

FIRST PRESS

*The newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church*

OCTOBER 10, 2022



A big thank you to all who came to the Ministry Team Gathering after worship on Sunday. It's not too late to sign up to help with one of the ministries at our church! If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with First Pres, please contact Lori and she will tell you the information you need to get involved.



The Choir meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and we are open to all singers.

Contact Ethan Murphy or the church office for more information.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**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**

**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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Post-Hurricane Ian: Disaster Relief

1. Write checks to First Pres and designate FLDAPDAN or PDA US Hurricane Response.
2. Send funds directly to FLAPDAN at: Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc, 3146 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609. Earmark your donation with Hurricane Ian. To give with a credit card you can click the page's "[Give Now](#)" [link at FLAPDAN's](#).
3. Send funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) marking your check with DR000169 for US Hurricane Response at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 64370, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Call PDA with a credit card donation at 800-872-3283 Or give with your credit card through the [PDA US Hurricane Response web page](#).
4. If you have or want to put together a mission team to go to the affected areas to help with recovery efforts, information found at [FLAPDAN Volunteer](#) will get you started.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact Presbytery FLAPDAN liaison Tim Crawford at tcrawford@cox.net or (850) 217-2597 or FLAPDAN directly at fla.pdan@pcusa.org or (941) 483-0675.



The 2022 stewardship season has begun. A mailing went out on Friday introducing our theme, Harvest of Hope. If you did not receive the mailing, kindly contact the church office for a replacement. A Time & Talents card is included in the mailing. If you did not have an opportunity to visit with the Ministry Teams in the courtyard on Sunday, please take a look at the service opportunities on this card and volunteer your talents where you feel they are most needed.



Sanctuary Flowers

A fitting way to observe someone's birthday, anniversary, or to remember a loved one who has died is to place flowers in the church. By doing this, we can have a lovely symbol of our love and gratitude for another and a public statement of our thankfulness to God. There are two options for gifts of flowers: you may wish to provide a flower arrangement and bring it to the church; or, if you prefer, the flower committee will supply an arrangement for you with a donation for the flower fund of \$50.00. If you would like to participate in this offering, please print and fill out the form below, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (at 110 N Adams, Tallahassee, 32301). Questions can be directed to Lori in the church office.

Sanctuary Flowers I would like to provide sanctuary flowers to the Glory of God and in memory of (or in honor of and/or in thanksgiving for)

The Sunday closest to _____

This is to be a recurring gift.....Yes No

I would like to be reminded a week prior to the date.....Yes No

I will provide an arrangement and bring it to the church.....Yes No

I can donate seasonal flowers...Yes No Season _____



You're Invited

**Restorative Practice
Listening Circle
Sunday, October 23, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



The Session of First Presbyterian Church cordially invites members of the congregation to participate in our Restorative Practice Listening Circle on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 3:00-6:00 in the Westminster Room. The Listening Circle will be facilitated by Restorative Practices Consultant Henry McClendon, Jr. who has been retained by the Session to facilitate the event. Session members will be trained prior to the event to assist in the facilitation of the listening circles.

The goal of this Listening Circle event is to provide our membership with an opportunity to express how they have been impacted by the pastoral transition process over the past 2 years. We aim to support individuals and help membership who have been affected to explore the collective experience together. This Listening Circle event will provide a space for people to connect, share their experiences, and look to the future.

During this large and small circle experience, you will be asked questions to explore this issue on a deeper level. When participating in a Listening Circle, we will all have the responsibility to listen and an opportunity to be heard.

To help you prepare for this experience and decide if you would like to attend, we want to ask you to reflect on the following questions:

- Am I prepared to listen deeply to those I may not agree with?
- Am I prepared to share my experience and perspective, even if others disagree with me?
- Am I prepared to sit in discomfort?
- Do I have an apprehension about attending and, if so, can I share it with someone?
- Will I be able to address the apprehension and still participate?
- Do I have support if I am unable to continue with the process?

You can register for this event at [Sign Up Genius](#)

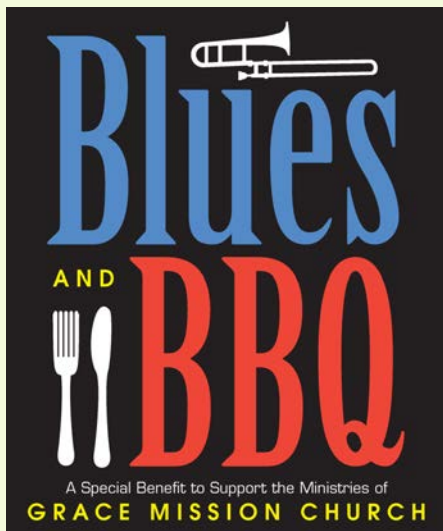
If you do not have internet access you may send an RSVP to office@oldfirstchurch.org. If you have questions about the purpose of and the logistics for the Listening Circle event, feel free to reach out to Janet Bowman, Clerk of Session, at Janetebowman@msn.com. If you would like to receive additional information on the theory and practice of listening circles, please contact Jane Atkinson at janelouise_atkinson@hotmail.com

We look forward to your participation on October 23rd.

