

This Week @ First

Friday, September 4, 2026

Worship & Music

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

The "Summer Choir" meets this Sunday at 10 AM to rehearse for worship, and new members are always welcome! We will resume our Wednesday night rehearsals after Labor Day, on Wednesday, September 9, and after that our Sunday gathering time will shift to 10:15 AM.

Spiritual Formation

Child care is available in the church nursery (Room 205) on Sundays beginning at 9:15 AM.

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

The **Adult Bible Study** meets at 9:30 AM Sunday in the Calvin Room and by [Zoom](#). We will continue our study of Genesis at chapter 26, verse 1.

The **Inquirers Class** meets at 9:30 AM Sunday in the Westminster Room and by [Zoom](#). This week we will resume our series based on the [PBS film](#), "Free Exercise: America's Story of Religious Liberty," focusing on the role of Black churches in the abolitionist and Civil Rights movements.

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

**Save
The
Date**

Sunday, September 13, 4 PM: **Service of Installation of Rev. Mark Phillips**, followed by a **Potluck Dinner** in the Westminster Room.

Sunday, September 27, 12:30 PM: **Church picnic** at Maclay Gardens. Sign up next Sunday after worship!

Sunday, October 4, 1:30 PM: **Blessing of the Animals** in the church courtyard.

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](#).

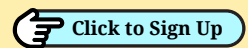
Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

Next opportunity: Sunday, September 13.

Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Historic Florida Capitol



**CAPITAL AREA
JUSTICE MINISTRY**

Justice is Love in Action

CAJM runs on People Power and we need you to join us for our **CAJM (Capital Area Justice Ministry) Kick-off Luncheon** right after worship this Sunday, September 6. We will gather in the Westminster Room for lunch and Listening Circles. We hope you will share your story! Our Listening Circles will center on experiences or stories that highlight what we would like to improve or change about Tallahassee. CAJM will also hold its community-wide CAJM 360 Forum at Bethel AME church, 501 Orange Ave., on Tuesday, September 15 from 6 to 8 PM. More information is available on the [CAJM website](#).

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.

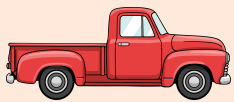
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Driver Needed

First Presbyterian's Wednesday homeless services will be expanding very soon. We are looking for someone with a truck who can help transport stackable chairs from a business in Cairo to church to facilitate this expansion. If you have access to a truck and are willing to help, please contact Debbie Gibson, 850-656-3659 or Gibsond1207@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 1 PM–5 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 10 AM–2 PM

Friday: 1 PM–5 PM

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

Upcoming Execution Vigils

Two executions are still pending this month:

Thursday, September 10 – Daniel Conahan

Tuesday, September 29 – Curtis Beasley

On the date of each execution there will be a prayer service at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 9:45 AM, and a vigil outside the Governor's Mansion at 6 PM. On the day following each execution, a service of remembrance will be held at noon at the Great Seal in the Capitol Rotunda.

Getting to Know Us

Have you been attending First Presbyterian Church for a while and would like to learn more about the ministry and mission of this congregation? Are you looking for a church home and feel that First Presbyterian might be the place for you? If your answer is "yes" to either or both of the above, you are invited to join a "Getting to Know Us Gathering" on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 PM in the John Calvin Room. If you can't attend in person, a Zoom link will be available. Please contact Rev. Mark Phillips at mark@oldfirstchurch.org if you are interested in attending or would like more information.



The Artist Series Presents The Dolphins Quartet

Sunday, September 20, 2026

4:00 PM/First Presbyterian Sanctuary

This event is the first concert of the 2026-2027 season of the Artist Series of Tallahassee.

The Dolphins Quartet is a string quartet and composer collective dedicated to uniting spirits through musical interpretation, innovation, and improvisation. Based in New York City and formed at The Juilliard School, the Dolphins strive to make chamber music vibrant, relevant, personal, and reflective of our time. Their programs regularly feature works from the classical canon alongside underappreciated gems and original compositions.

Tickets (or a series Passport) can be purchased on the Artist Series [website](#). First Pres members will be offered a discount on tickets to this concert.

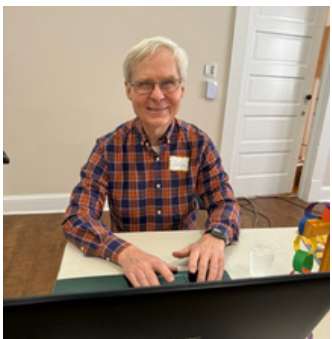
Rev. Phillips met with additional small groups at Westminster Oaks this week. From left: Fred Forsyth, Greta Reed, Carol Stakenas, Nancy Davis, Bo Elzie, Suzanne Young, Bev Booth, Kate Kerr, Barbara Rhodes, Rosemary Colson, Marty Monroe, Mark Phillips.





Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

An enthusiastic group convened on Sunday, August 30, for food and fellowship. Stan Williams introduced our Bible Study for the 2026-27 year, we collected supplies for First Presbyterian Preschool, and circles had their first meetings. Many thanks to all who participated!



We joyfully celebrate the birth of Jada Margaret Beychok on September 2. Jada is the daughter of Lillian Cleveland; the niece of Anna, Eleanor, and Abigail Cleveland, all children of this congregation; and the granddaughter of Peggy Wright-Cleveland.

