

This Week @ First

Friday, September 11, 2026

Worship & Music

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

The choir has resumed weekly rehearsals at 7 PM on Wednesdays. New singers are always welcome!

This Sunday: Service of Installation and Potluck Celebration

This Sunday, September 13, at 4 PM, the Service of Installation of Rev. Mark Phillips will take place in our sanctuary and will be streamed on our [YouTube](#) channel. The service will be followed by a celebratory Potluck Dinner in the Westminster Room. Please join us!



Historic Bell to Ring on Sunday

The Installation of Reverend Mark Phillips will be celebrated with the ringing of the church's historic bell at the end of the service. The 950-pound bell has hung in the steeple since 1850. In that year First Presbyterian Elder David C. Wilson donated the bell, which was an "extra" in a set of chimes bought for a church in Baltimore. It was a welcomed addition to the newly built sanctuary of First Presbyterian (1838) and was used to call the congregation to worship. The bell has endured through many historic events and during the Civil War, the bell was offered to the Confederacy to be melted down to make munitions. Fortunately, the offer was refused. Today the bell is rung on special occasions and continues to be a symbol of the church's rich history and heritage.



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.

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](#).

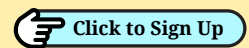
Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

Next opportunity: Sunday, September 13.

Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sundays at 5 PM at the Historic Florida Capitol.



Picnic Time!

The Care and Outreach Team has reserved Maclay Gardens for our annual picnic on **Sunday, September 27**, immediately following worship. Sign-ups will be available after church this week and next. The cost is \$3 per person, with a \$10 family cap. We will provide chicken and lemonade; bring a side dish or sweet to share!



This week's Spiritual Formation schedule is on page 2.

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Spiritual Formation

Child care is available in the church nursery (Room 205) on Sundays beginning at 9:15 AM. Sunday programs for youth and adults begin at 9:30 AM.

Sunday school for **Children and Youth** will begin meeting this Sunday, September 13 and will continue meeting on the second Sunday of each month throughout the coming school year.

The **Adult Bible Study** meets in the Calvin Room and by Zoom. We will continue our study of Genesis at chapter 27, verse 41.

The **Inquirers Class** meets in the Westminster Room and by Zoom. This week we will continue our series based on the PBS film, "Free Exercise: America's Story of Religious Liberty."

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

Execution Vigil

On Tuesday, September 29, Curtis Beasley is scheduled for execution. There will be a prayer service at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 9:45 AM that day, and a vigil outside the Governor's Mansion at 6 PM. On Wednesday, September 30, an interfaith service of remembrance will be held at noon at the Great Seal in the Capitol Rotunda.

Riley House Celebration

You are invited to celebrate with the John G. Riley Center and Museum on Thursday, September 24, as they observe Mr. Riley's 169th birthday with an open house from 10 AM to 3 PM with free entry for all. As sponsors of the John G. Riley Museum, First Presbyterian members are encouraged to drop by. Be sure to let them know that you are a FPC member!



JOHN G. RILEY
CENTER & MUSEUM



Duane and Marge Meeter, Marian and Walter Moore, Pat Johnson, Martha Stewart, and Darlene and Al Oosterhof were the final Westminster Oaks group to meet with Rev. Phillips.

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.

WELCOME



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.

Scam alert: please do not respond to any text messages or emails purporting to be from Rev. Phillips and asking for gift cards or donations. The church office does not send this type of text or email. Delete the messages without responding.

Capital Area Justice Ministry Luncheon and Listening Circle

Thank you to the folks who came to the CAJM Listening Circle last Sunday. We have some serious and heartfelt concerns to take to our next meeting.

For more information about our participation in CAJM, please speak with Sue Hightower.

