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Sunday Summer Schedule

10:00 a.m. - the end of Worship
Child care for
infants - pre-kindergarten

11:00 a.m. LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Children and vaccinated adults with masks are welcome in the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children younger than kindergarten.

In Person and Live-Stream Worship

Visit www.oldfirstchurch.org to download Sunday's bulletin and view the service. Services are recorded and available for later viewing on YouTube @FPCTallahassee.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Monday-Friday

FIRST PRESS

The newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
MAY 23, 2022



The last day of school for Leon County public schools is May 25 and the last day of regular church school was Sunday. That means it is time to move to our Summer bi-weekly schedule for newsletters. Please plan ahead so that the information you provide is timely.

Here's the schedule of newsletter production dates:

May 30
 June 13 and 27
 July 11 and 25
 Resume weekly publication
 August 1



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Annual Service to the
Montreat Conference Center
and Dogwood Acres

- Director of Christian Education, Christy Williams, will commence her annual trek to Montreat Conference Center to work as the adjunct staff person for the first set of youth conferences on Monday, May 30. She will return on June 18.
- Christy will also serve as the chaplain at Dogwood Acres, our Presbytery Camp, from July 17-22.
- While away, Christy will still check her email, so don't hesitate to contact her: christy@oldfirstchurch.org



Our meal team provides meals for members and their families during times of celebration and challenge. Although the needs are currently few, it is not impossible that needs will arise while we are still minimizing personal contact. There are ways to help each other that do not involve close interaction, including ordering meals to be delivered. We also have a small group of members who are available to assist with shopping or other errands for those who are trying to avoid leaving their homes. If this would be helpful to you please let the Care and Outreach team know by contacting Linda Smith, chair, at 7Yodanana7@gmail.com. Also, this time of lower demand would be an excellent time for you to be sure you can still access the Lotsa Helping Hands website we use to coordinate most meal requests.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday morning we are thanked those teachers, advisors, coordinators and volunteers who work with the Spiritual Formation Programs of the church. We are grateful to them for their creativity, flexibility, commitment and faithful service.

- Children's Church School Teachers: Eleanor Cleveland, Sue Hightower, Mary Kutter, and Sandy Neidert
- Children's Music Teachers: Aide Whitaker and Emily Bruno
- Adult Class Coordinator and Tech Folks: John Guthrie, Carl Morse, Patrick Kennedy
- Fall Book Group Coordinator: Tara Reynolds
- Youth Advisors: Anna Cleveland, Glenn Laird, Jacqueline Cruz, Yasmyn Gooden
- Spiritual Formation Team: Donna Barber, Aide Whitaker, John Guthrie, Amy Guthrie, Kathee Winstead, Patrick Kennedy, Emily Bruno, Hannah Nalls, Janet Bowman, Sue Hightower
- Newsletter Editor: Kathee Winstead

The Spiritual Formation Team would also like to thank Pastor Margaret Fox for her yearlong leadership in the Wednesday night Bible Study. Also, Ann Westall, Deborah Whisnant and Greta Reed for their continued research and teaching about our church's history on behalf of the Healing Racism Task Force.



First Presbyterian Preschool
 110 N. Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The Preschool Board of Directors are conducting the annual Belinda Kelly Scholarship campaign for the 2022-23 school year. This scholarship fund is used to offset tuition expenses for families in need who otherwise would not be able to have their child attend our preschool. It is only through your generous donations that we can provide this need-based assistance.

We hope you are able to make a contribution to the scholarship campaign for the upcoming school year. Your donation is tax-deductible and specifically designated for this scholarship program. You can contribute by sending your check to the church office, or give online <https://www.firstprespreschool.net/contributions>. There is a special link on the contribution page for the Belinda Kelly Scholarship.

Your support of our preschool scholarship fund directly enriches young children's lives and is a vital part of our ministry in the community. Thank you for your continued support!



Gifts can be made [online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line.

Mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 P.O. Box 643700
 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Old First Church Book Group

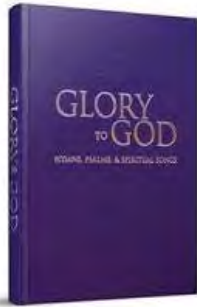


This Thursday
May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

John Cleghorn's book, Resurrecting Church: Where Justice and Diversity Meet Radical Welcome and Healing Hope

The author has confirmed that he WILL be with us to talk about his book and his experience in turning around a declining church in Charlotte, NC by liberating himself, and his congregation from the myopia of white privilege. This is a story of unexpected hope and imagination for those wondering about the future of the church – or whether it has one. Caldwell Presbyterian Church's story offers a vision of what it can mean to hold together diversity and justice as we navigate days in which we are constantly challenged to give up both.

If you don't think you will have time to read the book, Reverend Cleghorn will do a brief summary of the book prior to our discussion so you can still plan to join us. Email christy@oldfirstchurch.org if you want to be added to the Book Group list.



Michael Corzine's Last Sunday With Us Is June 5

On Michael Corzine's last Sunday with us, June 5, we will be presenting Michael with a hymnal signed by as many members of the congregation as possible. We have asked people to try to sign on the page of a beloved hymn. If you have not yet signed the hymnal, it will be available at the front of the sanctuary after worship this Sunday, May 29.



This year the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering celebrates a 100 years of generous giving. Over the last century, grants funded by Presbyterian Women have impacted the ministries of more than 200 organizations and transformed the lives of countless people in the United States and around the world.

Envelopes for this designated offering are available in the pews throughout May or you may mail your gift to the church office noting that it is for the PW Birthday Offering.



PROTECT YOUR VOTE

Due to a change in Florida law, Supervisor of Elections Mark S. Earley is contacting some voters by mail asking for information missing from your voter registration record. This is not junk mail!

According to the Supervisor's website, there is no deadline for submission of the information, but your Healing Racism Task Force wants to encourage you to comply. It is important to make sure that our Supervisor of Elections office is not vulnerable to unfounded allegations of fraud or voting irregularities, and it is always important to protect your right to vote.

Fill out the back of your letter and mail it or drop it off at one of the Supervisor of Elections offices.

OR

Go to RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov

OR

Call the helpful employees at the Supervisor Elections office at (850) 606-8683.



Summer Nursery and Preschool Childcare

10:00 a.m. - the end of worship

- Infants and children up to three years old - main floor nursery
- Three - Pre-K children - third floor preschool classroom

The Twinkle Toes Agency staffs both rooms. All our sitters are CPR/First Aid trained and have had a full background screening. There are two sitters in each room. Please don't hesitate to contact christy@oldfirstchurch.org if you have questions about our summer childcare.

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Presbytery of Florida

produces a monthly electronic newsletter that you may access using this link:

[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





e pluribus unum - out of many, one
the village square



The Village Square and Leon County present Created Equal: A
Conversation about Race in our Elections
Thursday, May 26 @ 5:30 pm
Are elections fair and secure for everyone?
Should we be doing more?

Join a conversation that examines how national and statewide perspectives on voting access and security impact our local community. As a cornerstone of American Democracy, there is a fundamental link between trust in election infrastructure and equal access to the ballot box.

This year's Created Equal program will address this question by connecting academic experts, community members, and advocates to look at voter security and the right for all people to vote. Meet our panelists: Dr. Sharon Austin of the University of Florida, Dr. Michael Morley of Florida State University, and Dr. Keith Parker of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and our moderator Tom Flanigan of WFSU Public Media.

Join the discussion at the 7th Annual Created Equal on Thursday, May 26 at The Moon, 1105 E Lafayette St. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be provided at 5:30 p.m. The panel discussion will begin at 6 p.m., followed by table conversations among attendees. [Register to reserve your free seat to join us.](#)

Created Equal is part of the award-winning series The Club of Honest Citizens, a partnership with The Village Square and Leon County Government.





