

This Week @ First



Potluck Spotlight

The last church potluck I had participated in before this past Sunday was most likely in 2019, pre-Covid. I hadn't realized how much I missed it—speeding through my cookie recipe, the hustle and bustle of putting all the plates together in Room 206, the frantic grabbing of more tables and chairs, the children running around, the complete sense of a church family. I've missed it so much. These pictures only start to capture the love this community shares, but I hope they provide you with what you provided me: **a glimpse of the kingdom of God.**

With God's Peace, Ellie Stewart

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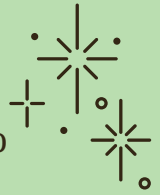
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Worship & Music

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.



Thank you for exploring new ways to worship at First Presbyterian Tallahassee this summer! To submit worship series feedback, use **this form**:

<https://forms.gle/vsQUTsBWg4ehnkV18>

Presbyterian Women

The PW Fall Gathering will be on Sunday, August 27, from 3:30-5:00 PM. Rev. Trinity Whitley will introduce the new PW Bible Study using *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabir.



Interim Goals

Worship and Program

Kick Off Sunday will be August 20th! We'll meet in the Sanctuary for opening words and prayer before children and youth are sent to classrooms. Adults will then move to the Westminster Room. Ministry teams as well as the Envisioning Reconciliation Committee will have tables to share what they have going on in the next year and seek volunteers to implement their ministries. Congregation members will have an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the life of the church and plug into new ministries.

Administration

If you have pictures of our church at work in Tallahassee, please submit them to be featured in the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra's celebration of the bicentennial before October 15th. **Learn more here:** <https://www.tallahasseesyphony.org/bicentennial>

Healing

Envisioning Reconciliation Committee

We're moving forward with Compassionate Witnessing. Thank you to everyone who has participated! In addition to conflict resolution work, we're increasing our emphasis on community building opportunities.

Necessary Risks Book Study

This week, we completed our book study of *Necessary Risks* by Teri McDowell Ott. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged, and special thanks to Tip Tomberlin for his act of participation in leading the book study as an active elder!

Ministry Teams

Property

Progress! Glenn Laird reports that the **restroom renovations are about ¾ finished.** Next comes the electricians, then tile work, and finally the counters. Many thanks to Glenn and his crew!

Care & Outreach

Unsure how to find the church directory on the website? For instructions, contact Lori in the church office!

Personnel

The personnel team is pausing before finalizing personnel policies.

Spiritual Formation

Big plans! This fall, children will have a teaching team and use *Feasting on the Word*; youth will have Confirmation; and adults will have options such as Bible study, creation care, and Bonhoeffer. The Session will also bring several state of the church addresses! Stay tuned!

Compassion & Social Justice

Second Harvest Bread Boxing will be Friday, Aug. 4th from 9:45 to 11 AM. We need at least 6 people, but all are welcome! Use this link to sign in or create an account and register for that date: <https://signin.volunteerhub.com>.

