



**JANUARY 28, 2019**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

Church School:9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship:10:45 a.m.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM AND 1:30PM—5:00PM, Monday—Friday



**Food First Sunday February 3, 2019**

This month our contributions of nonperishable items will go to our neighbors assisted by Elder Care Services. Please remember to bring a bag with some of the suggested nutritional foods listed below with you this next Sunday. You may leave the bag in the narthex when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

Suggested items you may include in your bag: peanut butter; canned tuna, canned vegetables or fruit, boxed mac and cheese, cereal, or soups.



**Two Cents-a-Meal**



The Two Cents-a-Meal Sunday is February 3, 2019. Please remember to bring your money as you come to worship. The elementary children will be there to greet you and to receive your contribution.

If you have never participated in Two Cents-A-Meal we invite you to join us this year. Simply set aside two cents for each meal you have. You may also write a check for \$21.90 to cover a year's worth of meals. Our small donations added together can make a big difference to people in need.



**Rebekah Circle**

will meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 10:00 am. Elizabeth Platt will host our meeting. We will meet in the Pub in the Parry Building at Westminster Oaks. Greta Reed will lead our Bible study.

**Dorcas Circle**

will meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Specialty House at Westminster Oaks. Harriet Chase will be the study leader for Lesson Six: "God's Promise: I Am With You," and Jane Hughes will be the hostess.



**Welcoming Ministry**

If you are interested in joining the small but dedicated group of people who welcome new members and visitors, please let the Care and Outreach team know by contacting Ann DelRossi, chair, at [adelrossi@fsu.edu](mailto:adelrossi@fsu.edu). We are happy for any suggestions about improving our outreach to those who may be considering making this their church home.

**Blanket Offering Sunday is February 10th!**

This cause, sponsored by Church World Service and supported by Presbyterian Church USA, provides a special mission opportunity for our congregation to assist people in need around the world to help them build a foundation for a viable future.

Our contributions are used to purchase blankets for anyone in need of warmth at home or abroad, tents, emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster, tools and seeds for refugees returning home, wells for families to provide safe water to drink and to irrigate crops, literacy training and microcredits for women struggling to feed their families, and so much more.

Gift envelopes will be available in the pews for several weeks, and checks may be addressed to First Presbyterian Church.



Submit items for publication to: [newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org) no later than **noon** on the Monday of publication.



## Pastor's Column

by Brant S. Copeland

Within the "ordered ministries" of the Presbyterian Church (USA), there are two categories of elders. "Ruling elders" are people elected by the congregation. Ruling elders are trained, examined, ordained, and installed by the session. Their "call" is to govern the work and worship of the congregation and, when commissioned to do so, to serve the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Although ordination is for life, ruling elders give active service on the session in three-year terms.

"Teaching elders" have another title: "ministers of the Word and Sacrament." Teaching elders serve as pastors, chaplains, missionaries, teachers, and in other ministries authorized by the presbytery. The "council" that oversees teaching elders is the presbytery, not the local congregation. As a teaching elder, my membership is not in the local congregation, but in the presbytery.

When a person feels the inward call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament, he or she first approaches the session of his or her congregation. If endorsed by the session, the person applies to the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) to become an "inquirer in ministry." In most cases, inquirers are college graduates who are entering or already attending seminary.

After a minimum of one year, and satisfactory work with the CPM, the inquirer may seek endorsement from the session to become a "candidate for ministry." With the session's endorsement, the CPM examines the inquirer and assesses whether it is appropriate for him or her to move to this next level in the preparation process. If the CPM approves, the inquirer then appears on the floor of the presbytery to be examined and approved to become a candidate for ministry.

Last Saturday, inquirer Erin Rosica, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and a ruling elder at First Church, was examined by the Presbytery of Florida and approved to become a candidate for ministry. The next steps for Erin will be written examinations in Bible, Polity, Theology, Worship, and Sacraments. After clearing those hurdles, she can ask the CPM to approve her as "ready to receive a call." This "call" could be to ministry as a pastor, chaplain, or another form of ministry validated by the calling presbytery. If – and only if – a call is pending, the Committee on Ministry will examine her orally. The final ordeal is an oral examination on the floor of presbytery.

Because ordination in our tradition is "functional," not merely "honorific," a call to ministry is required before anyone can be ordained as a teaching elder. We don't know exactly what the Holy Spirit has in mind for Erin. Her positive experience as a Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital suggests that the Spirit might have chaplaincy in mind.

We'll see. Meanwhile, keep praying for our sister Erin. Pray especially hard this Friday, when she takes her Bible Content Exam!

## Childcare at FPC on Sunday Mornings

Our nursery and preschool rooms are staffed by childcare providers from the Heavenly Helpers Agency. These childcare professionals are background checked and trained in infant/child first aid and CPR. They are present in both rooms from 9:00 a.m. – Noon each Sunday.

**Main Floor Nursery:** Our nursery is for infants and toddlers up to two years old. Parents can drop children off beginning at 9:00 a.m. and children will be cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents to list who will be picking their child up, an emergency phone number and any particular needs the child may have while in the church's care. Children should come with a bottle or sippy cup, preferred snack and diapers. Diaper wipes and additional snacks are available.

**Preschool Care:** Beginning at age two, children go to the third floor preschool room. Drop-off begins at 9:00 a.m. and children are cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents. Snacks are provided.



## Lectionary Readings

February 3, 2019  
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1st Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30



### YOUTH GROUP

February 3, 2019

Following worship, please meet Glenn Laird in the courtyard. We will be carpooling to Midtown Pies for lunch and conversation. Pick up is at Midtown Pies.

