

This Week @ First

Friday, May 1, 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 9, verse 1.

Inquirers' Class: Westminster Room & via [Zoom](#)

This Sunday we'll view and discuss *Osun-Osogbo*, an episode in the PBS series, *Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler*. The film follows pilgrims traveling to the sacred Osun Grove in Nigeria, where the river goddess Osun is honored through art, dance, and ritual. We will explore themes of healing, community, environmental stewardship, and the ways people encounter the holy through water and creation. All are welcome to join this interfaith learning experience.

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.

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](#)

Next opportunity: Sunday, May 10

Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Historic Florida Capitol

This Sunday: First Sunday Food Collection



Bring your non-perishable food to the narthex this Sunday!

Donations are collected on the first Sunday of every month and shared with Second Harvest or Elder Care Services.



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. 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!

The 2nd Infantry Regiment United States Colored Troops Living History Association will be holding a series of events commemorating Tallahassee's 20th of May Emancipation observance. For more information, visit their [website](#).



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Prayer List Update

We have updated the prayer list in our weekly bulletin, including friends and family actively serving in the military. Owen Elzie, grandson of Bo Elzie, is serving in the Marines and is currently in Newport, North Carolina. David DelRossi, son of Ann DelRossi, is a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed in California. Ross Yeilding, nephew of Mary Kutter, is a Black Hawk helicopter pilot in the Army. He is married and has a daughter who will be turning one year old soon.

In addition, we received the following note from former member Adonica Gieger:

To my beloved First Church community,

Thank you all for your committed prayers for my nephew, Thaddeus. After a troubled childhood and 10 years years lost to prison, he was released six years ago. The first year was horrible, confusing and humiliating, as it is for most Returning Citizens, but today he is a loving husband and a fine daddy to four beautiful children. He is working toward a professional certification as his wife works to complete her nursing degree. They are all loving, generous spirited and strong.

I apologize to Frederick William Faber, but I love this, the words my ears heard: 'There's a wildness in God's mercy / Like the wildness of the sea.' I tremble and praise God for that unfathomable, inexplicable grace. Please keep Thad and all Returning Citizens in your hearts, as you all are held always in mine."

Adonica Gieger

If you have a request for the congregational prayer list, please contact the church office or let a member of Care & Outreach know. And remember that you can be added to the prayer chain without a public acknowledgement by emailing [Debbie Gibson](mailto:Debbie.Gibson@oldfirstchurch.org).

Breeze Tip

Updating your personal information in Breeze is easy. There is a link to the Breeze [dashboard](#) at the bottom of our home page on the church website (www.oldfirstchurch.org). You can always use that link to log in. Select "My Profile," hover over the section you want to edit, and "click to edit section" will appear. Click on that link, update whatever information has changed, and click "Save."

From Your Endowment Management Committee

Bob McVety, Chair

To recognize the 150th birthday of the church, in 1980 the Session created a Sanctuary Rehabilitation Committee to establish a long-range action plan that would enable the church building to survive intact for 50 years into the future. To do so, three capital fund campaigns were planned over the next 15 years. Over \$965,000 was pledged.

The first was the Sanctuary Rehabilitation campaign or Birthday Fund (remodel the chancel, paint the pews, install an elevator). Five years later we raised money for a new organ and remodeling of the chapel in an effort called "Mission of Note." Then, in 1996, we had the "First Forward Fund" campaign to repair the exterior of the sanctuary (the exterior stucco was separating from the brick) and enlarge the parking lot. The congregation wanted to share our commitment to the church buildings with the needs of the Tallahassee community; hence it established a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity with approximately one fourth of the first year's fund raising. Habitat for Humanity of the Big Bend continues today with over 300 homes constructed since its formation.

Also in 1996, realizing that our building maintenance is an expensive and on-going responsibility that would present difficult financial challenges in the future, the Session adopted what is now known as the Legacy and Gifts Plan. Its purpose was to maintain the church buildings as well as continued support of Christian witness in the community. The Plan began with three funds: the Endowment Fund, the Facilities Reserve Fund, and the Outreach Fund. The latter two funds are used for building maintenance and community outreach projects that are not part of the church's normal operating budget. Earnings from the Endowment Fund are used to replenish the other funds. Two additional funds have subsequently been created: the Emergency Operation Fund and the Christian Education Fund (for enhancing youth experiences). Next week's newsletter will include a list of some of the projects funded under the Legacy and Gifts Plan.



WHO'LL BE a WITNESS?

Worship & Music Conference
Presbyterian Association of Musicians

PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS
2026 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE
JUNE 21-26 & JUNE 28-JULY 3

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14 | May | 2026
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