

# This Week @ First

Friday, February 6, 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 will watch and discuss the second 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.

### 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.

**Next opportunity: Sunday, February 8.**

 [Click to Sign Up](#)

### Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Old Florida Capitol

## Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering



Join your PW sisters for a leisurely lunch with a side order of encouragement on 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!

## Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Small Group Listening and Discussion Meetings

The educational workshop Healthy Church Habits, sponsored by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), was held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, and was a success, with approximately 50 members of the congregation participating! We are now preparing the next phase of the LMPC process, the small groups. This phase will consist of 90-minute small-group listening and discussion sessions, providing uninterrupted time for each participant to share their perspective. The group facilitators will be Reverend Jay Whitmyer and Reverend Doctor Eugene A. Blair.

**The small group meetings (no more than 12 participants per group)** will be held February 26–28 at church and at Westminster Oaks. If you have not already signed up for a small group, you can do so using the link below. We encourage all congregation members to participate!

[Register here!](#)



**Don't forget your change!**  
**2-cents-a-meal collection this Sunday!**

## Summer Camp and Retreat Sign-Ups



# DOGWOOD ACRES



### Pause Yoga and Mindfulness Retreat for Women

February 27 – March 1, 2026

### “Becoming”: A Retreat for Men

March 6–7, 2026

Led by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Steen

### Summer Camp 2026

- **High School Week:** June 21–26
- **Intro / Discovery / Adventure:** July 5–10 and July 12–17
- **Early Bird Discount for registering by April 15!**

Save the  
Date:  
**Sunday,  
February 22**

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

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. If you can help with decorating, set-up, or cleanup, please contact any member of the Healing Racism Task Force.

## John G. Riley Center & Museum Opens New Exhibit



As a part of our church's commitment to work toward healing historic harms, the Healing Racism Task Force presented a check to the John G. Riley Center & Museum in January. On January 29, Glenn Hodges, Pam McVety and Ann Westall (representing the Task Force) and Bob McVety (representing the Session) attended a VIP reception for the opening of the museum's World War II exhibit. FPC was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for our support and “commitment to preserving and advancing African American History in Tallahassee.” In celebration of Black History Month, the Task Force encourages you to visit the Museum. Let them know that you are a proud FPC member!

**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
**PANGAKE & DINNER**  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
**5:30 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!

*Click here for the*  
**Weekly Schedule**

**Monthly Calendar**

More info available on [Breeze](#)

## 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.

**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*).

*Additional executions have been set for February 24 and March 3. Identical prayer services, vigils, and services of remembrance will be held for each.*

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