



This Week @ First

Friday, January 23, 2026

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 7–8:15 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

Sunday classes are 9:30–10:30 AM
*Nursery care available on request**

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](#)

“Feasting on the Word” will be studying 1 Peter, beginning with Chapter 2, verse 11.

Inquirers’ Class

Westminster Room and via [Zoom](#)

This week we will watch an entertaining and informative [CSPAN interview](#) of Kate Bowler, Duke Professor of American Religious History, NYT bestselling author, and podcaster, talk about the history of prosperity preachers and their gospel.

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

***Nursery Staffing:** If members or guests are in need of childcare, there is a sign on the nursery door with numbers to call. Members who have completed the Safe Gatherings screening will always be available.

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.

Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

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

 [Click to Sign Up](#)

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

 [Click to Sign Up](#)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Old Florida Capitol

NEXT SATURDAY, Jan 31:

Healthy Church Habits Workshop

The Session has engaged the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center to lead the congregation through a restorative process and invites your participation. The process includes three key components: an educational workshop, a listening process, and a restorative circle.

The first component, the educational workshop titled Healthy Church Habits, will be held on Saturday, Jan 31, from 9 AM to 4 PM. This workshop focuses on practical ways churches and members build spiritual vitality through strategies aimed at organizational health.

We are encouraging all congregation members to participate! Lunch will be provided. If you would like childcare, please notify the office. **Please mark your calendar and contact the church office by Thursday, January 29, to confirm your attendance.**

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Matthew 5:6

THIS SUNDAY: Meet Our Musicians for Lunch

This Sunday, January 25th, the Worship & Music and Care & Outreach teams are hosting a luncheon after church so that we can celebrate and get to know our musicians. Lunch will now be provided—just bring yourself and your conversational skills! See you there!

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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DOGWOOD ACRES

Summer Camp Sign-Up

Registration for Dogwood Acres Summer Camp 2026 is now open!

This summer's theme, "**Can You Hear Me Now?**", invites campers to slow down, unplug, and listen for God's voice—just as Elijah did—through worship, community, time in nature, and plenty of classic camp fun.

Summer Camp 2026 Dates

- **High School Week:** June 21–26
- **Intro / Discovery / Adventure:** July 5–10
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Early Bird Discount: Families who register by **April 15** will receive a discounted early bird rate. We encourage you to register early to take advantage of this savings and secure your camper's spot.

Register online: <http://dogwoodacres.campbrainregistration.com>

February Luncheons



Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering

The annual Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering will take place on **Sunday, February 8**, immediately after worship. This will be a potluck salad lunch in the Westminster Room. All are welcome; current membership in a PW circle is not required.

Black History Month Celebration

Our annual Black History Month celebration and potluck lunch will be held on **Sunday, February 22**, immediately after worship in the Westminster Room. Our speaker will be Dr. Aron Meyers, Director of the John G. Riley Center & Museum.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2026 PIT



On the week of January 26, 2026, volunteers will conduct the Point in Time (PIT) count of those thought to be experiencing homelessness in Leon, Wakulla, Franklin, Gadsden, Liberty, Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties.

Volunteers will survey neighbors from sun-up to sun-down from January 27th–30th. Interviews conducted at the PIT are essential to understanding the needs of households who require social services and permanent housing. By understanding the scope of homelessness, goals can begin or be refined to end homelessness. PIT requires the commitment of over 100 volunteers.

All volunteers must attend a training to learn how to conduct surveys in a compassionate and informed manner. The volunteer training for Leon, Wakulla and Gadsden Counties will be 1/25/26 from 3–5pm. Other county trainings will be scheduled to accommodate county specific volunteers.

Join Us
**JANUARY
27–30**

LUNCH & SNACKS ARE
PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS
DURING COUNT

WE NEED HELP WITH :

- Hosting Donation Drives
- Volunteers to Survey during the count
- Sponsorships
- PIT Planning in All Counties

REGISTER HERE

For more information please visit www.bigbendcoc.org or call 850-792-5015

A Fond Clairewell

From our former Communications and Administrative Coordinator, Claire Hodges, who has been supporting the office during our staff transition. Thank you for everything, Claire!

It has been a unique privilege to work for the church in which I grew up. Thank you for trusting me with the keys to the kingdom and for all the support and love I have received from the congregation and community. May FPC continue to serve as a beacon of light and hope in Tallahassee!



Above: Claire at the top of the FPC steeple during the 2025 Emancipation Day Bell Ringing.