

FIRST PRESS

The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church
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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

Summer
Choir
Welcomes
Ethan Murphy



The First Church Choir is very happy to welcome Ethan Murphy to his first Sunday of leadership with us on August 7th. Soon after his arrival to Tallahassee in July, Ethan got busy learning the church building, finding our choir materials, and making plans with organist Judy Arthur. Please make a special effort to be in worship in person on Sunday to welcome Ethan and surround him with the joy of new beginnings. Make plans to stay a bit: we will have a reception in the courtyard following worship to welcome Ethan and his wife Abbey. Come by, introduce yourself, and share in Ethan's current favorite cake: lemon pound cake.

One last musical note: if you have ever considered joining the choir or just want to see if you like it, this is the perfect time. We are still on our summer schedule and meet at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room for rehearsal. All singers welcome!

Contact Judy Arthur or the church office for more information, or just arrive on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
No midweek rehearsals, no vestments.

Serving Meals at Grace Mission

First Pres has volunteered to help serve Sunday dinner at Grace Mission on the second Sunday of every month. The next date is Sunday August 8. We meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm.

If you are interested in helping in this worthwhile effort, please contact Carol Weissert at cweissert@fsu.edu or go to the Sign Up Genius page directly at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-grace1>

Hope you can join us.



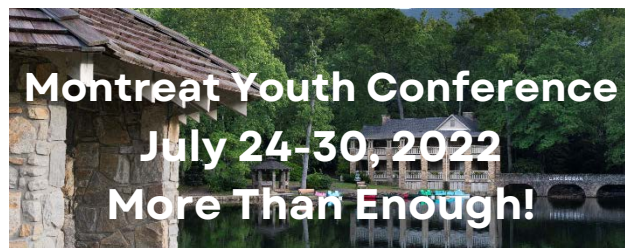
Disciplefest 2022 will be held at Dogwood Acres Saturday, September 17, with the theme "Rooted and built up in him" (Colosians 2:6-7). Gulf Breeze Pastor and Committee on Dogwood Acres Chair the Rev. Bill Lamont will lead the morning worship, and General Presbyter Roy Martin, Rev. Lisa Martin, Rev. Erin Rosica and Rev. Greta Reed will be among the workshop presenters from our presbytery. A guided trail tour also is planned. DWA cabins will be available for overnight stays before and after. Watch for details and registration information.



Tech Team Training



The church is looking for volunteers to learn to operate the current technology systems we use for classes, hybrid Zoom meetings and streaming worship. We would like to assemble about 10 volunteers on a Tech Team in order to share in the responsibilities during the 9 months of our programmatic year. If you are interested in being part of our Tech Team or at least finding out more about what this entails, please contact christy@oldfirstchurch.org. Chris Corzine will host an informal hands-on training on Sunday, August 14 at 9am - we will meet in the Westminster Room. All are welcome to attend.



Despite a van that broke down 20 miles from the Montreat exit, a Lodge that really was cracked in half and Covid joining our group, this year's Montreat Youth Conference was an amazing experience. The speakers reminded us to look beyond the 16 squares of people's appearances and find our own and other's authentic selves; that God is supporting us through the mess of the world; that living in joy is an act of resistance. We were challenged to shine our light into the dark crevices in order to bring about justice and to work towards being in God's good community by practicing love and acceptance. Two of our youth participated in keynote on Wednesday morning where they reflected on whether it matters if the church is still in existence in 20 years. They talked about church being family and how the church absolutely matters to them. Through a week of challenges, our group cared for one another and showed grace and flexibility. I am grateful for the ministry of Glenn Laird - 17-year veteran of Montreat Youth Conferences with our church. Glenn is always ready with a kind word, a car ride, and a helping hand. Kerry Laird has been a cook for these conferences for almost as long and is the "Lodge Mom" we all need - especially this week as folks didn't feel well. Carol Wynn came to Montreat to spend another week with the same crew as went on this year's Mission Trip. It was wonderful to have someone the youth felt such a connection to along to cook and reflect on the messages of the week. God certainly was with us in the messy mishaps of the week. We came out more committed to the ways the church upholds us and has brought us together - Christ at the center of these long relationships is a strong glue. Thank you to college student and youth advisor, Jacqueline Cruz; rising junior, Grayson Polhemus and graduated seniors, Camille Peterman, Ethan Tozer and LeKayla Griffin.

