

# This Week @ First



## Member Spotlight

Jacqueline Cruz has been at First Presbyterian Church since she was around ten years old, but she says that “a lot of the people here, they would assume I’ve been here forever.” First Presbyterian has been essential in the foundation of her faith: **“being able to go different places and act it out.”**

In conversation with Ellie Stewart, Jackie talked about how her faith has been shaped by growing up at First Presbyterian, her experience being a young person in the church, ideas for where the church can grow, and her perception of God as “the wind. . . always there, even when you don’t quite feel it.” **Click here to read more from Jackie.**

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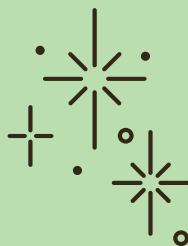
## Ministry Teams

### Worship & Music: Worship Links

To watch our Sunday worship at 11 am, connect with us on

**Youtube** (find the bulletin **here**)!

Click the bolded words to follow the links each week.



### Compassion & Social Justice

**Bread boxing at Second Harvest** will be July 7 from **9:45 to noon**. Be added to our list of volunteers at <http://vhub.at/firstpresvolunteers>. Additionally, let Debbie Gibson know when you have signed up. Volunteer to be part of good, relatively easy work and great fellowship.

First Pres. continues to help **serve the meal at Grace Mission** on the second Sunday of each month. Please consider signing up for **July 9**, Aug. 13 or Sept. 10. You can sign up on **SignUpGenius**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caca72ca3f85-grace1#/> or contact Carol Weissert at [cweissert@fsu.edu](mailto:cweissert@fsu.edu).

### Property

When you enter the Sanctuary, look up to see the beautiful new **speaker coverings**. Thank you to Glenn Laird and Chris Corzine!



### Care & Outreach: Summer Fellowship

Look for **Lemonade Sunday** on July 9th to cool us off as we chat on the sidewalk after worship. Later in July, we'll gather in the Westminster Room for a good old fashioned **Summer Potluck!** Look out for details to come.

## Pastoral Note

After a week of vacation in Montreat with my Octogenarian father, his two brothers, and their families, Jim and I flew to Memphis for a birthday dinner of a church friend entering her 80's, hosted by her sons. We returned to Montreat to welcome the members from First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, who attended the Worship and Music Conference. From these days spent with family and church friends, one thing I know for certain, is that being part of a church community - a family by another name - makes a difference in one's life.

I listened to my father and uncles laugh about their shenanigans at Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh. They reflected with gratitude about their childhood choir that reinforced the love of singing that has kept them singing in church choirs through their 80's and into their nineties. As the First Presbyterian group walked up to Anderson Auditorium for opening worship Sunday evening, we heard almost 1,000 voices singing John Bell's, "Come Bring Your Burdens to God." It was humbling and powerful all at the same time.

Jim and I enjoyed the camaraderie that came from hosting First members attending the conference. They brought home ideas from lectures, revealed new curiosities about children in worship and the history of rhyming patterns in hymns. One shared art created for worship space. And, we had fresh bread baked daily and a plethora of homemade desserts - because, well, ...*it is stone fruit season.*

The Session met and due to our flight delays, Carol Weissert agreed to Moderate in my absence. A few notes from Session: the Treasurer will bring a revised budget to the August Session; Envisioning Reconciliation Committee brought a schedule for once a month Compassionate Witnessing and two dates to gather the church together from a discerned need; Tip Tomberlin brought need to review the application process of the Vaughan Loan Fund; Worship and Music brought a communion schedule for the remainder of the year and the Christmas Eve worship schedule; Care and Outreach will host Lemonade Sunday on July 9 and a Potluck on July 23; Compassion and Social Justice will host a CUBA peacemaker later in the Fall, and actively advocates for the unhoused with local commissioners.

## Ministry Teams

### Personnel

The team has completed drafting **personnel policies** for the church.



### Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation looks forward to the fall, building the Sunday school program and curriculum, and summer engagement.

## Interim Goals

### Healing

#### **Book Study: *Necessary Risks***

Our book study schedule:

- **July 5th: Chapters 3 and 4**
- **July 12th: Chapters 5 and 6**
- **July 19th: Chapters 7 and 8**
- **July 26th: Ch. 9, Ch. 10, and Conclusion**

The Zoom link is [here](#) and on the website.

### Administration

The church will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4th**. We will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.

Thank you to **Carol Grondzik and Peggy Wright-Cleveland** for agreeing to be volunteers for a TCAC meeting on July 15th!

### Worship and Program

Our sermon series this summer:

- **July 2nd:** The Risk of Trusting God will Provide
- **July 9th:** The Risk of Letting Go
- **July 16th:** The Risk of Listening

We will follow the lectionary and look for risks God calls us to take.

This Sunday, we look at Abraham, and the risk of trusting that God will provide. These last two weeks have given me great glimpses of that risk at work in the world and the church. God's Presence, God's Peace,

Rev. Anne HK Apple