We're Collecting Donated Food Again

Please join us in resuming First Church's long practice of collecting donated food once each month, as sponsored by the Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team. We will begin by receiving donated dry and canned food in the narthex on Sunday, October 23rd. The items we collect will be given to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services of the Big Bend to support their much-needed efforts to feed the hungry in our community and the surrounding service areas. A list of the most-needed items is provided here for your convenience. Going forward, we will accept donations on the first Sunday of each month, so on November 6 and December 4 for this calendar year, and continuing into 2023. Please consider including in your grocery list some items for those food-insecure neighbors around us. For questions, please contact Jan Bush.





Grace Mission Event

Grace Mission is hosting a Blues and BBQ fundraising event 5:30-7:30 pm Friday Oct. 14th. The event will be held at Advent Episcopal Church, 815 Piedmont Drive. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased here:

<https://gracemission.eventsmart.com/events/blues-bbq/>

Grace is seeking volunteers to help with this event. They need:

Kitchen help at Grace Mission 2-4 pm or 3-5 pm

Bar server at Advent 5:30-7:30 pm

Food runner at Advent 5:30-7 pm

Event Break Down at Advent 8-9:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Carol Weissert know at cweissert@fsu.edu along with which activity you wish to do.



Join the Tallahassee Guns to Gardens Movement

Guns to Gardens is a grassroots ministry that safely and legally dismantles and destroys unwanted firearms. The remaining metal pieces are then forged into life-giving garden tools.

Interested in doing this prophetic work with us? All are welcome in the movement! We are especially looking for volunteers with any of the following skills and/or equipment:

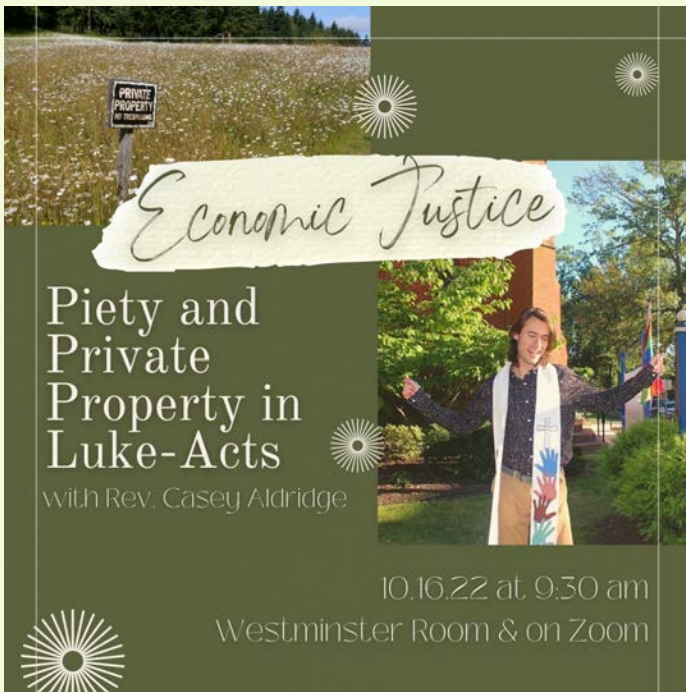
- Comfort and experience with power tools
- Firearms safety training and comfort handling firearms
- Blacksmithing
- Welding
- Owns a metal-cutting chop saw
- Pastoral care



Contact us at:

gunstogardens@oldfirstchurch.org

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



Adult Church School

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:30 a.m. start time

(9:15 a.m. meet and greet)

Piety and Private Property in Luke-Acts

The United States is the most economically stratified nation in the Global North today. More than ten years after the Occupy Wall Street movement popularized the language of the one percent and ninety-nine percent, American society is more unequal than ever, with levels of income inequality surpassing the Gilded Age earlier this year. Trends since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic have only exacerbated what has been well underway for decades: the decline of an American middle class, the dispossession of the poor, and the astronomical rise of the ultra-rich.

On Sunday, October 16, Rev. Casey Aldridge joins us again as we explore what Luke and Acts have to say about private property ownership, wealth inequality, and money. What did Jesus tell us to do with our wealth, and why? After his death, how did Jesus' earliest followers organize themselves in response to Jesus' teachings? What was their practical response to the economic and ethical teachings of Jesus? After diving into what the author of Luke and Acts has to say about the perils inherent in private property and inequality, we will turn to think together about what prevents us from living like those apostles today... and if there are other practical responses we can imagine to unprecedented inequality in our time.

Sunday Church School



**YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CLASS
9:30 a.m. Room 306**

**OLDER CHILDREN'S CLASS
9:30 a.m. Room 301**



Nursery and Preschool Childcare

9:15 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 Eleanor Cleveland at eicleveland18@gmail.com. if you have questions about our summer childcare.

take them a 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.

Just a Reminder

Please 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.

