!

Spiritual Formation

Sunday School — Youth and Adult:
Classes will resume in the fall.

Guided Meditation
Practice will resume in August.

2025 Nominating Committee

The 2025 Nominating Committee asks the congregation for their prayers as they begin their work to prepare a slate for next year's elected officers. Later this fall, the committee will present to the congregation 5 candidates for the office of Ruling Elder and 5 candidates for the 2026 Nominating Committee.

The current committee would love to receive input and nominations from the congregation. The names of potential nominees can be given or emailed to committee members [Janet Fixel](#), [Norma Meier](#), [Darlene Oosterhof](#), [Robyn Stevenson](#), or [Sabrina Wright](#). We will also have forms in the Narthex that can be filled out and placed in the offering plates or handed to an usher.



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

Compassion and Social Justice

The Compassion and Social Justice team has three main focuses—homelessness, hunger, and social justice advocacy. Volunteers work with our mission partners, provide weekly services for our unsheltered neighbors at church, and attend vigils, committee meetings, and other local events to lobby our commissioners on specific social justice issues.

If you're interested in joining us for any of these opportunities, please contact [Debbie Gibson](#) or [Jon Dodrill](#). You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Snack Pack and Laundry Love: Join us from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays to provides snack packs, laundry, and showers for our unsheltered neighbors.

Second Harvest Bread Boxing:
Join us on the first Friday of every month.
Next opportunity: August 1

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:
Join us on the second Sunday of every month.
Next opportunity: August 10

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New Choral Scholar

Please welcome our newest Choral Scholar, Tyler Brown! Tyler is a junior transfer to FSU and is studying choral music education.



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It's that time of year! This week, Financial Administrator Fran Owens sent out Giving Statements via **email** containing all donations and stewardship pledges from January–June 2025.

If you would like a physical copy of your Giving Statement mailed to your address, please email Fran Owens at fran@oldfirstchurch.org.

If you would like to access your Giving Statement and history in Breeze, you can do so by [following the steps here](#).

If you need help accessing Breeze, please view our [Breeze Guide here](#).

Reminder to lock the doors!

Many members of the congregation have keys to the buildings in order to facilitate their contributions to our community. Recently, there have been several instances of various doors and gates at First Pres being left unlocked when the building is unattended.

If you use your key to access the building, particularly the exterior doors and gates, please be sure to check that it locks behind you. Thank you!

Partners in Building a Beloved Community: CAJM Affordable Housing Proposal Approved

In exciting local news, on July 8, the Leon County Commission approved a budget proposal to incentivize developers to create new affordable housing units for very-low and extremely-low income households. This proposal was developed and championed by the Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM), of which First Presbyterian Church is a proud member.

You can read more about this proposal in the Tallahassee Democrat, including a [reported article](#) ([PDF available on our website](#)) and an [opinion piece by CAJM members](#) ([PDF available on our website](#)).



Photo: CAJM members at a County Commission meeting.