No Youth group in the evening.

## ANGST: The documentary

Just over 100 youth and parents gathered in the Westminster Room on Sunday evening, January 27, to view the documentary, *ANGST*. It was a hopeful and informative film that opened up a great conversation about important aspects of coping with anxiety or helping others to do that. Kelly Hutchinson, family therapist and mom, was there to give her responses and input following the film. The young people present were also very happy to share their thoughts and messages they were taking home after viewing the film. Handouts from the film are available on the table near the nursery.

Special thanks to our tech guy, Chris Corzine and those who came early to set up: Anna Cleveland, Molly and Thomas Kennedy, Jonathan Witmer, Glenn and Kerry Laird.

**February 3, 2019 9:15 a.m.**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### Adult Bible Study Class

Calvin Room

(across from the church office)

We will continue our study of the Book of Romans with chapters 2 and 3. Each Sunday we read selections from the Bible and discuss their meaning for our lives today. Visitors are welcome to join us!

#### Hearing the Word Room 205

This class meets to discuss articles, books, and essays of the class members' choosing that relate to faith experiences and serving in the world.

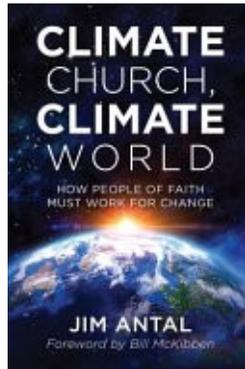
#### Inquirers' Class Westminster Room 208

The Inquirers are exploring what has been done and what remains to be done in the wake of Hurricane Michael. This week, Johanna Rucker will describe the harrowing experiences she lived through and how she and other survivors are coping with recovery. Johanna will bring photos, information on storm-related PTSD, and copies of a book in which her essay and poem appear (*In the Eye of the Storm: Stories of Survival and Hope from the Florida Panhandle*, by Jennifer Fenwick (also available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)—all proceeds benefit Panhandle recovery). In preparation, consider how grace has played a part during challenging times in your life. If you missed Roy Martin's presentation (or would like to see it again), visit [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

#### Letters@First Class Room 206

It is that time again...time to write cards, letters and notes to our church family, college students and those in the community who need our care. We want to let folks know we are praying for them and sending them good wishes. We will have materials to make cards or just write Valentine's notes. Grab a cup of coffee and come enjoy the fellowship while participating in this important ministry of care. Have someone you hope we will write to? Contact Sandy Niedert or Christy Williams – or, better yet, just come join us.

**February Mid-Week Adult Enrichment  
Climate Church-Climate World  
How People of Faith Must Work for Change**



Wednesdays, February 13, 20 & 27

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins

6:30 p.m. Program begins

*Climate Church, Climate World argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced; it multiplies all forms of global social injustice: hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war. Environmental leader Reverend Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge, just as the church addressed previous moral challenges.*

**February 13**

Overview of the Book and an Update on Climate Change  
**-Pam McVety, Creation Care Enabler for Florida Presbytery**

**February 20**

How People of Faith Must Work for Change  
**-Brant Copeland, FPC Pastor & Christy Williams, FPC educator**

**February 27**

Proposals and Recommendations for  
FPC to Address Climate Change

**Dinner is catered by St. John's Lively Café**

Dinner is \$6.50 per person with a \$15 family cap.  
Children under 12 eat free.

**Childcare is available if requested by the Monday before the event.**

RSVPs required for Dinner  
RSVP by Noon on the Monday before the event.

Follow the link to SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february>

**OR** Email : [christy@oldfirstchurch.org](mailto:christy@oldfirstchurch.org)

**COPIES OF THE BOOK ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$20.  
SEE CHRISTY WILLIAMS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ONE.**

# First Presbyterian Church Calendar for February 2019

Date	Time	Event	Location	Comments
<b>Sunday Schedule</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Nursery Opens</b>	Education Bldg.	Care for children last through the worship hour
	10:45 AM	<b>Lord's Day Service</b>	Sanctuary	All are welcome
<b>Wednesdays</b>	7:30 PM	<b>Choir Practice</b>	FPC Choir Room	The Adult Choir meets each Wednesday
<b>Sunday, 3rd</b>		<b>Food First &amp; 2 Cents a Meal</b>	Sanctuary	Extended Communion
<b>Sunday, 10th</b>		<b>PW Blanket Offering</b>	Sanctuary	
	12:15 P.M.	<b>Audrey Rivers Dedication</b>	Downtown Chain of Parks	
<b>Monday, 11th</b>	6:00 P.M.	<b>Ministry Night</b>	Ed. Bldg. Westminster Rm.	Please join for Dinner & Ministry Team Meetings
<b>Wednesday, 13th</b>	5:45 P.M.	<b>Mid-Week Program</b>	Westminster Room	You can sign-up here! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february</a>
<b>Sunday, 17th</b>	3:00 P.M.	<b>Ian Quinn Organ Recital</b>	Sanctuary	Childcare Provided Reception Follows
<b>Wednesday, 20th</b>	5:45 P.M.	<b>Mid-Week Program</b>	Westminster Room	You can sign-up here! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february</a>
<b>Sunday, 24th</b>	Noon	<b>PW Winter Gathering</b>	Westminster Room	
<b>Wednesday, 27th</b>	5:45 P.M.	<b>Mid-Week Program</b>	Westminster Room	You can sign-up here! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ACA623A2F49-february</a>