

FIRST PRESS

The newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

JUNE 27, 2022

Summer Choir



The Summer Choir meets
Sunday mornings at 10:00
in the Choir Room.

All are welcome to sing.

Bring the family!

Contact Judy Arthur or the
church office for more
information, or just arrive
on Sunday at 10:00.

No midweek rehearsals,
no vestments.



Photo by Dave Barfield

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Sunday Summer Schedule

10:00 a.m. thru 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



Message from the Clerk of the Session, Janet Bowman

The Session met last week with Reverend Sheldon Steen, the moderator appointed by the Presbytery of Florida to assist as we search for an Interim Pastor, attend to pastoral needs of the congregation, and continue the important ministries of our church.

At the meeting, the Session elected an Interim Pastor Search Committee that will begin its work this week. The seven members of the Committee are: Jane Atkinson, Donna Barber, Carolyn Bradley, Barbara Busharis, Robyn Stevenson, David Strange, and Peggy West. Linda Shelley will work with the Committee as our congregation's liaison with Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Please pray for and support our Search Committee as it begins this critical work for the congregation.

The Session also addressed how it will provide pastoral care to the congregation this summer. We will provide this information to the congregation soon.

You also may be interested in the Personnel Team's plans—pending arrival of an Interim Pastor—for managing and supporting staff. The team:

- Met with Pastor Margaret Fox just before she departed Tallahassee.
- Met with Christy, Jim, and Lori last Friday and will follow up next week to hear individual perspectives and concerns.
- Will share its conclusions and important takeaways with the Session.

In the absence of a head of staff, members of the Personnel Team will take turns each week: (1) staying in touch with staff by phone and in-person, (2) providing management support, (3) being "on call" to hear questions, concerns, and needs, and (4) serving as a liaison between staff and the Session.

Old First Church Book Group

August 25 @ 7:00 PM

What better way to spend a summer afternoon than **READING A BOOK!!**

On August 25 we will meet to discuss, **Becoming Mrs. Lewis** by Patti Callahan.

This is the story of C.S. Lewis' wife, Joy Davidman, also a writer and poet. It is a love story (maybe a little lighter summer fare than we are used to) but we will find many things to discuss about this writer and independent thinker in a time when that was not well accepted by the culture. We will also learn more about C.S. Lewis, theologian and author of many books including the beloved Narnia series.

Christy Williams currently has two books to lend out at the church and hopes to get a few more. Let her know if you need one. With the amount of time we have, we may be able to pass a few copies around before our Book Group on August 25.





Did you know...We have two separate prayer ministries, and invite you to participate in either, or both. You are not limited to asking for prayers for yourself, but when the prayer requests involves another individual, please get permission from the person concerned before submitting his or her name.

To have a prayer concern read aloud during worship, please call the office during the week (850-222-4504), and Lori will ensure that your request is relayed to both our pastoral care team and the Care and Outreach Team. You may also indicate whether the request should be repeated from week to week.

In addition to prayers read during worship, you can contact Debbie Gibson (gibsond1207@gmail.com) to be placed on a list shared with a group that has covenanted to pray for specific requests. Once Debbie knows of a need, it will be relayed to the prayer chain for the volunteers in that ministry to hold up the specific concerns or celebrations in prayer for as long as is needed. Prayers requested through Debbie will not be read during worship unless you ask for that to happen as well.



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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](https://www.register-to-vote-florida.gov)

OR

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



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:

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P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



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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July 11 and 25

Resume weekly publication

August 1

The newsletter is prepared on Mondays, including those Mondays that fall on holidays. Please submit items for publication to: newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org no later than noon on production Mondays.

