

# This Week @ First

Friday, August 8, 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** continues on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Library.

## Save the Date:

### Backpack Blessing August 17

Calling all students to bring your backpack to worship **Sunday, August 17**, for the Blessing of the Backpacks. The Spiritual Formation team will present hymnals and bibles to new kindergarteners or first graders.

If you are the parent of a rising kindergartener or first grader but have not yet been contacted, please let the office know.

## Reminder: Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering August 24

The PW Fall Gathering will be held Sunday, August 24, from 3:30–5 PM in the Westminster Room. The Rev. Dr. John Cole and Rev. Tai Cole will introduce the new Bible study, entitled *Finding Resilience, Joy and Identity in Jesus Christ*, by the Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter. Circle leaders will distribute new study books and directories. Childcare will be provided.

We will once again collect requested school supplies for the Preschool; a complete list of supplies can be found [here](#), and handouts are available in the Narthex.

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.*

### ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

#### Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

Join us on the first Friday of every month.

*Next opportunity: September 5*

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#### Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on the second Sunday of every month.

*Next opportunity: August 10*

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Do you know something that should be on here? [Send us an email!](#)*



*Photo: Marnie Parry bread boxing at Second Harvest last week, August 1.*

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