

# This Week @ First

Friday, February 20, 2026

## Worship & Music

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

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7–8:15 PM. We meet on Sundays at 10:15 AM in the choir room. New singers are always welcome!

## 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](#)

### Inquirers’ Class

Westminster Room and via [Zoom](#)

In observance of Black History Month, Deborah Whisnant will lead a discussion about Black Seminole leadership of the 1836 Slave Rebellion in Florida. After worship, we will reconvene in the Westminster Room for the churchwide Black History Month celebration and potluck lunch.

**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.

To submit information for the newsletter and/or bulletin (as space permits), please use [this link](#), which will take you to an online form. Submissions are due by Thursday at noon.

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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:

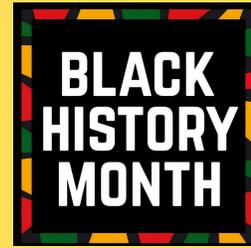
Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

 [Click to Sign Up](#)

### Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Old Florida Capitol

*Celebrate*



Our annual Black History Month celebration and potluck lunch will be held this **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.



*The Westminster Room was busy this week as we had the privilege of hosting the Florida Council of Churches when the group came to town for training and meeting with legislators. Learn more about FCC [here](#).*

# Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Small Group Meetings and Restorative Circle

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Small Groups begin next week, running from February 26 to 28. The small groups will provide an opportunity for members to share their views and experiences of the church's life and mission. The first set of groups will meet at Westminster Oaks on Thursday, February 26, at the home of Rochelle Davis, 2718 Timbertrail Circle. from 1 PM to 2:30 PM, and from 3 PM to 4:30 PM

The remaining groups will take place in the Westminster Room at First Presbyterian Church. On Friday, February 27, groups will meet from 11 AM to 12:30 PM; 1 PM to 2:30 PM; 3:30 PM to 5 PM; and 5:30 PM to 7 PM. On Saturday, February 28, the group times are 11 AM to 12:30 PM, and 1 PM to 2:30 PM.

The groups are limited to 12 participants, but spaces are still available in most groups. If you have not yet registered for a group, you can do so using this form or by calling the church office at (850) 222-4504.



[Register here!](#)

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Restorative Circle will take place on Sunday, March 1, immediately after worship. This Restorative Circle is designed to facilitate healing, reconciliation, and closure among members. It offers a safe space for open dialogue and mutual understanding, helping to address any lingering concerns or conflicts within the congregation. Reconciliation is vital for restoring broken relationships with God and fellow members, fostering unity, healing, and spiritual growth, and reflecting on Christ's mission for our church. A hot meal will be provided by the Refire culinary program. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



## DOGWOOD ACRES

### Summer Camp and Retreat Sign-Ups

**Pause Yoga and Mindfulness Retreat for Women**

February 27 – March 1, 2026

**“Becoming”: A Retreat for Men**, led by Rev. Sheldon Steen

March March 6–7, 2026

**Summer Camp 2026**: early bird discount for registering by April 15!

High School Week: June 21–26

Intro / Discovery / Adventure: July 5–10 & July 12–17

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Psalm 51:12”

*Click here for the*

[Weekly Schedule](#)

[Monthly Calendar](#)

*More info available on [Breeze](#)*

### Shrove Tuesday dinner

*A small but enthusiastic group gathered on Tuesday for pancakes, conversation, and feats of balance and coordination!*

