

This Week @ First

Worship & Music

To watch our Sunday worship at 11 AM, connect with us on [YouTube](#) (find the bulletin [here](#))!

Invitation to Repair: This is the third week in our Lenten Pilgrimage. As the Lenten journey continues, we invite you to see the world around you each week in Lent and allow the Spirit to draw your eyes to see the overlooked, discarded and forgotten objects and people. As you are able, bring these, or an object that represents these, to worship to create a visual cairn this Lent on Christ's Table.

Spiritual Formation

Church School: The Inquirer's class will meet in the Westminster Room and by [Zoom](#) to continue our series on "Disposability" with a discussion on consumerism led by Jane Atkinson. The Adult Bible Study will resume later in the spring. The children's class will meet in Room 306. Classes begin at 9:30 AM.

The Lenten Bible Study will resume on Thursday, March 7 in the Calvin Room at noon; bring a bag lunch.

Worship Ministry Team

Please email Carolyn Bradley to set up or serve communion (carolynbradley@gmail.com), or Martha Kutter (mkutter@maclay.org) to volunteer for ushering.

Compassion & Social Justice

Our weekly prayer vigil for justice for Tallahassee's unhoused will continue on Wednesday, March 6, at noon.

Please consider volunteering an hour on Wednesday mornings this spring to provide snack packs to our neighbors who are unhoused. We set up a table outside the courtyard each Wednesday at 11 am to provide these gifts for an hour. Contact Carol Weissert at cweissert@fsu.edu to sign up.

A signup for serving dinner at Grace Mission on Sunday, March 10 from 4-6 PM is available [here](#).

National Day of Direct Action

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is coordinating a national day of direct action in 31 state capitals, including Tallahassee. On Saturday, March 2, 2024, marchers will gather near the Capitol at 11:00 AM, with an assembly at noon, to demand actions to abolish poverty and end systemic racism. For more information visit poorpeoplescampaign.org.

First Sunday Food Collection

We will be collecting non-perishable food **this Sunday, March 3, 2024**. Your food donations are brought alternately to Second Harvest and to Elder Care Services (ECS). A list of the most needed items includes cereal; peanut butter; canned fruits, vegetables, and meats; and hearty soup or stew. Please leave items in the narthex or church office. Thank you for your support!



Dogwood Acres Mission Day

Volunteers are invited for a **Mission Day at Dogwood Acres on Saturday, March 16**. The main project will be constructing a shed for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to use for supplies for communities in our presbytery. There will also be landscape, trail maintenance, painting, and repair projects for all skill levels. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP to Christy Williams (christy@dogwoodacres.org) to be included in the lunch count.

And remember, registration for **Summer Camp 2024** is open! Save \$50 by registering before April 1st. Scholarships are available by contacting Program Director Eric Hearn (eric@dogwoodacres.org). Descriptions of these programs are available on the Dogwood Acres [website](#).

- June 23rd-28th — High School Week
- June 30th-July 3rd — Family Camp
- July 7th-10th — Intro Camp (2nd to 3rd grade)
- July 7th-12th, July 14th-19th, July 21st-26th — Discovery Camp (3rd-5th grades); Adventure Camp (6th-8th grades)

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Pastor's Note

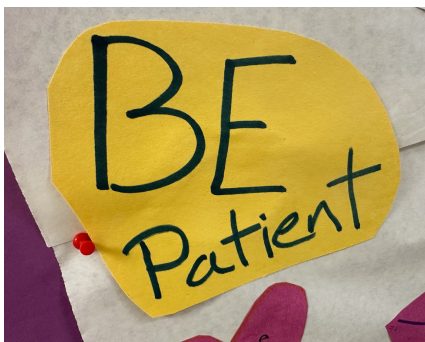
Powerful work. Power as in, not your own, but God's.

If you walk down the hallway at church, you might notice that the children's Sunday School teachers are placing new artwork on the bulletin board weekly by the stairwell. "Be patient. Be nice. Heal the sick. Love your enemies." It makes me happy to see this bulletin board every time I pass it. For me, it's like getting a gift after worship, or handwritten note, from one of God's Beloved — young, and old, alike.

Powerful work.

This week the church hosted Mission Talk, an ecumenical group of Latino and Latina faith communities who work to impact public policy. Five large busses pulled up to the curb and folks spilled out. Congregants met volunteers at 7:00 AM and there was joy in the early morning service, and the afternoon, too. I mean, how many Presbyterians does it take to figure out how to make coffee in the fancy new machine? Apparently four in the late afternoon!

