This Week @ First

Friday, November 13, 2026

Worship & Music

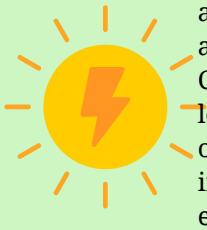
To watch our worship services, connect with us on **YouTube** and find the weekly bulletin **here**!

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.
- The **Adult Bible Study** meets in the Calvin Room and by Zoom. This week we will continue our study of Exodus at chapter 4, verse 24.
- **The Inquirers Class** meets in the Westminster Room and by Zoom. This week we will conclude a special series on "Real Hope and Action in the Climate Crisis." Dr. Dan Terpstra will lead a discussion on how people of faith can model participation in the transition to renewable energy.



Dr. Terpstra earned his PhD in Chemistry from Florida State University and spent his career in computer science. The first moderator of Fossil Free PCUSA, he was a founding member of Third Act, and is a certified Electrification Coach for Rewiring America. His current passion includes working on legislative approval for balcony (plug-in) solar in deep red Tennessee.

- **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.

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

2027 Stewardship Campaign

Commitment Sunday will be this Sunday, November 15. Please prayerfully discern your commitment to the work of our congregation over the coming year!



Welcome New Members!

Following worship on November 8 the Session accepted the following new members, who will formally join the congregation this Sunday, November 15: Rachel Autrey, Jacqueline Callahan, Lisa Ann Collins, Molly Harper, Peter Imholz, Casey Lemieux, and Gary Niblack.

Please join us for a short reception to celebrate them immediately after worship!



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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November's Bread Boxers had a great time! If you can get away on a first Friday morning, you are welcome to join as you are able! Just remember to register ahead of time with the Second Harvest volunteer portal. Registering is separate from committing to specific dates. Our congregation's dates are posted on our calendar. Questions? Talk to Debbie Gibson!



Several former Preschool moms were among those who stopped in at the Preschool Open House last Sunday after worship, pictured here with Preschool Director Latosha Haynes, second from right. The Preschool will be selling holiday cards using the children's original artwork! Cards will be $10 for eight cards, and they will need to be ordered by early December for delivery by December 11. Watch for more information on ordering, or email Latosha at Director@firstprespreschool.net.

DOGWOOD ACRES
Retreat Center and Summer Camp
Vernon, FL

It's not too early to start looking ahead to 2027! Dogwood Acres will host Pause, a women's yoga retreat, from Friday evening, February 26 through Sunday afternoon, February 28; and a Dogwood Men's Retreat from Friday evening, March 5 through Sunday afternoon, March 7. More information is available on the Dogwood Acres website.

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.



Execution Vigils

Thomas Mitchell Overton is scheduled for execution on November 19 at 6 PM; Ricardo Gonzalez on December 1 at 6 PM; and Willie Seth Crain on December 10 at 6 PM.

On the day of an execution a prayer service is held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 9:45 AM, and a vigil is held 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.

Advent Poinsettias

The Worship and Music Team will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary during Advent. Members and friends are invited to support these efforts by purchasing a poinsettia. You may designate your poinsettia in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

We encourage you to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service, or on the following Sunday morning (Dec. 27).

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please place your order information and check in the church offering plate, or send to the church office: 110 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, 32301.

I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia plant(s) to be used in the sanctuary during Advent. This donation is in memory or honor (please specify) of:

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Your Name: _____

Please make checks in the amount of $15.00 per poinsettia payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" in the memo/for line. Return this form and your check to the church office (110 N. Adams St., Tallahassee 32301) or place them in the offering plate on Sunday, November 15 or November 22.