

This Week @ First

Friday, March 13, 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

Adult Bible Study

Calvin Room and via [Zoom](#)

This week we will continue our discussion beginning at 1 John 4:16.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room (no Zoom this week only)

Meeting Jesus on the Road: A Lenten Study, is the framework for our class discussions through the remainder of Lent. It offers a simple, meaningful invitation to walk with Jesus through key Gospel encounters, encouraging reflection, spiritual attentiveness, and a renewed sense of discipleship. This week we discuss "Grounded in Prayer" and "Traveling Unattached." If you have time, read and reflect on Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 9:1-6.

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.

Special request: Please help the Spiritual Formation Team prepare for a children's egg hunt to be held on Easter Sunday. We will reuse plastic eggs saved from years past, but the congregation is asked to donate some additional eggs, wrapped candies and small toys which can be used to fill our eggs. There will be a box marked for that purpose on the table outside the church office. It would be most helpful if the candy and toys were to arrive on or before Wednesday, April 1. Thank you for your help!



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.



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



Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women

All Presbyterian Women are cordially invited to attend the Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Florida Presbytery. This special event will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Dogwood Acres Camp and Retreat Center, located at 3320 Harmony Road, Chipley, Florida.

- Registration and Fellowship 9:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM EDT
- Business Meeting: 9:30 AM CDT / 10:30 AM EDT

Our theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit." Please register with Vicki Bell at vabb1954@gmail.com. The registration fee is \$20.00, payable at the door, and includes Continental Breakfast and a full meal at lunch.

It is an uplifting experience to attend the Annual Gathering with others from across the Big Bend. One of the activities will be a flower ceremony honoring the PW sisters who died during the previous year. The five wonderful women we will honor from First Pres Tallahassee are Jane Hughes, Carol Lou Phillips, Harriet Chase, Sandy Burkholder, and Barbara Kronholz.

If you have any questions or need information regarding lodging at Dogwood Acres, please contact Vicki Bell.



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Execution Vigils

Unless there is a stay, Michael King is scheduled to be executed on Tuesday, March 17. James Duckett is scheduled to be executed on Tuesday, March 31. A vigil will take place at 6 PM outside the Governor's Mansion on the evening of each execution. A service of remembrance for these men and their victims will take place the day following each execution at noon in the Capitol Rotunda.



DOGWOOD ACRES

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



CAPITAL AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY

Justice is Love in Action

Potluck Lunch Sunday, March 22



Please plan to participate in the "CAJM Catchup Potluck" after Worship on Sunday, March 22, 2026 in the Westminster Room. Bring your favorite dish to share and receive an update on activities of our justice ministry with the Capital Area Justice Ministry!

Recognizing Service to Presbytery



Each year the Florida Presbytery recognizes and thanks the various officers and volunteers who make it possible for Presbytery to fulfill its role.

Please join in thanking our own Mary Hodges for her service as Presbytery Moderator over the past year. Mary continues to serve as a vice-moderator of the Ministry Coordinating Council. In addition, our designated pastor, Glenn Hodges, serves on the Permanent Judicial Commission.

Remembering Fred Rogers

Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament in the PC(USA) with a lifelong commitment to peacemaking. Although he died more than 20 years ago, his messages about reconciliation and community seem more relevant than ever.

March 20th was his birthday and the the PC(USA) has chosen to use this day to highlight all we can still learn from his work. The Mission Yearbook for March 20 includes links to a number of activities and reflections on Mr. Rogers' life and work. The yearbook entry quotes Author Michael Long, from his book *Peaceful Neighbor: Rediscovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers*:



"As Mister Rogers puts this in his concluding monologue, 'You see, people can imagine bad things, hurtful things, angry war-like things, but people can also imagine good things, helpful things, happy peaceful things.' ... Peace is possible because we are actors, not passive victims, who can always choose to create the peace we have envisioned."

Mark your calendars:

Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop April 19th following worship

Everyone is invited — men, women, youth and children. Join us on April 19th immediately after worship in the Westminster Room for lunch, fellowship and mission work. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided.

Future newsletters will have more information about the specific opportunities which will be available to support mission projects. In the meantime, please consider beginning to collect needed items to be used at the workshop, including:

- children's T-shirts to make reading gift bags for First Pres Preschool students
- adult T-shirts — new or gently used in sizes (M,L,XL)
- men's or women's underwear (M,L,XL)
- new or lightly used books appropriate for preschoolers (not over-sized, please)

There will be a collection box on the table just outside the office in the Education Building where donations may be left.

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.