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Images from the 2022 Montreat Youth Conference





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS KICKOFF SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2022

Members attending morning worship will have an opportunity to participate in a special mission project. We will collect supplies for our beloved First Presbyterian Preschool.

Pens

Staples

Glue Sticks

Construction Paper

Card Stock

Crayons

Tape (in all different sizes and colors)

Napkins

Plastic Spoons

Paper Cups

Ziplock Bags

Food Coloring

Circle chairs will distribute new study books and directories following worship.

Zoom Fall Gathering

3:30 pm

The Reverend Greta Reed will introduce our wonderful new Bible Study, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's gift of Rest and Delight.

Individual circles will have an opportunity to meet for fellowship and planning.

Join Us!!

Don't Miss Out!!

GUNS to Gardens

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and
their spears into pruning hooks.
Isaiah 2:4*

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's Guns to Gardens ministry is a partnership with RAW Tools, Inc., to safely dismantle firearms and hand-forge the pieces into life-giving garden tools.

PPF is hosting a 6-week training via Zoom on the logistics of this ministry, beginning August 18. Sessions are on Thursdays at either 12:30 pm or 7:30 pm and run through September 22.

The Compassion and Social Justice Committee invites interested church members to participate in this training as we consider ways we might get involved in this work as a congregation.



Please visit the [PPF website](#) to learn more and sign up for training.

Contact Emily Bruno,
bruno.emilyann@gmail.com or
423.360.3026, for more information.



VOTER REGISTRATION Voting is Power

**Would you like to Register Voters?
October 11, 2022 is the deadline to
register to vote in the November 8,
2022 General Election.**

Here are some opportunities.

1. Bob Rackleff founded the Big Bend Voting Rights Project. It is a grassroots effort with volunteers walking door to door on weekends in "under registered" Big Bend neighborhoods to register voters. To learn more contact Bob.Rackleff@gmail.com or catch him at church.
2. Join the League of Women Voters. They provide training and opportunities to register voters.
3. Work for a nonprofit like the centerforcommonground.org and volunteer to mail postcards or send text messages about voting or updating voter registration.

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 **PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

 **OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

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



CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS: BE THE LIGHT

August 21, 2022

9:30-10:30 AM

Adult Class – Challenges and Concerns raised at this summer’s General Assembly of the PCUSA: Pam McVety, speaker

Younger Children’s Class – Room 306: Growing in God’s Love

Older Children’s Class – Room 301: Re:Form- Ancestors

OPENING CELEBRATIONS IN WORSHIP

August 21, 2022

10:45 AM*

Kindergarteners – will receive Hymnals and a welcome into full participation in the worship service

First Graders – will receive Bibles

Teachers and Advisors – will be recognized and commissioned

*Beginning August 21. Worship on the 7th and 14th will be at 11:00 AM.

Old First Church Book Group

Thursday
August 25
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

Join us as we discuss our
summer novel,

[Becoming Mrs. C.S Lewis.](#)

There is still plenty of time to read the
book if you haven't started

Contact Christy@oldfirstchurch.org
to pick up one of the church copies.

A zoom link and some questions for
discussion will be sent to you
on Aug. 22.



Welcoming Ministry

If you are interested in
joining the dedicated and
enthusiastic group of
people who welcome new
members and visitors,
please let the Care and
Outreach team know by
contacting Linda Smith
at 7Yodanana7@gmail.com.

We are happy for any
suggestions about
improving our outreach to
those who may be
considering making this
their church home.





