

This Week @ First

Worship & Music

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

Compassion & Social Justice

Second Harvest Bread Boxing had a wonderful team this past week, including four new volunteers. Thank you so much for all your hard work!



15 MINUTES OF
GUIDED MEDITATION
BEFORE WORSHIP

*Explore the Ancient Christian
Spiritual Practice of Meditation*

Sunday Mornings @ 10:30am
John Calvin Room

BEGINNERS WELCOME
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

FALL GATHERING

Westminster Room
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Sunday, August 25, 2024

PW School Supplies Drive

Presbyterian Women will be collecting school supplies for our beloved First Presbyterian Preschool. We will bring these gifts to our Fall Gathering in August.

Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday starts on July 29 and goes until August 11. If you plan on purchasing supplies to donate, this is a great time to head to the store. A list of requested school supplies can be found [here](#).



Sunday School Open House

We will be meeting in the Westminster room at 9:30 this Sunday, August 11, for a children's and middle/high Sunday school open house. Come share some breakfast and hear from our Montreat Youth conference participants. We had a great time!

Everyone is welcome. After a slideshow and presentation by our youth, children and middle/high schoolers will head to their classrooms to meet/reacquaint themselves with their teachers and classmates.

Regular Sunday school for children and youth will begin on August 18th.

Please join us!

Newsletter Features

We want to feature you in our newsletters! Do you have a story you want to share or a special event coming up? Are you a part of a group or team that you want other members of the church to know about? Were you recognized for an award or did you accomplish something? Fill out this [form](#) so we can spread your good news!



To submit information to be included in the newsletter and/or the Sunday bulletin (as space permits), please use [this new link](#), which will take you to an online form. You can access the form directly through Breeze, as well. Thank you!

Healing Racism Task Force



The Healing Racism Task Force is a concerned group of FPC individuals who are working within the church and the community to acknowledge, repent and repair the sin of racism.

We will be meeting immediately after church on August 11 in the John Knox room (bring a bag lunch). Priscilla Hawkins, who is the director of the Black History Alliance, will be meeting with us to share her thoughts. All who are interested in being a part of this important ministry are invited. Please contact Ann Westall if you have questions.

Second Sunday Fellowship

If you aren't otherwise engaged, please join us in the courtyard after worship this Sunday, August 11 for lemonade and conversation. Visitors are welcome and invited!

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Montreat Youth Conference





Pastoral Note

We welcome back home the youth group that attended the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina from July 28 — August 3. The attendees were Kamora Baccas, Kingston Baccas, Abigail Grondzik, Chloe Hightower, Emmie Kutter, Paul Brooks Kutter, and Thatcher Nalls. The adult attendees were Mary Kutter, Sue Hightower, Carolyn Herrington, and Ed Kutter, who were joined by Ellie Stewart in Montreat.

The conference title was “Planting Peace.” Its purpose was to affirm youth in their calling as active participants in the church of Jesus Christ. Daily themes and theological concepts guided worship and discussion groups, and Bible verses provided substantive context during group discussions. The youth learned that faith matters, especially when you are young and loved in the faith community. We joyfully welcome back the youth and adult participants from the conference and thank them for representing First Presbyterian Church. Alleluia!

The first week of public school is August 12–16. It also begins our church school calendar. Church school is one way the church supports its adults and children in their ongoing growth in a faithful life. The church school open house will be this Sunday, August 11. We will bless backpacks during worship and pray for students and teachers. The first day of church school is August 18.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) polity presupposes the fellowship of women, men, and children united in covenant relationship with one another and God through Jesus Christ. Nothing is so precious as children’s faith in God being nurtured in a community of believers. We pray and look forward to a new year of learning new things as we seek God’s answers in an ever-changing world

“ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be
the children of God.
—Matthew 5:9 ”

Rev. Glenn Hodges



**BACK TO
SCHOOL SUNDAY**
August 11th

*A Blessing of the Backpacks
will be held during worship as
we send our teachers and
students back to their
classrooms.*



**2024-2025
BELINDA KELLY
SCHOLARSHIP
CAMPAIGN**

First Presbyterian Preschool
110 N. Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

This scholarship offsets tuition expenses for families who otherwise would not be able to have their child attend our preschool.

Donations are tax-deductible.

Contributions will be collected after church on Sunday, August 18 in the courtyard. You can contribute to the fund at anytime by sending a check to the address above or online.

Your support of our preschool scholarship fund directly enriches young children’s lives and is a vital part of our ministry to the community. The Preschool Board thanks you for your consideration of this request.