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Sunday Festival Readings

July 3, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II KINGS 5:1-14 & PSALM 30

OR

ISAIAH 66:10-14 & PSALM 66:1-9

GALATIANS 6:(1-6) 7-16

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AMOS 7:7-17 & PSALM 82

OR

DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14 & PSALM 25:1-10

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

LUKE 10:25-27

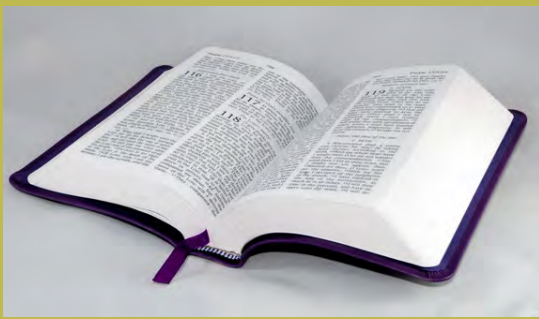


Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 JULY 1-15, 2022

Friday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Num. 24:1-13
Rom. 8:12-17
Matt. 22:15-22

Saturday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Num. 24:12-25
Rom. 8:18-25
Matt. 22:23-40

Sunday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Num. 27:12-23
Acts 19:11-20
Mark 1:14-20

Monday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Num. 32:1-6, 16-27
Rom. 8:26-30
Matt. 23:1-12

Tuesday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Num. 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34
Rom. 8:31-39
Matt. 23:13-26

Wednesday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 1:1-18
Rom. 9:1-18
Matt. 23:27-39

Thursday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Deut. 3:18-28
Rom. 9:19-33
Matt. 24:1-14

Friday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Deut. 31:7-13, 24-32:4
Rom. 10:1-13
Matt. 24:15-31

Saturday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Deut. 34:1-12
Rom. 10:14-21
Matt. 24:32-51

Sunday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Josh. 1:1-18
Acts 21:3-15
Mark 1:21-27

Monday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Josh. 2:1-14
Rom. 11:1-12
Matt. 25:1-13

Tuesday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Josh. 2:15-24
Rom. 11:13-24
Matt. 25:14-30

Wednesday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18;
147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Josh. 3:1-13
Rom. 11:25-36
Matt. 25:31-46

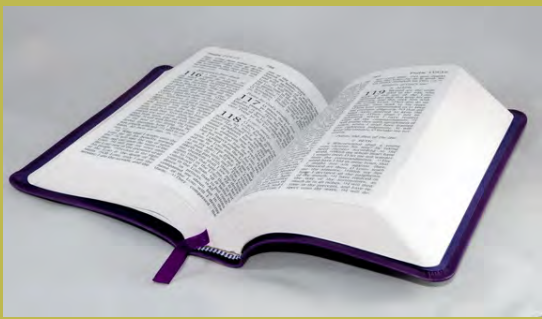
Thursday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Josh. 3:14-4:7
Rom. 12:1-8
Matt. 26:1-16

Friday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Josh. 4:19-5:1, 10-15
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 26:17-25

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DAILY LECTIONARY FOR JULY 16-31, 2022

Saturday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Josh. 6:1–14
Rom. 13:1–7
Matt. 26:26–35

Sunday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Josh. 6:15–27
Acts 22:30–23:11
Mark 2:1–12

Monday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Josh. 7:1–13
Rom. 13:8–14
Matt. 26:36–46

Tuesday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Josh. 8:1–22
Rom. 14:1–12
Matt. 26:47–56

Wednesday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Josh. 8:30–35
Rom. 14:13–23
Matt. 26:57–68

Thursday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Josh. 9:3–21
Rom. 15:1–13
Matt. 26:69–75

Friday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Josh. 9:22–10:15
Rom. 15:14–24
Matt. 27:1–10

Saturday, July 23

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Josh. 23:1–16
Rom. 15:25–33
Matt. 27:11–23

Sunday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Josh. 24:1–15
Acts 28:23–31
Mark 2:23–28

Monday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Josh. 24:16–33
Rom. 16:1–16
Matt. 27:24–31

Tuesday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
Rom. 16:17–27
Matt. 27:32–44

Wednesday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Judg. 3:12–30
Acts 1:1–14
Matt. 27:45–54

Thursday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Judg. 4:4–23
Acts 1:15–26
Matt. 27:55–66

Friday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Judg. 5:1–18
Acts 2:1–21
Matt. 28:1–10

Saturday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Judg. 5:19–31
Acts 2:22–36
Matt. 28:11–20

Sunday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Judg. 6:1–24
2 Cor. 9:6–15
Mark 3:20–30

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