



This Week @ First

Friday, August 22, 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.



This Sunday: Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

The PW Fall Gathering will be held this 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.

All are welcome — you do not need to be a circle member to attend! You can also attend virtually:

[Click here for the Zoom Meeting](#)

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

[Click to Sign Up](#)

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on the second Sunday of every month.

Next opportunity: September 14

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 28: Death Penalty Vigil

6 PM, Governor's Mansion

Friday, August 29: Death Penalty Service of Remembrance

Noon, FL Capitol Rotunda

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

Church Picnic: September 21

Mark your calendars — it's time for the annual church picnic!

Join us for an afternoon of fun and food
(fingers crossed for cooler weather)!

Church Picnic

- September 21, 2025
- Following worship
- Maclay Gardens
- \$3/person; \$10 family cap

*Sign up after worship on September 7 and 14
or send an email to the office!*



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!



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Backpack Blessing Recap

Last Sunday, we were delighted to send off all our students to their new year of school with prayer and blessings. May their teachers be kind, their homework light, and their possibilities endless!



Presbyterian Earth Care

Young Adult Environmental Justice Advocacy Network

A faith-based network for Presbyterians and their friends, ages 18-35, advocating for creation and climate justice

Join us!

bit.ly/PECYANetwork



Presbyterians and the Planet

If you're interested in faith-based climate care, advocacy, activism, or just learning more, consider filling out the interest form for the new Young Adult Environmental Justice Network formed by Presbyterians for Earth Care!

Note: You don't need to be ages 18-35 to complete the form! Folks of any age interested in this group's work or in supporting the Network are welcome.



Bonus pictures of church members from last Sunday: our ladies in pink and in print! We love all the color and light each person brings to our congregation.