

This Week @ First

Friday, January 30, 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.**

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.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room and via [Zoom](#)

This week we resume our consideration of the struggle to ordain women. We will watch and discuss the first part of "[The Philadelphia Eleven](#)," a feature documentary about the first Episcopal women ordained as priests in 1974. Director Margo Guernsey said, "It is about how to break down barriers with grace, and be true to oneself in the process. And it is about standing up to institutions that do not allow all people to be who they are called to be."

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.

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

[Click to Sign Up](#)

Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

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

Next opportunity: Friday, February 6.

[Click to Sign Up](#)

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4-6 PM.

Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4-5 PM, Old Florida Capitol

TOMORROW, 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 in the Westminster Room and via [Zoom](#). This workshop focuses on practical ways churches and members build spiritual vitality through strategies aimed at organizational health.

We encourage all congregation members to participate! You are welcome to attend either in person or virtually, using the link above, even if you were not able to RSVP during the week.

Also, if you were not able to complete the Listening Process questionnaire, you are welcome to do so using this link:

[Questionnaire](#)

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

Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering



The World Is Too Much With Us! (William Wordsworth) The antidote? A leisurely lunch with a side order of encouragement from your PW sisters. Sunday, February 8, immediately after worship in the Westminster Room. No guest speaker, just some suggested questions for table discussion that reflect our study theme of "finding resilience, joy and Christian identity." Bring a salad to share. Everyone wants you to come!



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
- **Intro / Discovery / Adventure:** July 12–17

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>

DOGWOOD ACRES CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS

Pause

A Yoga & Mindfulness Retreat for Women
February 27-March 1, 2026



Dogwood Acres Retreat Center

The weekend will include yoga for all levels, mindfulness workshops and practices, gathering times, guided hikes, outdoor activities, healthy meals and snacks, meditation, and plenty of time to just be still.

Cost: \$230 including all activities, lodging, and meals.

[Register here](#)

Death Penalty Services February 10-11

Unless there is a stay, the execution of Ronald Heath will take place on Tuesday, February 10 at 6 PM. Heath was sentenced to death for the murder of Michael Sheridan in Alachua County in 1989.

Prayer Service:

9:45 AM on Tuesday, February 10 (*Good Shepherd Catholic Church*)

Candlelight Vigil:

6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10 (*Parking lot in front of Governor's Mansion*)

Service of Remembrance:

Noon on Wednesday, February 11 (*FL Capitol rotunda*)

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.



A belated welcome to Choral Scholar Clement Lee-Sursin! Clement is a sophomore at Florida State majoring in music performance. He hopes to sing with a professional choir one day.



Fabulous February Birthdays

Happy birthday to Lillian Cleveland Beychok, Vince Codrick, Pete Crowell, Brian Hanson, Sue Hightower, Mary Kutter, Marge Meeter, Sue Safford, Margaret Stakenas, Larry Stevenson, Sam Stevenson, and Kris Sullivan!

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!