

This Week @ First

Friday, August 14, 2026

Worship & Music

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

The “Summer Choir” meets on Sundays at 10 AM and new members are always welcome!

And please mark your calendars for the **Service of Installation for Rev. Mark Phillips** that will be held in our sanctuary on **Sunday, September 13, at 4 PM.**

If you have not previously attended an installation service, it is a wonderful opportunity to connect and worship not only with friends from this congregation, but with ministers and members of other congregations across the Presbytery.

Spiritual Formation

Sunday school for **Children and Youth** will begin meeting on Sunday, September 13.

The **Adult Bible Study** will resume this Sunday, August 16, at 9:30 AM, in the Calvin Room and by [Zoom](#). We will continue our study of Genesis at chapter 20, verse 1.

The **Inquirers’ Class** also resumes August 16 at 9:30 AM in the Westminster Room and on [Zoom](#). We will view and discuss the first 18 minutes of the PBS film, “Free Exercise: America’s Story of Religious Liberty,” focusing this week on the Quakers and their historical struggle for religious freedom. In coming weeks, other chapters of the [PBS film](#) will guide our examination of religious freedom through the eyes of Baptists, Black churches, Catholics, Mormons, Jews, and other religious minorities.

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

Child care will be available in the church nursery (Room 205) beginning at 9:15 AM.

Contacting the Pastor: Mark plans to be in the office Mondays through Fridays and welcomes visits. He asks that you call or email ahead of time simply to be sure he will be present when you are able to stop by and not attending to other matters outside of the office.

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.

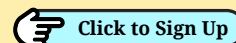
NEW SECOND HARVEST SIGN-UP PROCEDURE!

Second Harvest is now requiring volunteers to sign up directly with Second Harvest using their “[volunteer portal](#),” whether they are volunteering as individuals or as part of a church or community group.

We will continue going as a group on the first Friday of every month, and we will post links to the volunteer portal for those dates on the church calendar. For any questions, please contact [Debbie Gibson](#).

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.



Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Historic Florida Capitol

Only two weeks away!

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

All are welcome! Stan Williams will introduce our fall Bible study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians*, by The Reverend Dr. Rhonda Mawhood Lee, and we will collect supplies for First Presbyterian Preschool (see “wish list” on page 2).



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Second Sunday Lemonade

We had a beautiful Sunday for "lemonade on the lawn" last week! The Care & Outreach Team would welcome volunteers to help with this monthly event.



For more information, speak to Dan Bruno or any member of the Care & Outreach Team.

School Supplies: Preschool Wish List

Copier paper, cardstock in various colors, laminating paper, pens and markers, staplers, paper clips in various sizes, glue sticks, bottles of Elmer's glue, glue guns, hot glue sticks, Sharpie markers, thumb tacks, scotch tape, masking tape in various colors, and Command Hooks in various sizes.

Band-aids, tissues, forehead thermometers, latex gloves, Lysol spray and wipes, baby wipes (fragrance free), air freshener.

Sensory toys, magnetic tiles, colorful posters (alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, animals, healthy foods, etc.), and monetary gifts.

Supplies will be collected at the Presbyterian Women Gathering on Sunday, August 30, at 3:30 PM.

Upcoming Execution Vigils

Three executions are currently scheduled:

Tuesday, August 18 – William Silvia

Tuesday, September 1 – Harold Gene Lucas

Thursday, September 10 – Daniel Conahan

A vigil will take place in the parking lot outside the Governor's Mansion at 6 PM on the date of each execution. On the day following each execution, a service of remembrance will be held at noon the Great Seal in the Capitol Rotunda.

Elevator Modernization Update:

Progress is being made.

Upcoming work will involve installing the interior flooring and walls of the cab. It will be exciting to see the finished product!

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.