We also hosted the closing event of the Black History Month Festival for the Black Alliance of Tallahassee. Reverend Jermaine Ross-Allam, Director of the Center for Healing Historic Harms, PC(USA) preached about Jonah. After the sermon, a panel discussion contemplated what we might do about repair and what reparations might look like.



Following worship, there was a meal. The First Presbyterian china was pulled out of the cabinet and all 75 plates were utilized. It was a powerful witness to see things come together and, in the process, meet new, good people.

Advocacy is the prophetic word, and work, of the church.

God's peace. God's presence.
Anne



Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, Director of the PC(USA) Center for the Repair of Historic Harms, with Aide Whitaker, on Thursday, Feb. 29. Both Black History Month Festival services are available on YouTube.

"The Philadelphia Eleven"

FRIDAY EVENING – MARCH 1 @ 7 PM
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

The film "The Philadelphia Eleven" tells how, in 1974, three bishops in the Episcopal Church were bold to ordain the first eleven women into the priesthood.

In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

Among these ministers was Rev. Dr. Jeannette Ridlon Piccard, whose granddaughters, Jane Piccard and Rev. Mary Vance, now reside at Westminster Oaks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Take a moment to send a greeting or give a hug to these March birthday beloveds: Lynx Specht, Don Winstead, Sandy Burkholder, Ryan Nalls, Ann Westall, Janet Fixel, and Kathleen Rose.

Environmental Series at Temple Israel

Dr. Donald Axelrad, retired FAMU professor of environmental health sciences, will present a series of environmental talks at Temple Israel from 6 PM to 7 PM on the following dates and topics: March 7, toxic chemicals of international concern; March 14, climate change; March 21, biodiversity and ecosystem services; March 28, lead in drinking water; April 4, mercury and the Everglades ecosystem. For more information, please contact Don at daxe@comcast.net.

To submit an announcement for an upcoming issue of *This Week @ First*, please use [this updated link](#).

Renewal of Spirit

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING
3.16.24
Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 N. Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Registration 9 a.m. EDT
Meeting 9:30 a.m. EDT

Speaker: Shelagh Wirth, Moderator, Synod South Atlantic
Musicians: Winifred Heggins, Soloist
Joshua Shelton, Pianist

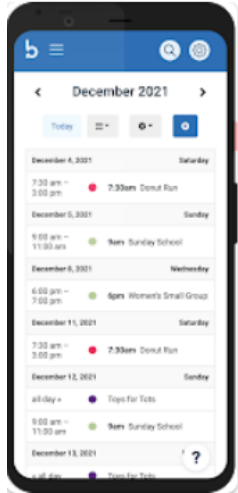
Register by March 10 at:
www.faithpcusa.org/presbyterianwomen
Pay \$18 at the door
Cash or Check to PWP

A quickstart guide to breeze

3 ways to access:

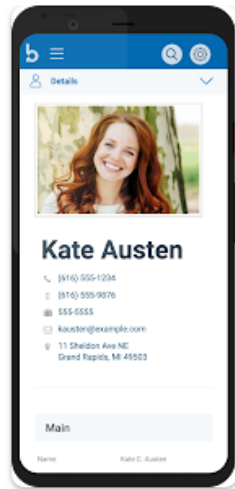
iPhone/iPad App

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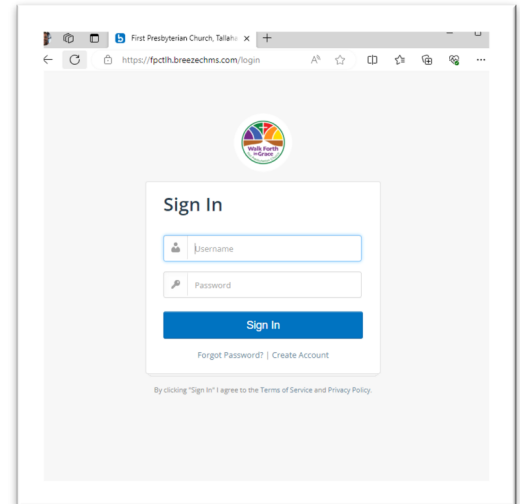
Android App

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In Any Web Browser Visit:

<https://fpctlh.breezechms.com>



STEP 1 — Getting Signed Up:

You should have received a Breeze invitation email from Chris Corzine on Sunday, February 25. This email includes a link to setup your Breeze account. After clicking the link you can set up a username and password which will allow you to log in to First Presbyterian’s Breeze system. If you haven’t received an invitation feel free to reach out to Chris at corzinec@gmail.com and he will be sure you receive an invitation.

