

This Week @ First

Friday, October 3, 2025

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Worship & Music

To watch our worship services, connect with us on **YouTube** and find the weekly bulletin **here**!

Join the Choir on Wednesdays from 7–8:15 PM and on Sundays at 10:15 AM in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

Spiritual Formation

All classes are 9:30–10:30 AM. A nursery will be available starting at 9:15 AM.

Youth Sunday School

K–5 in Room 306, Middle and High in Room 301 Each week, multi-age groups explore the Bible and weekly scripture readings through play, curricula, and discussion.

"Feasting on the Word" Lectionary-Based Bible Study

Calvin Room and via **Zoom**

This class meets weekly to engage and discuss selected texts from our Lectionary readings.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room and via Zoom

Kristin Du Mez is a professor of history at Calvin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame, and her research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion, and politics. During the next few weeks, we will discuss her book, *Jesus and John Wayne*, a sweeping, revisionist history of the last seventy-five years of white evangelicalism, revealing how evangelicals have worked to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.

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

The Spiritual Formation Team is in need of volunteers to assist our teachers in the youth classes and the nursery. Please contact <u>Caitlin James</u> and <u>Deborah Whisnant</u> to find out more.

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

Compassion and Social Justice

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.

To volunteer, please contact please contact <u>Debbie Gibson</u> or <u>Jon Dodrill</u>. You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

Join us on first Fridays from 9:45 AM–Noon. *Next opportunity: Friday, November 7*

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM. *Next opportunity: Oct 12*

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28: Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice 5–6 PM, Old Florida Capitol

This Week: First Sunday Food Collection

Bring your canned and nonperishable goods to church for donation to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services!



Next Week: Click to Sign Up Serving Dinner at Grace Mission

Don't forget to sign up to serve dinner at Grace Mission next Sunday, Oct 12, from 4–6 PM! This is one of our oldest volunteering traditions and crucial support for one of Tallahassee's most critical social services.

Healing Racism Task Force Meeting Rescheduled

The Healing Racism Task Force will NOT meet on October 13 as scheduled. It has been rescheduled to October 21 at 7:00.

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2025–2026 Stewardship Campaign Vision Survey

The annual Stewardship Campaign will begin soon, but first we'd like the congregation's help to develop a vision for our church going forward. Why did you come to FPC? Why do you stay? What about our church is important to you? What kinds of programs/projects would you like our church to engage in? Please search your heart and share your deepest desires with us as we seek to establish a budget for the coming year.

You may complete the form using this link or fill out a printed form at worship this week.

Click here to complete the online Vision Survey

CAJM-FPC Justice Ministry Luncheon on October 12

On October 12, all are invited to a Justice Ministry Luncheon in the Westminster Room after worship, hosted by the First Pres Compassion and Social Justice Team.

This is one of a series of house listening meetings that CAJM is doing with various Tallahassee churches to identify the social justice issues important to our community that need to be addressed and prioritized. In addition, this will be a time to celebrate CAJM's hard work and success in effectively advocating for affordable housing for low income families in our community.

Please RSVP by this Thursday, October 9, by emailing the church office. Thank you!



You can view the CAJM September newsletter <u>here</u>.

Please give a very warm welcome to our new staff! Victoria Coey Regina Owens

Organist

Victoria Coey is a senior at FSU completing a degree in Sacred Music. She studies organ with Dr. Iain Quinn and has previously studied piano with Dr. Heidi Williams. In addition to her academic work, Victoria serves as a collaborative pianist for the Florida State University Singers and as an accompanist for vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the College of Music. Sacred music has been an integral part of her life since joining church choir in the second grade; she is grateful for the opportunity to share her musical gifts today with the church community at First Presbyterian.

Victoria will begin as our organist on Sunday, October 12.



Communications and Administrative Coordinator

Regina Owens is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in customer service, housing administration, and program management. Throughout her career, she has managed teams, streamlined operations, and supported individuals with care and professionalism. With a strong background in conflict resolution, data entry, and community support, she is known for her reliability, attention to detail, and warm communication style.

As Communications and Administrative Coordinator at First Presbyterian Church, Regina looks forward to using her expertise to assist individuals and families who may be homeless or in need of vital resources. In this role, she is dedicated to service and to working closely with the church's leaders and members to strengthen outreach, provide guidance, and encourage those facing challenges. She brings compassion, strength, and practical solutions to help others navigate difficult circumstances and move toward stability and hope.

Beyond her professional and ministry work, Regina is a proud mother of five and grandmother of ten. She enjoys music, fitness, and spending time with family and friends, and values meaningful conversations and community connections.

Claire Hodges will be staying on until October 17 to ensure a smooth transition.

