This Week @ First

Friday, October 23, 2026

Worship & Music

To watch our worship services, connect with us on **YouTube** and find the weekly bulletin **here**!

Our choir rehearses at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings and meets at 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings to warm up. New singers are always welcome!

The Presbytery of Florida
invites you to celebrate

the ordination of

Emily Bruno

to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

October 25, 2026, at 4:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
110 North Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida

Clergy are encouraged to vest.
Reception to follow.

Save The Date

The congregation is invited to an open house at First Presbyterian Preschool immediately following worship on Sunday, November 8.

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 or learn more, 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. Sign-ups are on the church calendar; you will need to register with Second Harvest using their "volunteer portal." For any questions, please contact Debbie Gibson.

Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:
Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

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Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice:
Sundays at 5 PM at the Historic Florida Capitol.

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** meets monthly on the second Sunday of each month throughout the school year.
- The **Adult Bible Study** meets in the Calvin Room and by Zoom. We will continue our study of Genesis at chapter 47, verse 27.
- **The Inquirers Class** meets in the Westminster Room and by Zoom. This week we will continue a video series where Bryan Stevenson, acclaimed public interest lawyer, joins the New York Times' Ezra Klein for a discussion about reckoning with our history as a step towards creating an era of truth and justice in our nation.
- **Guided Meditation** meets at 10:30 in the Library.

Our **Wednesday Night series** on "The Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" resumes on October 28 and November 4 in the Westminster Room or by Zoom. To join us for dinner at 5:30 PM ($5/person), please call or email the church office; the study begins at 6 PM, and all are welcome.

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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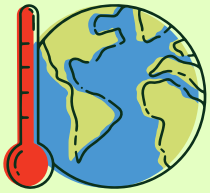
Real Hope and Action in the Midst of the Climate Crisis

The Inquirer's Class will present a special series on November 1, 8, and 15, 2026.

This series is designed to inform and equip us to embrace the remarkable and rapidly growing transition to renewable energy and to inspire us to identify next steps for our local church and the wider church as we address the climate crisis.

More information and suggested background reading are posted on the church website.

We hope you will join us for this important presentation!



Stewardship



Pledge cards will be distributed on November 8. In the coming weeks we will continue sharing news about what our congregation is planning and accomplishing with your support!



Ordination Celebration





Clergy, choir members, members, and friends of First Pres attended the ordination of Pierce Withers at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Thomasville on October 21.

All Saints' Day Observance

Sunday, November 1, 2026

As we solemnly remember all those who have died in the past year, we emphasize our hope in the Resurrection and our place in the "communion of saints." As part of our Communion Service on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, we will remember our members, as well as family and friends of members, who have died since November 1, 2025. If you would like to submit a name to be read during the service, send please send it to Rev. Mark Phillips at Mark@oldfirstchurch.org. All names must be received by Monday morning, October 26.

Execution Vigils

Two executions are now scheduled for November: Jesse Guardado on November 5 at 6 PM, and Thomas Mitchell Overton on November 18 at 6 PM.

On the day of any execution a prayer service is held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 9:45 AM, and a vigil takes place outside the Governor's Mansion at the scheduled time of execution. On the day following an execution an interfaith service of remembrance for the executed and their victims is held at noon at the Great Seal in the Capitol Rotunda.

Lunch at Westminster Oaks





Rev. Phillips has a monthly lunch date at Westminster Oaks. Here are a few of those who gathered earlier this week!