STEP 2 — Signing on for the First Time:

PHONE APPS — If you’re using one of the apps for Breeze you will first be asked for our church’s subdomain. You’ll only have to provide this information the first time you sign on. Our Subdomain is:

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Once you’ve entered this subdomain code, you’ll be asked to log in with the username and password you set up in step 1.

WEB BROWSER / COMPUTER —

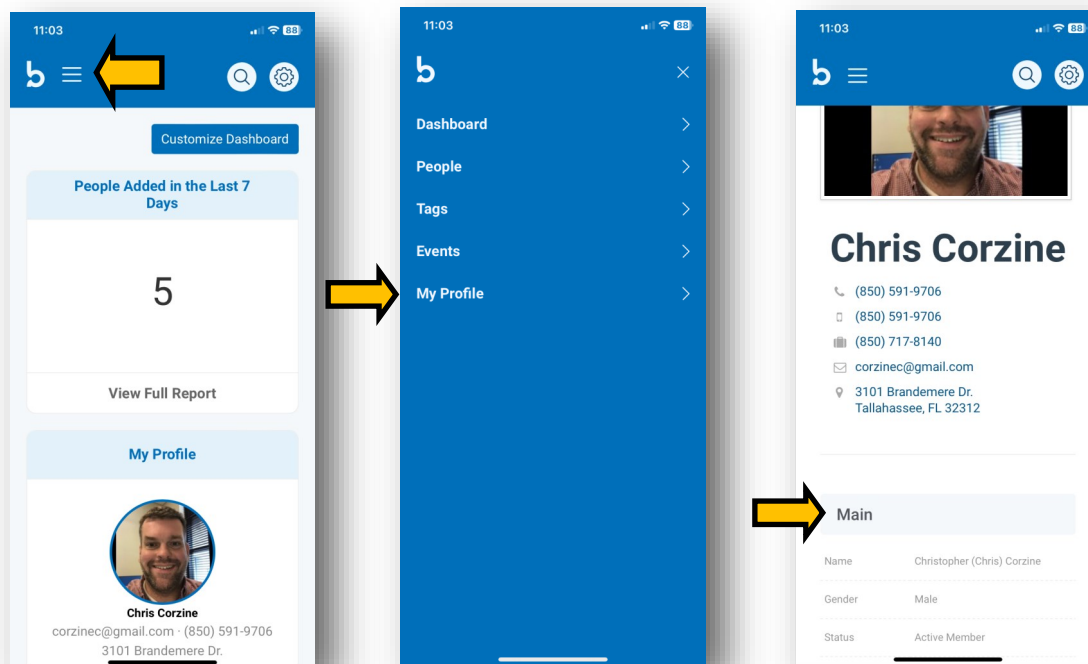
If you’re using a standard computer or laptop, or using the web browser on your device, you can easily access Breeze by visiting <https://fpctlh.breezechms.com>.

There you’ll be presented with a login page where you can provide the username and password you set up in step 1.

STEP 3 — Check your Profile Information

Once you log in you'll be presented with several options. The first thing we'd like for you to check is the profile information we have on file for you. You can do this by choosing the "My Profile" option from the three horizontal bar menu icon in upper left next to the "b."

The arrow in the first image below shows the menu icon next to the "b." The arrow in the second image shows the "My Profile" option from the resulting menu page. The arrow in the third image points to the "Main" profile heading. Touching the "Main" profile heading will allow you to make edits to that section.



