This Week @ First

Friday, November 20, 2026

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 8, verse 16.
- **The Inquirers Class** meets in the Westminster Room and by Zoom. This week we will resume a video series where Bryan Stevenson, acclaimed public interest lawyer, joins the *New York Times*' Ezra Klein for a continuation of *The America That's Still Possible*. We will be watching Session 3: Our Calling to Faithful Citizenship and Moral Action.
- **Guided Meditation** meets at 10:30 in the Library.

Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, a weekly Advent series, will begin on Monday, November 30, at noon in the John Calvin Room. 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, or email the church office. All are welcome! Feel free to bring lunch with you to enjoy during the study. The study concludes on Monday, December 21.

Stewardship Update



As of Tuesday, November 17, we have received 54 pledges totaling $368,600. Our goal for this year's campaign is 70 pledges totaling $475,000.

If you have not submitted your pledge card, please remember to do so as soon as possible. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex and church office. We greatly appreciate the many pledge cards that have already been received! Thank you!

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 new singers are always welcome! *Note: there will be no rehearsal next Wednesday, Nov. 25; we will meet at 10 AM this Sunday instead.*

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.

Click to Sign Up

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

Welcome New Members



New members welcomed last Sunday, from left: Peter Imholz, Gary Niblack, Lisa Ann Collins, Judy Donohue, Casey Lemieux, Jackie Callahan, Rachel Autrey, and Molly Harper.

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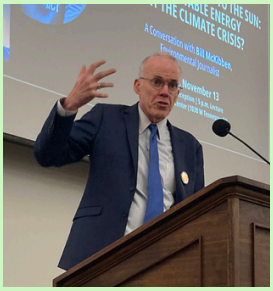
More info available on Breeze

November is Native American Heritage Month. Key dates during the month are Red Shawl Day (November 19), honoring missing and murdered Indigenous people; and Native American Heritage Day, the Friday following Thanksgiving (November 27, 2026).

If you have not visited Mission St. Luis recently, it is an excellent resource for learning more about the intersection of the Apalachee people who historically inhabited this area with Europeans who began arriving in the 16th century.

As we observe Native American Heritage Month, it is important to acknowledge our complicity in the injustices historically faced by Native Americans. Let us also use this time to continue the recognition of Native American Cultures, histories, leadership and contributions.





Pam McVety, Florence Ashby, John Mayo, and a bus full from Westminster Oaks enjoyed an inspiring lecture by renowned author and climate justice advocate Bill McKibben on Friday, November 13.

Execution Vigils

Ricardo Gonzalez is scheduled for execution 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.

Is your contact information up to date in Breeze? Have you uploaded a photo? Call or email the church office if you need help!

All are invited to attend a

Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service

TRINITY

First Presbyterian Church
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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Wednesday, November 25,
12:00 p.m.
at
First Presbyterian Church
110 N. Adams St.

TWO CHURCHES,
ONE COMMUNITY.
A GATHERING OF GRATITUDE

First Presbyterian Preschool, Inc.

Preschool Fundraiser: Christmas Cards

The Preschool will be selling note cards featuring original art by Preschool students. This is a great way to get holiday cards while giving back to the Preschool (and supporting budding artists!). Order your cards (8 cards for $10) by Dec. 1; they will be delivered by December 11. For more information or to order, contact Preschool Director Latosha Haynes, Director@firstprespreschool.net.

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.

Cuban Congregations Update

Thanks to a commitment from the Compassion and Social Justice Team, FPC has been able to provide quarterly support this year for meal and outreach programs at churches in Los Palos (and their satellite church at Nueva Paz) and Havana, in the Havana Presbytery. Life in Cuba continues to be difficult, with food shortages and power outages the norm. Please keep our Cuban friends in your prayers.

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:

_____

_____

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.