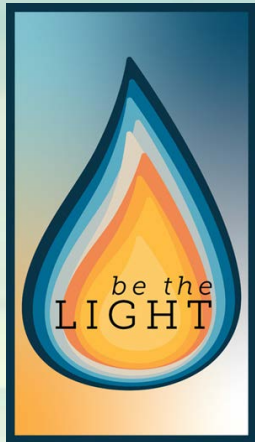


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The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church
AUGUST 15, 2022



Church School Begins: Be the Light



September 11, 2022
9:30-10:30 AM

Adult Class –: Highlights from the General Assembly with our Presbytery’s Stated Clerk, Jeannie Dixon.

**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

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Sunday Schedule beginning September 11, 2022

**9:15 a.m. Adult Church School
Meet and Greet on Zoom & In
Person in the Westminster
Room Program starts at
9:30 a.m.**

**9:15 a.m. Nursery open for
infants - two-year-olds.
9:30 a.m.**

**Younger Children’s Class
Room 306**

**Older Children’s Class
Room 301**

**10:45 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.](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCTallahassee)



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



TEACH

SUNDAY

SCHOOL

NEEDED: Teachers in our Children's Church School Classes!

Both our Pre-K- 3rd grade class and our 4th – 8th grade class needs teachers to be part of a once-a-month, 1-hour rotation. Our program year runs from Sept – May – so this is a commitment of 9 times in a year. The curriculum resources are easy to use, the students are excited to learn, and the benefits are amazing!

Please consider this opportunity to deepen our children's faith formation.

For more information contact: christy@oldfirstchurch.org



Homelessness in Tallahassee

Homelessness is a ubiquitous problem for U.S. cities including Tallahassee. In the latest homeless count of Leon County conducted in February, there were 621 persons who were homeless that night; 102 were under the age of 18; 86 were veterans; 153 were chronically homeless.

The paths to homelessness are varied; the solutions are also varied and difficult. The City of Tallahassee is working with the sheriff's office and nonprofits providing services to step up efforts to help direct those who are homeless to available programs. The Kearney Center provides temporary shelter and other programs provide shelter for families and veterans. But there is a stark need for permanent housing—a much harder and more caring solution.

The Compassion and Social Justice Committee has been working for the past two years on gathering information, attending meetings and interviewing local program leaders, looking at possible models and discerning what we might do as a church to deal with this problem. Here's what's happened so far:

First Pres is a partner with two key homelessness groups: The Big Bend Continuum of Care and the Big Bend Homeless Coalition.

We volunteer the second Sunday of each month to assist in the Sunday meal at Grace Mission. Please sign up to help if you can.

We participated in the annual point in time count of those who are homeless conducted nationally in February.

We are meeting with the volunteer coordinator of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition about projects they need undertaken for Hope Center and programs for persons who are disabled and veterans.

We are working with a small group of advocates to consider the possibility of purchasing a building for permanent housing.

We are monitoring activities of the Tallahassee City Commission which several months ago considered measures penalizing those who are homeless instead of helping them.

There is much to do, and we are still working to find our footing in this important area. We hope this Fall to solidify volunteer and funding projects for participation of anyone interested. We welcome your ideas, your knowledge, your energy in this effort. Feel free to contact me at cweissert@fsu.edu.



Disciplefest 2022 will feature 10 workshops, plus prayer trail walks, worship and fellowship, all amid the beauty of God's creation at [Dogwood Acres Retreat Center](#) and Summer Camp, Vernon, Florida.

[Click here for a complete list of workshops with leaders and descriptions.](#)

[Click here for workshop leader biographies.](#)

[Click here for directions.](#)

Event schedule:

9 am CT/10 am ET - Registration/Refreshments
9:30 am CT/10:30 am ET - Morning Worship
10:00 am CT/11:00 am ET - Workshop Session A
12 pm CT/1 pm ET - Lunch
1 pm CT/2 pm ET - Workshop Session B
2:30 pm CT/3:30 pm ET - Closing Celebration

On-site child care will be available.

Stay overnight at Dogwood Acres!

Contact Dogwood Acres Program Director Eric Hearn for information and reservations (eric@dogwoodacres.org or (770) 378-7289).

[Register NOW!](#)

\$20 per person

includes registration
and lunch

Deadline is Sept. 9

For additional information, contact the Presbytery of Florida at (850)535-2335 or office@presbyteryofflorida.com.



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!!

MEAL MINISTRY

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, as well as the "members only" section of the church website.



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.

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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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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.

September is Banned Book Month and FPC's Book Group
will read one of the many banned books, Lawn Boy by
Jonathan Evison. Peggy Wright-Cleveland will facilitate the
discussion. Join us on Thursday, Sept 22 at 7:00 PM on zoom.
Midtown Reader has these books in for purchase with a 10%
discount. Go to the front desk and ask for FPC's Book Group
books and tell them you are part of the group to get the
discount.

October's Book Group - The Book of Longings by Sue Monk
Kidd. Midtown Reader will also have this book for purchase.





Summer Nursery and Preschool Childcare

10:00 a.m. – the end of worship
Beginning September 11 the nursery
will open at 9:15 a.m.

- 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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[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





Sunday Festival Readings

August 21, 2022

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

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PSALM 71:1-6

OR

ISAIAH 58:9B-14

&

PSALM 103:1-8

HEBREWS 12:18-29

LUKE 13:10-17

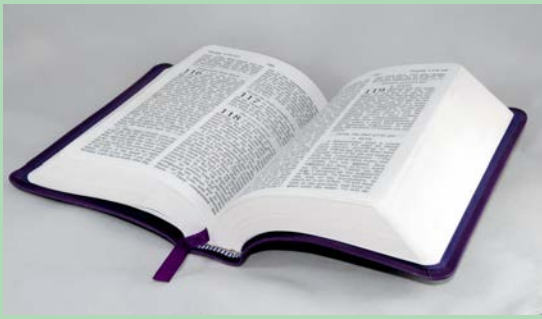
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in God's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 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

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