

This Week @ First

Friday, May 22, 2026

Worship & Music

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

Starting next week the "Summer Choir" will not rehearse during the week, but will meet on Sundays at 10 AM. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, the summer is an excellent time to try it out! New members are always welcome, even for a short time!

Spiritual Formation

Sunday classes are 9:30-10:30 AM
Nursery care available on request*

Youth Sunday School will resume in August.

Adult Bible Study: Calvin Room and via [Zoom](#)
This is our last class before our summer hiatus. We'll continue our discussion of Genesis at chapter 18, verse 1.

The **Inquirers' Class** has begun its summer break. We may meet from time to time over the summer, so watch for more announcements as plans are finalized.

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

***On-Request Nursery Staffing:** Members who have completed the Safe Gatherings screening will always be available, and numbers are posted on the nursery door.

Emancipation Day Celebration




Rev. Glenn Hodges gave an invocation at the annual ceremony commemorating the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, on the steps of the home now known as the Knott House. This was over two years after President Lincoln signed the proclamation (January 1, 1863).

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, Historic Florida Capitol

*Save
The
Date*

We will be celebrating the ministry and service of Glenn and Mary Hodges following worship on **Sunday, June 28**. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information in the coming weeks!

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.



First Presbyterian Preschool is a Mission Partner of First Presbyterian Church. It is a non-profit organization which recognizes the importance of early childhood education in a safe, nurturing environment. It serves a diverse group of students year-round in part-time and full-time status. Our annual Scholarship Outreach campaign gives you an opportunity to donate funds which can help families provide a quality preschool experience for their children. The scholarship fund honors a beloved teacher named Belinda Kelly who worked at the Preschool from 1968-2003. **We will have a table in the courtyard after worship this Sunday, May 24 to accept your donations.**

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2026 Nominating Committee

The 2026 Nominating Committee asks the congregation for their prayers as they begin their work to develop a slate for next year's elected officers. In a few weeks, the committee will present this slate to the congregation for the selection of five candidates for the 2029 Ruling Elders and five candidates for the 2027 Nominating Committee.

The current committee welcomes input and nominations from the congregation. Yellow nomination forms will be available in the Narthex on Sunday; they can be filled out and placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. The names of potential nominees can also be given or emailed to committee members Kay Crowell, John Guthrie, John Hightower, Margy Norman or Louise Rill.



Endowment Management Committee Report to the Congregation

The Endowment Management Committee has proposed some changes to the Legacy and Gifts Plan. In addition to reducing some redundancy and clarification of some wording, there are a few notable changes, all of which will be brought to the Session for approval at the June meeting. They include:

1. Adding a "Strategic Fund" where monies can be held and invested but not be untouchable or restricted as are most other funds of the Legacy and Gifts Plan.
2. Merging the Board of Trustees with the Endowment Management Committee and including the Church Treasurer. Their current responsibilities are closely related.
3. Placing a threshold on the "untouchable" Endowment Fund balance that would allow the Session to use funds above a threshold for purposes that would help sustain the First Presbyterian Church into the future. The Endowment Fund balance is currently approaching \$4 million, and the proposal is placing the threshold at \$3 million. Funds above the threshold could be used if the Session "determines the Church's ministry, future, or sustainability is at risk" and "is envisioned as a limited and temporary measure necessary for the long-term health and survival of the Church to increase membership, attendance, and income."

The Session would like to hear congregational feedback on the proposed changes. Please see the detailed wording of the proposal that is posted on the church bulletin board as well as on the [website](#). Contact any Endowment Management Committee or Session members if you have any questions or concerns.



Congratulations to our own Emily Bruno, who officially graduated from Iliff School of Theology (Denver, CO) with a Master of Divinity on May 15! Emily has been certified as ready to receive a call in the PC(USA). From left: Emily, Ilsa, Corinne, and Dan Bruno.



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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!