



This Week @ First

Friday, November 7, 2025

Worship & Music

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

The choir always welcomes new singers! **Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM. We meet on Sundays at 10:15 AM in the choir room.** A robe, hymnal, joyful section buddies, and gifted director await your presence.

Gathering to Worship, Reaching Out to Serve: This Sunday is Pledge Sunday



For the past several weeks, you have heard from leaders of some of our teams relating how their work enriches and sustains our religious life together. Music and worship, spiritual formation, care and outreach, and compassion and social justice teams work to bring our love of Christ to fruition in worship and service. The money from your pledges helps assure we can continue to be a light to our community—"gathering to worship, reaching out to serve."

Please bring your pledge card with you to service on Sunday (with both sides filled out) and place it in the plate during the offering. If you are not in worship on Sunday, you can record your pledge online or mail it to the office.

Fran will copy the back of your forms and the information about your pledges of time and talents will be shared with team leaders. Don't be surprised if you're contacted soon with an invitation to help!

Compassion and Social Justice

Snack Packs and Laundry Love:

Join us from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays to provide snack packs, laundry, and showers for our unsheltered neighbors.

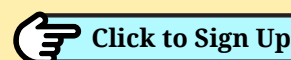
To volunteer, please contact [Debbie Gibson](#) or [Jon Dodrill](#). You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

Give Thanks, Give Warmth:

Our Wednesday volunteers are receiving more and more requests for warm clothing items. From now through the end of the year we are asking the congregation to bring in socks, hats, gloves, and anything else you might have to help someone stay warm; a full list is [posted here](#). We are all blessed; let us "give thanks and give warmth" to our unsheltered neighbors. There will be a laundry basket in the narthex for collections.

Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

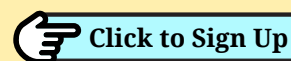
Join us on first Fridays from 9:45 AM–Noon.



Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

Next opportunity: This Sunday, November 9



Sunday, November 9: Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

5–6 PM, Old Florida Capitol

Thursday, November 13: Death Penalty Prayer Service

9:45–10:45 AM, Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Thursday, November 13: Death Penalty Vigil

6–6:30 PM, Governor's Mansion Parking Lot

Friday, November 14: Death Penalty Service of Remembrance

Noon–12:30 PM, FL Capitol Rotunda

Spiritual Formation

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

Youth Sunday School

K–5 in Room 306, Middle and High in Room 301

"Feasting on the Word" Lectionary-Based Bible Study

Calvin Room and via [Zoom](#)

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room and via [Zoom](#)

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

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New Office Hours

Beginning November 10, 2025

Monday: 12 PM–5 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 10 AM–2 PM

Friday: 12 PM–5 PM

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!

Office Staffing Update: Welcome Jackie Callahan!

We are happy to announce that Jackie Callahan will be joining the staff as our new Communications and Administrative Coordinator, and her first day in the office will be November 10th. Jackie is retired from the Division of Disability Determinations, the state program that processes



Social Security disability applications, as a Program Administrator. She was active with Second Harvest outreach at her church in Crawfordville for many years and has been a volunteer for Florida State Parks.

We appreciate your understanding during this time of transition, especially while Jackie becomes familiar with our church management software and other systems. Please make her feel welcome!

New Library Books!

Would you like to more deeply study topics such as prayer, dealing with grief, or spiritual practice and theology? Stop by the church library to review many interesting books, including those recently donated by our own Greta Reed. If you find a book that speaks to you, feel free to check it out!

Happy Birthday, First Pres!

On November 4, 1832, "a committee from the Georgia Presbytery held a protracted meeting and organized a church composed of two Ruling Elders and sixteen private members, to be received in the care of the (Georgia) Presbytery as the Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida." (*At First*, Barbara Rhodes) Happy 193rd Birthday, First Church!

This Week: Two Cents-a-Meal Sunday

Many of you made two cents-a-meal containers at our October intergenerational Church School class, or perhaps you were given one of the beautiful containers made by our elementary class students. These students will be outside the church to receive your two cents-a-meal offerings as you come to church on November 9. We're grateful for their participation in this important mission!

Two Cents-a-Meal began fifty years ago when Rosellyn Calvert, a Presbyterian woman in Titusville, FL, and her family were undergoing extreme financial difficulties. After a layoff, her family of three had \$1.00 a day for food. While trying to find a way her family could help the people in Bangladesh, she realized they could give 2 cents a day and still make a sizeable impact. She sent the money and an explanation to the office of the PCUS. It was adopted by her presbytery and quickly spread across the nation, becoming an important part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Through giving a few cents at mealtimes we can express thanks for what we have received and remember that, while we are blessed with food, others go hungry.



Recap: CAJM-FPC Justice Ministry Luncheon

We had our Capital Area Justice Ministry meeting after worship on Sunday, October 12. This was a time of fellowship, sharing and discovery! We named some of our concerns about our community and learned that many are shared, i.e. safety from gun violence, fear of losing healthcare, discomfort with promotion of ideas and actions that diminish democracy, prevalence of hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and affordable housing.

These issues were shared by our justice ministry members at the October 28, CAJM Nation—Network Assembly. Other CAJM members shared as well! In addition to issues already being addressed by the CAJM network, i.e. affordable housing, gun violence, and food insecurity, we are including mental health and immigration.

There is much work to be done! If you are not already actively involved, please take a look at the website <https://www.capitalareajustice.org/> and join the movement for justice!

