

This Week @ First

Friday, April 24, 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 in the choir room below the sanctuary. 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](#)

The class will continue our discussion of Genesis at chapter 6, verse 9.

Inquirers' Class: Westminster Room (*NOT* Zoom)

This week we conclude our two-week study of The Hajj with a focus on the major rituals in Mecca — including the wearing of ihram, circling the Ka'aba, walking in the steps of Hagar, and the Day of Arafat. We'll explore themes of equality, forgiveness, and transformation, and consider how physical movement shapes spiritual experience. All are welcome. Last week we viewed and discussed the first 20 minutes of [The Hajj](#), one of six episodes in the PBS series [Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler](#) (available with PBS Passport). We plan to be back on Zoom next week.

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.

Happy May Birthdays

...to Donna Barber, Beverley Booth, Andra Copeland, Palmer Corzine, Nancy Davis, Jodee Dorsey, Joe Fixel, Grant Hodges, Nathan Hoekman, Caitlin James, Thomas Kennedy, Marnie Parry, Rich Peyton, Greg Riccardi, and James Vance!


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](#)

Next opportunity: Friday, May 1

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, Historic Florida Capitol



Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in the Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop last Sunday!

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SAVE THE DATE



John G. Riley Center to Hold Professional Development Workshop

As part of Tallahassee's annual May 20th celebration, a multi-week series of events celebrating the journey to emancipation, the John G. Riley Center will host a Spirit of Emancipation Workshop on Tuesday, May 19, from 8:30 AM to 2 PM, at Parkview at Cascades, 414 E Bloxham Street.

This free program is designed to support those working in museums, historic preservation, education, and related fields, and will offer participants the opportunity to connect with colleagues and gain practical insight into grants, resources, tools, and strategies for preserving, interpreting, and sharing African American history. Sessions will highlight current initiatives, funding opportunities, and best practices, while also incorporating elements of African American foodways, music, and "Spirit of Emancipation" traditions to ground the day in cultural context.

The program will feature a special keynote presentation by Dr. Rik Stevenson, who will speak on African American theology and his archaeological research on sunken slave vessels.

More information and a registration link are available [here](#).



National Faith + Climate Forum

Presbyterians are invited to join over 2,000 people of faith across the US on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 12:00 – 5:30 pm ET / 9:00 – 2:30 pm PT for the National Faith + Climate Forum to hear from inspiring national leaders on caring for creation and working for climate justice, including Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, co-editor of *All We Can Save* and author of *What If We Get It Right?*

[REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY!](#)



DOGWOOD ACRES

Double the Joy Giving Opportunity:

A generous anonymous donor has made a remarkable offer: they will match every gift to Dogwood Acres dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000. That means if we reach our goal of \$5,000 in community gifts, together we will raise \$10,000 for the kids and staff who make Dogwood Acres what it is.

The matching opportunity ends June 1, 2026 – so don't wait! You can give online at dogwoodacres.org or mail a check to: Dogwood Acres, 3320 Harmony Road, Chipley, FL 32428. Thank you for believing in what God is doing at Dogwood Acres!

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

Breeze Tip

You do not need to be logged into Breeze to use Breeze forms. To submit information for the newsletter, use the link in the newsletter (above). To reserve space for an event, use the link on the church website under "building use."



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 2026 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE
 JUNE 21-26 & JUNE 28-JULY 3

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