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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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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[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





Sunday Festival Readings

**August 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER**

PENTECOST

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

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PSALM 50:1-8; 22-23

OR

GENESIS 15:1-6

&

PSALM 33:12-22

HEBREWS 11:1-3

LUKE 12:32-40

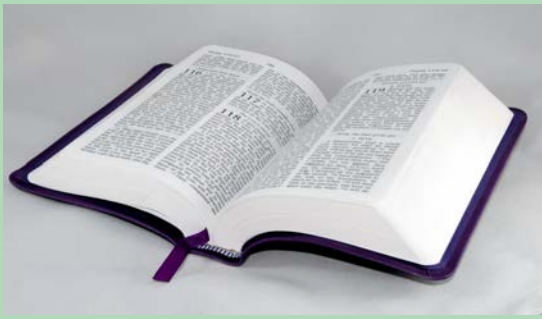


Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 AUGUST 1-15, 2022

Monday, August 1

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Judg. 6:25–40
Acts 2:37–47
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, August 2

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Judg. 7:1–18
Acts 3:1–11
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, August 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Judg. 7:19–8:12
Acts 3:12–26
John 1:29–42

Thursday, August 4

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Judg. 8:22–35
Acts 4:1–12
John 1:43–51

Friday, August 5

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Judg. 9:1–16, 19–21
Acts 4:13–31
John 2:1–12

Saturday, August 6

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Judg. 9:22–25, 50–57
Acts 4:32–5:11
John 2:13–25

Sunday, August 7

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Judg. 11:1–11, 29–40
2 Cor. 11:21b–31
Mark 4:35–41

Monday, August 8

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Judg. 12:1–7
Acts 5:12–26
John 3:1–21

Tuesday, August 9

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Judg. 13:1–15
Acts 5:27–42
John 3:22–36

Wednesday, August 10

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Judg. 13:15–24
Acts 6:1–15
John 4:1–26

Thursday, August 11

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Judg. 14:1–19
Acts 6:15–7:16
John 4:27–42

Friday, August 12

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Judg. 14:20–15:20
Acts 7:17–29
John 4:43–54

Saturday, August 13

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Judg. 16:1–14
Acts 7:30–43
John 5:1–18

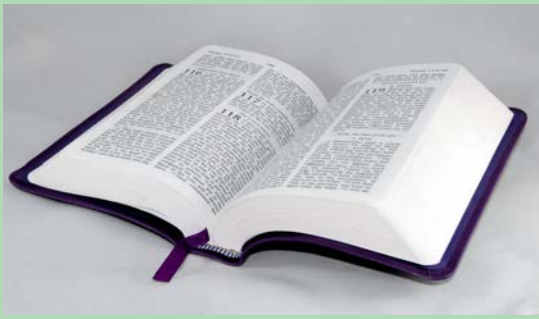
Sunday, August 14

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Judg. 16:15–31
2 Cor. 13:1–11
Mark 5:25–34

Monday, August 15

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Judg. 17:1–13
Acts 7:44–8:1a
John 5:19–29

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DAILY LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 16-31, 2022

Tuesday, August 16

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Judg. 18:1–15
Acts 8:1–13
John 5:30–47

Wednesday, August 17

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Judg. 18:16–31
Acts 8:14–25
John 6:1–15

Thursday, August 18

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Job 1:1–22
Acts 8:26–40
John 6:16–27

Friday, August 19

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Job 2:1–13
Acts 9:1–9
John 6:27–40

Saturday, August 20

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Job 3:1–26
Acts 9:10–19a
John 6:41–51

Sunday, August 21

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Job 4:1–6, 12–21
Rev. 4:1–11
Mark 6:1–6a

Monday, August 22

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Job 4:1; 5:1–11, 17–21,
26–27
Acts 9:19b–31
John 6:52–59

Tuesday, August 23

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21
Acts 9:32–43
John 6:60–71

Wednesday, August 24

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Job 6:1; 7:1–21
Acts 10:1–16
John 7:1–13

Thursday, August 25

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Job 8:1–10, 20–22
Acts 10:17–33
John 7:14–36

Friday, August 26

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Job 9:1–15, 32–35
Acts 10:34–48
John 7:37–52

Saturday, August 27

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22
Acts 11:1–18
John 8:12–20

Sunday, August 28

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Job. 11:1–9, 13–20
Rev. 5:1–14
Matt. 5:1–12

Monday, August 29

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Job 12:1–6, 13–25
Acts 11:19–30
John 8:21–32

Tuesday, August 30

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Job 12:1; 13:3–17, 21–27
Acts 12:1–17
John 8:33–47

Wednesday, August 31

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Job 12:1; 14:1–22
Acts 12:18–25
John 8:47–59

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