



This Week @ First

Friday, November 14, 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.

Spiritual Formation

All classes are 9:30–10:30 AM.
A nursery is 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](#)

Connection First, a local non-profit, will share about their Adult Restorative Justice Program and how it’s strengthening accountability and healing in our community. Janelle Edens and Dazz Grady will be our guests. Connection First will observe International Restorative Justice Week from November 16 to 22. To learn more and register, visit connectionfirst.org/events.

Looking ahead, we will begin a four-part Advent series on November 23rd (the Sunday before Advent begins). The series will skip a week for the intergenerational class on December 7 (see page 2!), and conclude on December 21.

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

***Changes to Nursery Staffing:** Beginning on Sunday, Nov. 23, there will be a sign on the nursery door with numbers to call if someone arrives and needs childcare. Members who have completed the Safe Gatherings screening will always be available when needed.

Compassion and Social Justice

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 [Jon Dodrill](#). You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

Give Thanks, Give Warmth:

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.

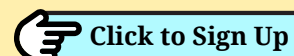
Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

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



Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16: Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice
5–6 PM, Old Florida Capitol

Thursday, November 20: Death Penalty Prayer Service
9:45–10:45 AM, Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Thursday, November 20: Death Penalty Vigil
6–6:30 PM, Governor’s Mansion Parking Lot

Friday, November 21: Death Penalty Service of Remembrance
Noon–12:30 PM, FL Capitol Rotunda

Ringers Wanted!



We are looking forward to having a handbell choir as part of our service for Christmas Eve. If you are interested in taking part, please email bryan@oldfirstchurch.org for more information. First time ringers are welcome to join!

New Office Hours

Monday: 1 PM–5 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 10 AM–2 PM

Friday: 1 PM–5 PM

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Gathering to Worship, Reaching Out to Serve: Highlighting the work of First Pres

In the Stewardship Campaign's Vision Survey, many respondents expressed a desire to know more about the work of the church. This column provides descriptions of many of the various projects that First Pres and its members undertake at the church, both within our congregation and in relation to our wider community.

Responding to Hunger, Near and Far



To the right, you can view a shipment of groceries with a focus on protein for friends in Cuba, where food shortages and nutritional poverty are widespread: chicken, pork, rice, beans, and eggs. The food was ordered from an online supermarket that only accepts credit cards that are difficult to get within Cuba. This shipment was sent to Rev. Izett Samá earlier this month for the congregation at Los Palos, Cuba. We were also able to make a similar gift to a community food program at Juan G. Hall, the church in Cardenas where Alison Infante has served for many years.

Responding to hunger issues is one of the main areas of focus of our Compassion and Social Justice Team. Our "First Sunday Food Collection" of non-perishable food is shared with Second Harvest and Elder Care Services. We also participate in the Presbyterian Hunger Program through Two Cents a Meal.

In addition, our members regularly volunteer at Grace Mission and Second Harvest. To the left is a photo of the bread boxing team at Second Harvest on November 7. Volunteers are always welcome to join on the first Friday of each month!



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!

Mark your calendars: Intergenerational Sunday School, December 7

Join us in the Westminster Room on Sunday, December 7 for hot cocoa and good company, as Bryan Stenson and the choir lead us in carol singing! There will also be a gift-wrapping station where you can wrap Elder Elf gifts. Join us for faithful fellowship on the Second Sunday of Advent, as we await the birth of our Savior.

Advent Poinsettias

The Worship and Music Team will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary during Advent. Members and friends are invited to support these efforts by purchasing a poinsettia. You may designate your poinsettia in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

We encourage you to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service or on the following Sunday morning (Dec. 28).

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please place your order information and check in the church offering plate or send it to the church office (110 North Adams Street, 32301). Order forms can be found in the narthex and church office. Please include the following information with your purchase:



I would like to purchase ___ poinsettia plant(s) to be used in the sanctuary during Advent.

This donation is in memory or honor of: _____

Your Name: _____

Please make checks in the amount of \$15.00 per poinsettia payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" in the memo/for line. Thank you!