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 Nov. 13; we meet at 4 pm and are finished by 6 pm.
Upcoming date:
Sun. Dec. 11

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.



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

Thursday
October 27
@ 7:00 PM
on Zoom

October's Book Group
The Book of Longings
by Sue Monk Kidd

November's Book Group
November 17, 2022.
No Cure for Being Human
by Kate Bowler

There are multiple copies of both these books in the church office to borrow now. Start reading!! 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.

The Public Library also has copies.

Book Group discussions are on Zoom. Look for the link in your email box the Monday before book group.

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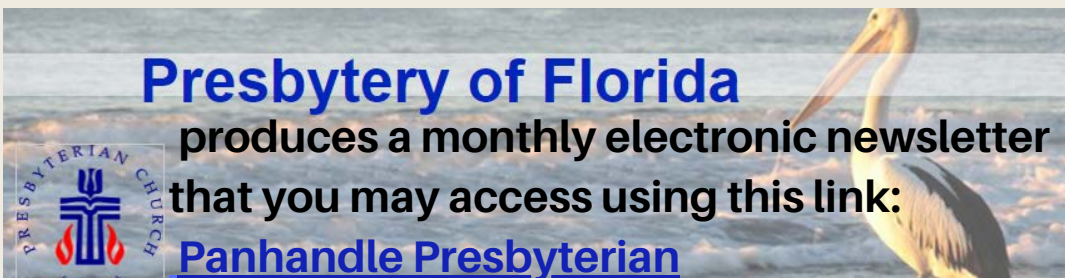
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[Panhandle Presbyterian](#)





Sunday Festival Readings

**October 16, 2022
20TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JEREMIAH 31 ;27-34**

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PSALM 119:97-104

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GENESIS 32:22-31

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PSALM 121

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

LUKE 18:1-8



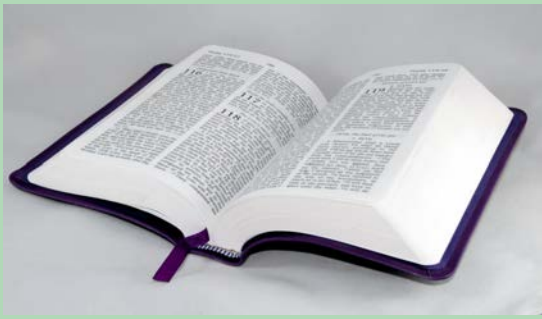
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in god's own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

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 OCTOBER 1- 15, 2022

Saturday, October 1 Morning:

Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Hos. 5:1-7

Acts 22:17-29

Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, October 2

Morning: Pss. 103; 150

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Hos. 5:8-6:6

1 Cor. 2:6-16

Matt. 14:1-12

Monday, October 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Hos. 6:7-7:7

Acts 22:30-23:11

Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday, October 4

Morning: Pss. 42; 146

Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Hos. 7:8-16

Acts 23:12-24

Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday, October 5

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Hos. 8:1-14

Acts 23:23-35

Luke 7:18-35

Thursday, October 6

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Hos. 9:1-9

Acts 24:1-23

Luke 7:36-50

Friday, October 7

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Hos. 9:10-17

Acts 24:24-25:12

Luke 8:1-15

Saturday, October 8

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Hos. 10:1-15

Acts 25:13-27

Luke 8:16-25

Sunday, October 9

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Hos. 11:1-11 1

Cor. 4:9-16

Matt. 15:21-28

Monday, October 10

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Hos. 11:12-12:1

Acts 26:1-23

Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday, October 11

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Hos. 12:2-14

Acts 26:24-27:8

Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday, October 12

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Hos. 13:1-3

Acts 27:9-26

Luke 9:1-17

Thursday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Hos. 13:4-8

Acts 27:27-44

Luke 9:18-27

Friday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Hos. 13:9-16

Acts 28:1-16

Luke 9:28-36

Saturday, October 15

Morning: Pss. 56; 149

Evening: Pss. 118; 111

Hos. 14:1-9

Acts 28:17-31

Luke 9:37-50

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



DAILEY LECTURE FOR OCTOBER 16- 31, 2022

Monday, October 17

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Micah 2:1-13
Rev. 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday, October 18

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Micah 3:1-8
Rev. 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday, October 19

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Micah 3:9-4:5
Rev. 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday, October 20

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Rev. 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday, October 21

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Micah 6:1-8
Rev. 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday, October 22

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Micah 7:1-7
Rev. 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, October 23

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Jonah 1:1-17a
1 Cor. 10:15-24
Matt. 18:15-20

Monday, October 24

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Rev. 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday, October 25

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Rev. 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday, October 26

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Nahum 1:1-14
Rev. 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday, October 27

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Nahum 1:15-2:12
Rev. 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday, October 28

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Nahum 2:13-3:7
Rev. 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday, October 29

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Nah. 3:8-19
Rev. 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday, October 30

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Zeph. 1:1-6 1 Cor. 12:27-13:13
Matt. 18:21-35

Monday, October 31

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Zeph. 1:7-13
Rev. 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59

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