Sunday Festival Readings

MAY 29, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 16:16-34; PSALM 67
OR
DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12;
PSALM 109:21-31
REVELATIONS 21:10, 22:12-21
JOHN 17:20-26

MAY 26, 2022
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
ACTS:1:1-11; PSALM 93
OR
DANIEL 7:9-14; PSALM 113
EPHESIANS 1:15-23
LUKE 24:44-53



Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

We acknowledge the long history of systemic racism that, through violence, laws, policies, and their implementation, was intended to exclude persons who are not Caucasian from benefits and opportunities - from the first European settlers who considered themselves entitled to land and violently displaced indigenous people from their homes, to the equally long history of slavery which built the wealth of this country, to Jim Crow laws to current instances of police brutality and the overwhelming mass incarceration of people of color.

We declare ourselves utterly opposed to all forms of systemic racism. We are committed to standing with those who find themselves on the receiving end of any form of racism. We will seek out opportunities to oppose all forms of systematic racism and to ensure that black lives matter, as do those of indigenous, Asian, and Latinx people and persons of all colors or countries of origin.

Our faith tells us that we can do no less, if we truly affirm that all human beings are made in god's image.

We dream of a day in which all persons are treated as bearers of that image.





DAILY LECTIONARY FOR MAY 16-31, 2022

Monday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 16:1-19
1 Thess. 4:13-18
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Tuesday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 16:20-34
1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matt. 6:7-15

Wednesday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 19:1-18
1 Thess. 5:12-28
Matt. 6:19-24

Thursday, May 19

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Lev. 19:26-37
2 Thess. 1:1-12
Matt. 6:25-34

Friday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Lev. 23:1-22
2 Thess. 2:1-17
Matt. 7:1-12

Saturday, May 21

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Lev. 23:23-44
2 Thess. 3:1-18
Matt. 7:13-21

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 25:1-17
Jas. 1:2-8, 16-18
Luke 12:13-21

Monday, May 23

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 25:35-55
Col. 1:9-14
Matt. 13:1-16

Tuesday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 26:1-20
1 Tim. 2:1-6
Matt. 13:18-23

Wednesday, May 25

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 26:27-42
Eph. 1:1-10
Matt. 22:41-46

Thursday, May 26

Ascension of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 7:9-14
Heb. 2:5-18
Matt. 28:16-20

Friday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
1 Sam. 2:1-10
Eph. 2:1-10
Matt. 7:22-27

Saturday, May 28

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Num. 11:16-17, 24-29
Eph. 2:11-22
Matt. 7:28-8:4

Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 3:1-12
Heb. 12:18-29
Luke 10:17-24

Monday, May 30

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Josh. 1:1-9
Eph. 3:1-13
Matt. 8:5-17

Tuesday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
1 Sam. 16:1-13a
Eph. 3:14-21
Matt. 8:18-27

If you wish to read these on your computer you will find them on the PCUSA website [here](#).



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 1-15, 2022

Wednesday, June 1

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Isa. 4:2–6
Eph. 4:1–16
Matt. 8:28–34

Thursday, June 2

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Zech. 4:1–14
Eph. 4:17–32
Matt. 9:1–8

Friday, June 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:27–34
Eph. 5:1–32
Matt. 9:9–17

Saturday, June 5

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Ezek. 36:22–27
Eph. 6:1–24
Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, June 5

Day of Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Pss. 29; 33
Deut. 16:9–12
Acts 4:18–21, 23–33
John 4:19–26

Monday, June 6

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Eccl. 7:1–14
Gal. 4:12–20
Matt. 15:21–28

Tuesday, June 7

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Eccl. 8:14–9:10
Gal. 4:21–31
Matt. 15:29–39

Wednesday, June 8

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Eccl. 9:11–18
Gal. 5:1–15
Matt. 16:1–12

Thursday, June 9

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Eccl. 11:1–8
Gal. 5:16–24
Matt. 16:13–20

Friday, June 10

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Eccl. 11:9–12:14
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Matt. 16:21–28

Saturday, June 11

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Num. 3:1–13
Gal. 6:11–18
Matt. 17:1–13

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5
Rev. 19:4–16
John 1:29–34

Monday, June 13

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36
Rom. 1:1–15
Matt. 17:14–21

Tuesday, June 14

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Num. 11:1–23
Rom. 1:16–25
Matt. 17:22–27

Wednesday, June 15

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Num. 11:24–33 (34–35)
Rom. 1:28–2:11
Matt. 18:1–9

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