This Week @ First

Friday, November 6, 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!

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 meet monthly on the second Sunday of each month throughout the coming school year. ***Next meeting: this Sunday, November 8!***
- The **Adult Bible Study** meets in the Calvin Room and by Zoom. This week we will continue our study of Exodus at chapter 3, verse 15.
- **The Inquirers Class** meets in the Westminster Room and by Zoom. This week we will continue a special series on "Real Hope and Action in the Climate Crisis." Dr. Patrick Love will provide an in-depth look at the rapidly growing transition to renewable energy. Dr. Love is a physicist; a climate science lecturer at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU; an author; and Chair of the ReThink Energy Citizen's Advisory Committee to the City of Tallahassee's Clean Energy Plan.
- **Guided Meditation** meets at 10:30 in the Library.

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. We can also use help setting up, cleaning up, and in a variety of other ways!

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.
Next opportunity: Sunday, November 8.

Click to Sign Up

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

2027 Stewardship Campaign

Pledge cards will be distributed this Sunday, November 8 and Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 15.





This Sunday, November 8, right after worship, you are invited to a First Presbyterian Preschool Open House led by the Preschool Director, LaTosha Haynes. And surprise–it is also our Preschool's 60th Birthday! There will be cake!



Reminder: Bring your coins to church this Sunday for the 2-cents-a-meal collection!





Speaking of November birthdays...

Happy birthday to Karen Bickley, Nancy Bivins, Corinne Bruno, Carla Connors, Rochelle Davis, Frank Dorsey, Theia Groll, Miriam Gurniak, Carolyn Herrington, Matthew Jennings, Kerry Laird, Margy Norman, Lauchlin Waldoch, and Sabrina Wright!

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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Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent

Mondays at Noon – The John Calvin Room
Beginning Monday, November 30

This Advent season, join us as we dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ! For our study, we will use the book *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Copies of the book are available for $10.00. Please see Rev. Mark Phillips for yours!

All are welcome! Feel free to bring lunch with you to enjoy during the study! The study begins on Monday, November 30 and concludes on Monday, December 21.

Happy 194th Birthday First Church!

On November 4, 1832, "a committee from the Georgia Presbytery held a protracted meeting and organized a church composed of two Ruling Elders and sixteen private members, to be received in the care of the (Georgia) Presbytery as the Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida." (At First/Barbara Rhodes)

Free Symposium: International Human Rights and the Death Penalty

FSU School of Law
Friday, November 13 / 9 AM to 5 PM

Bringing together leading voices on this topic from across the world, including Sister Helen Prejean, the symposium will examine capital punishment through an international human rights lens. Discussions will explore legal, ethical, and comparative perspectives, fostering rigorous and informed dialogue on one of the most complex and consequential issues in modern law. **You can attend virtually or in person, but you must register here.**

This symposium is made possible by funds donated in Sandy D'Alemberte's memory. The event is free and open to the public.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy's Anderson-Ashby Lectureship on Journalism and Public Policy



Back to the Wall, Face to the Sun: Can Renewable Energy Blunt the Climate Crisis?

A conversation with Bill McKibben, Environmental Journalist

Friday, November 13, FSU Alumni Center (1030 W. Tennessee St.)
4:30 PM Reception/5 PM Lecture
More information available here

Catholic Climate Covenant Presents Free Webinar:

How a Super El Niño May Impact Our Common Home

Scientists warn that a "Super El Niño" event is developing in the Pacific Ocean, promising severe ecological threats and a dramatic increase in impacts on our most vulnerable neighbors. Learn about the science and possible impacts of El Niño events, what makes this year's a "Super El Niño," and how climate change may affect El Niño events from Dr. Carlos Javier Martinez, senior climate scientist with the Climate & Energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. This free webinar will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, from 2 to 3 PM ET.

REGISTER HERE



Execution Vigils

Thomas Mitchell Overton is scheduled for execution on November 18 at 6 PM, and Ricardo Gonzalez on December 1 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.