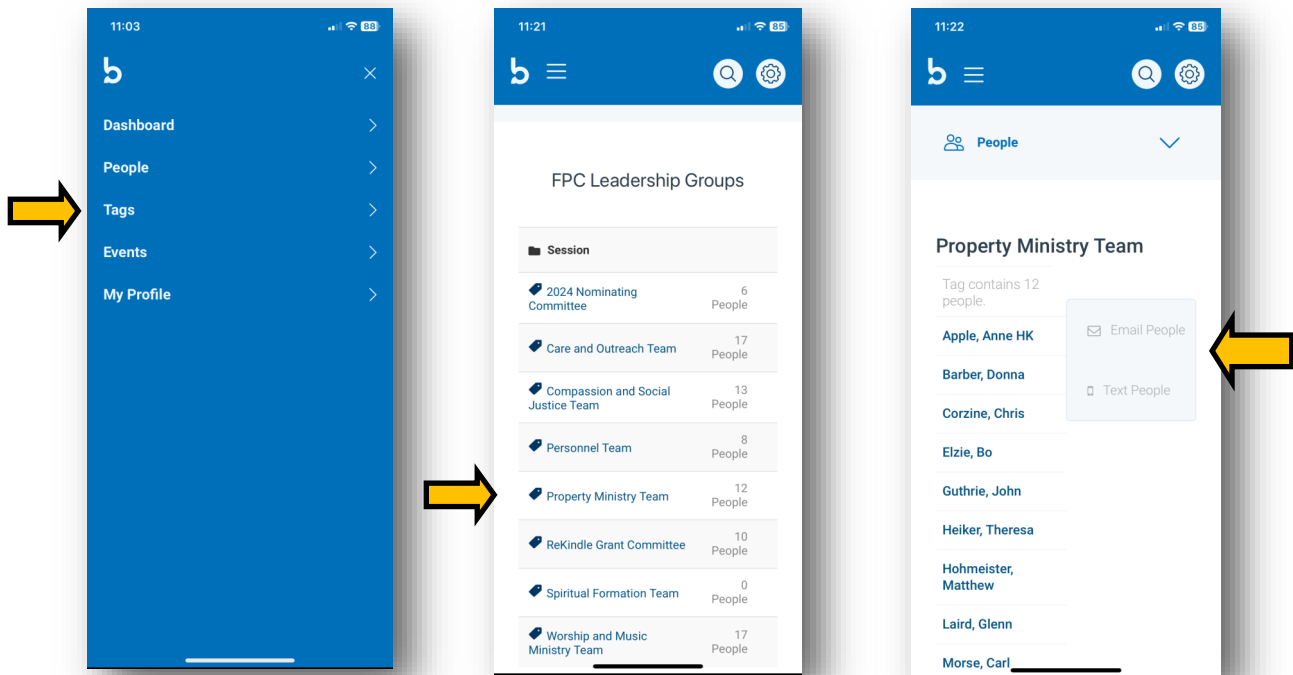
By selecting any of the various profile headings, you can make edits to the profile information the church has on file for you. Most importantly we want to be sure we have your correct:

- Mailing address and e-mail address
- Phone Numbers (mobile and landline if applicable)
- Birthdate
- Employment / Education Information
- Photo (by touching your photo, or the photo placeholder image, you can upload a photo of yourself)

STEP 4 — Explore other Features

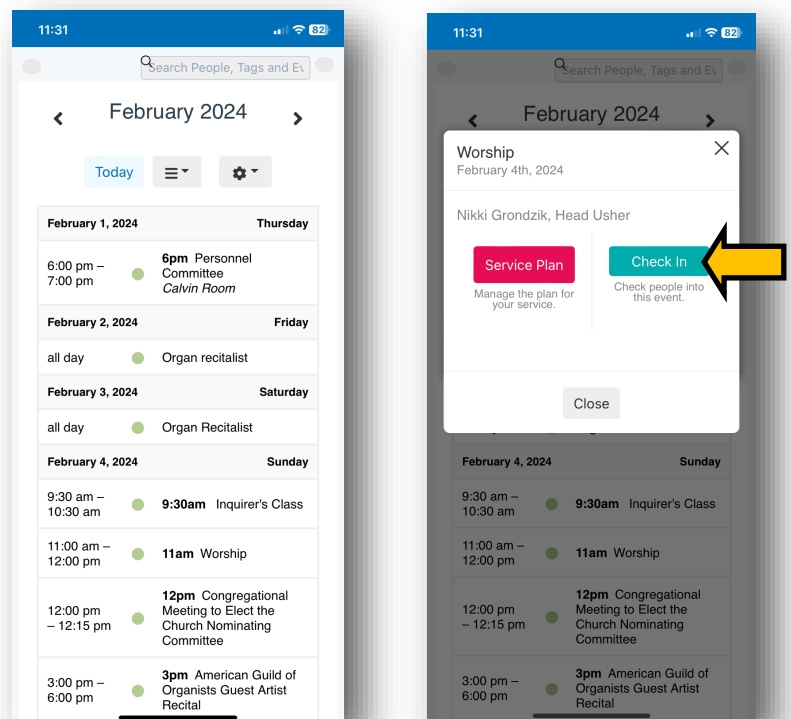
Once you've verified your profile information, feel free to look around and explore additional features of the Breeze system. Specifically pay attention to the following:

