



# This Week @ First

Friday, October 10, 2025

## 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](#)*

We will continue our discussion of Kristin Du Mez’s work, *Jesus and John Wayne*. Challenging the commonly held assumption that the “moral majority” backed Donald Trump in 2016 and 2020 for purely pragmatic reasons, Du Mez reveals that Trump in fact represented the fulfillment, rather than the betrayal, of white evangelicals’ most deeply held values: patriarchy, authoritarian rule, aggressive foreign policy, fear of Islam, ambivalence toward #MeToo, and opposition to Black Lives Matter and the LGBTQ community.



**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 [Caitlin James](#) and [Deborah Whisnant](#) to find out more.*

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

### 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 [Debbie Gibson](#) or [Jon Dodrill](#). 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: This Sunday, Oct 12

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, September 28: Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

5–6 PM, Old Florida Capitol

#### Tuesday, October 14: Death Penalty Vigil

6 PM, Governor’s Mansion Parking Lot

#### Wednesday, October 15: Death Penalty Service of Remembrance

Noon, Florida Capitol Rotunda

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## Serving Dinner at Grace Mission

Don’t forget to sign up to serve dinner at Grace Mission this 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.

## Next Week: Congregational Meeting

The session at First Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, October 19, 2025, to elect the Elder Class of 2028 and the 2026 Nominating Committee. We hope to see you there!

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*More info available on [Breeze](#)*

*The Church Office will be partially closed during the coming week to prioritize training new staff. Please save all non-urgent requests for the week beginning October 20. Thank you!*

## THIS WEEK: CAJM-FPC Justice Ministry Luncheon

This Sunday, October 12, please join us after worship in the Westminster Room for a Justice Ministry luncheon in the Westminster Room after worship, hosted by the Compassion and Social Justice Team and the Capitol Area Justice Ministry (CAJM).

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.

**All are welcome, even if you have not RSVP'd. We look forward to seeing you there!**



### Guest Organist on October 19

On Sunday, October 19, we are honored to be hosting Dr. Giovanna Riboli as our guest organist during worship.

Dr. Giovanna Riboli is the titular organist of the Onofrio Zeffirini da Cortona organ (1558) at the Badia Fiorentina (Florence), curator of 17 illuminated manuscripts in square notation (Gregorian and Fratto chant) dating from the 15th to the 18th centuries in the same monastery, and vocal coach of the choir of the Fraternités Monastiques de Jérusalem. She is Professor of Organ and Gregorian Chant at the Conservatory of Benevento, where she also teaches Beneventan Chant and directs a choir specializing in the performance of ancient liturgical repertoire (7th–11th centuries).

She is an organist, musician, and musicologist with wide experience, with a career spanning performance, choral conducting, historical research, and teaching. Her activity is distinguished by a profound knowledge of sacred music and by her commitment to the enhancement of both historical and contemporary organ repertoires. Her musicological and performance research also includes Gregorian, Fratto, and Beneventan chant, fields in which she specializes in the study and transcription of ancient manuscripts.

This year, she is participating in a number of visits to US institutions as part of a larger grant program, "Voices of Heritage." The goal of the program is to share Italian cultural heritage abroad, including the tradition of Beneventan chant which is the focus of her research. She will be at FSU from October 11<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, and we are excited to be hosting her at First Presbyterian Church during this time for a Sunday service and an organ masterclass for FSU students.

### Steeple Repair

The steeple repair begins! Beginning Friday, October 10, our contractor will stage equipment in parking spaces on Park Avenue and Adams Street.

Sidewalks next to the sanctuary will be blocked during the cleaning, repair, and painting of the steeple. The work should be complete by Thursday, October 23. Thank you for your understanding!



## 2025–2026 Stewardship Campaign: Gathering to Worship, Reaching Out to Serve

### Results of the Vision Survey

Thank you for your heartfelt responses to the Stewardship Committee's Vision Survey. Those that have been received have been tallied, and you can now view the results. You may still submit your input by using this form, and it will be incorporated.

[Click here to complete the online Vision Survey](#)

[Click here to view the results of the Vision Survey](#)

### Annual Pledge Cards

As you come into worship for the next two weeks, Deborah Whisnant and Laura Morse will be in the narthex to help you locate your stewardship materials. In your envelope you will find a letter and a pledge card with a time and talent pledge on the back. If you are a regular giver but have not pledged, please consider making a pledge this year so the Budget and Finance committee will know how to allocate your gifts. Each Sunday for the next four weeks, you'll hear from various leaders about how your funds are used to support the programs you most value.

You may return your pledge card any week by placing it in the offering plate or dropping it by the office. You may also make your pledge online at our website. Please submit your pledge by November 9, if possible.

[Click here to complete the online pledge form](#)

Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries of First Pres as we "gather in worship, reach out to serve."