- Tags** — Tags allow you to review and contact various groups within the church. There are currently tags set up for all church teams, the Session, and the PW Circles, among others. In the images below you can see access to the Tags main screen, then access to the Property Team tag, and then an option to email or text the members of the team directly from Breeze.



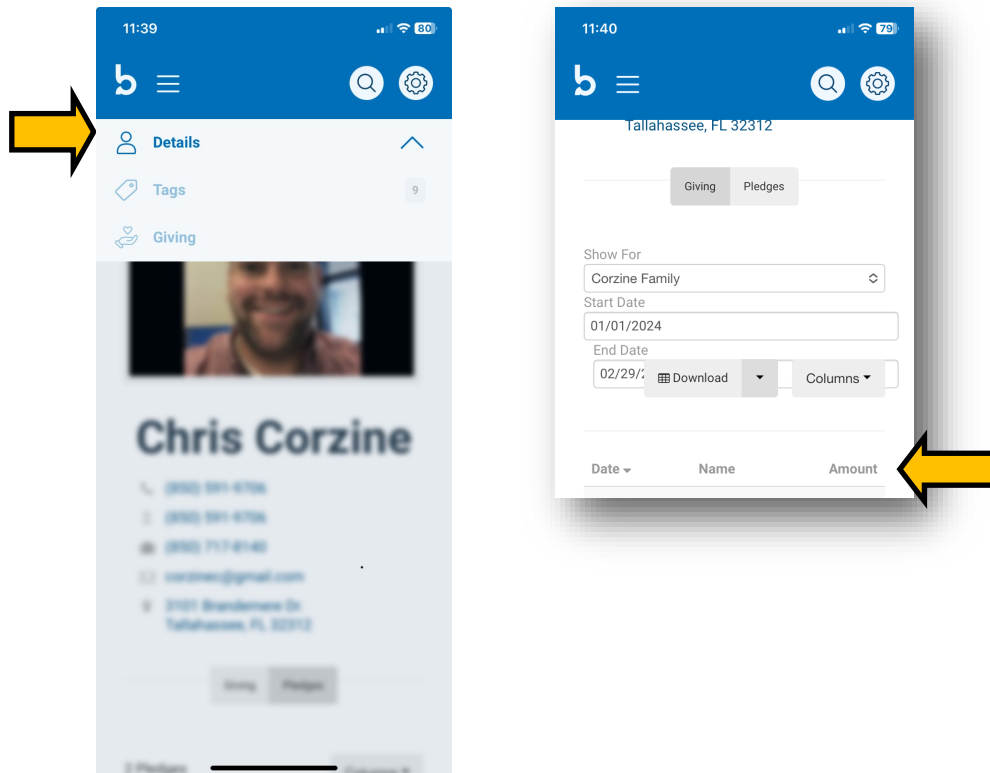
- Events** — Simply put, this is the church calendar. From the Events screen you can see all the scheduled events on the church calendar. For worship, you can actually even “check in” and mark yourself present at worship from the events page.

The images to the right show the events page for February 2024, and then the option to “Check in” that is found when selecting a Sunday worship event.



STEP 5 — Giving Information

- You can easily access up to date giving and pledge information through your Breeze account. From the main profile page, select “Details” at the top and then choose “Giving” from the resulting menu. The second image at the right would display a list of financial contributions at the bottom. The personal data is redacted in this example with the arrow indicating where the data would ordinarily appear.



STEP 6 — More to Come

If you’ve made it this far, you should have a good idea about some of the basic useful features of the Breeze system. As we continue our rollout we hope to add additional functionality. As we do this we will provide additional instructional materials. If you have any trouble feel free to contact corzinec@gmail.com or office@oldfirstchurch.org and we will be sure someone is in touch to assist.

Thanks and we hope this makes communicating with the people and navigating the organization of First Presbyterian Church a **breeze** !