

## EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY



### SERVE IN THE CHURCH, THE COMMUNITY, & THE WORLD

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At First Church, we believe God has called and equipped every member to serve so that we can be faithful to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The information in this booklet is a summary of the current opportunities to serve and grow through ministry. God is indeed working in our church. We invite you to pay attention to where God is nudging you to grow and serve out of your giftedness.

*"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Cor. 12:4-6*



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**Where can you serve in 2025?** The church is one body with many parts. It takes all of us working together to reach our true potential. This booklet is a summary of the opportunities to serve and grow through ministry this year at First Church. If you want to serve in a particular area or would just like to know more, please mark your interest on the Every Member in Ministry form. We can't do it without you.

## 1. WORSHIP & MUSIC

**Contact: Dr. Rick Branch**  
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### Ushers & Greeters

Welcome church members and guests, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and collect offering in worship services.

🕒 *1 Sunday Service per Month (and special services), 1 - 2 Hours*

### Communion Stewards & Servers

Communion Stewards prepare, set up, and clean up all communion elements for a service. Servers assist pastors with serving communion during worship.

🕒 *One Sunday Service per Month*

### Lay Readers

Serve during worship by reading varying texts and passages.

🕒 *One Sunday Service per quarter*

### Acolytes

Light and extinguish worship candles, assist with offering and communion in worship.

🕒 *One Sunday Service per month*

### Sanctuary Choir

Open to all adults. Sings at either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship services.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm*

### Handbell Choir

This choir plays our four octave handbell set at various services throughout the year. No experience needed. Open to all adults and senior high youth.

🕒 *Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15pm*

### ICON Guest Musicians & Artists

Open to singers, instrumentalists, and artists of all ages who would like to serve in ICON worship periodically with the ICON Band. Requires an in-person tryout.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30am - Noon*

### Seasonal Decorator

Assist the worship committee in decorating the sanctuaries and church campus during liturgical seasons. Includes hanging of the greens, Christmas Trees, as well as set up and/or caring for the Poinsettias, & Easter Lilies.

🕒 *Seasonal, 1 - 3 Hours*

### Wedding Hostesses

A Wedding hostesses assists couples planning their wedding at First Church. Hostesses advise the couple on church policies for their wedding as well as assist them at their rehearsal and wedding day.

🕒 *Weekend of wedding, + 1 - 3 hours prior*

### Funeral Hostesses

A funeral hostess assists the family of the deceased before, during, and after the funeral or memorial service.

🕒 *2 - 3 Hours*

## 2. MISSIONS

**Contact: Lisa Bond**  
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### Serving the Hungry

Prepares and serves 100+ hot meals, clothing, and toiletries for those in need in our community.

🕒 *Mondays & Thursdays, 2 - 3 hours, 8:00 - 12:30pm.*

### Kids Feeding Program

Help shop for, pack, & deliver food to local schools to meet the needs of hungry children.

🕒 *2 times a month, 1 - 4 Hours*

### Food Box Program

Receive and distribute food to various food ministries as well as pack food boxes for local families and homebound.

🕒 *2nd and 4th Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00am.*

### Bright Bridge Ministries

Help Bright Bridge staff prepare and serve lunch to members of our community who are in need.

🕒 *One Weekday a Month, 8:00am - 12:30pm*

### Disaster Relief

Through our conference connection, this ministry assists communities experiencing disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods through team work trips to clean debris and repair homes as well as provide meals and resources.

🕒 *Seasonal, Varies*

### Family Promise

Provide food, supplies, fellowship, and support for families experiencing homelessness.

🕒 *Seasonal, Varies*

### United Ministries

Assist with answering phones, data input, and communicating with clients.

🕒 *Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00pm*

### Milk and Honey

Tutor children, and help with organization needs.

🕒 *Weekdays, 2:30 - 4:30pm*

### Thrift Store

Help sort, organize, and stock donations.

🕒 *As available, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays*

### Night to Shine

Volunteer for with this special prom night experience for individuals with special needs in February 2025. Opportunities include greeters, photographer, food prep, decorations and more.

### FUMC Ministry Partners

First Church partners with many other non-profits throughout our community and the world. We would love to help you get connected with them to learn more about how you can serve. These non-profits include Teaming with Tanzania, JUST Pensacola, Ronald McDonald House, and Gulf Coast Kids House.

### 3. ADULTS

**Contact: Rev. Emily Kincaid**  
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#### Teacher/Leader

Teach, lead, or facilitate a seasonal group study using Bible or other discipleship resources.

⌚ *Seasonal, Varies*

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### 4. CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Contact: Jennifer Piver**  
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#### Good Shepherd

Provide caring phone calls and visits to church members who are unable to attend church often, if at all. Volunteers help our members remain connected with their church family. No formal training is required.

⌚ *Visit and call once a month*

#### Stephen Minister

Provide a high-quality level of emotional and spiritual care to people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties. Formal training is required.

⌚ *One Hour Per Week & Twice a Month Meetings/Continuing Ed.*

#### Prayer Team Ministry

Confidentially pray over the church-wide prayer list and for individuals who submit prayer requests.

⌚ *Meet Once a Week*

#### Card Ministry

Send cards of encouragement to church members and community members to let them know that First Church is praying for them.

⌚ *Send cards up to twice a month*

#### Flower Ministry

Deliver bouquets made from the flowers used during Sunday worship. These bouquets are delivered to the sick, homebound, or anyone in need of a brighter day.

⌚ *Mondays, 1 - 2 Hours*

#### Care Delivery Ministry

Deliver care packages for those in the church and community who are homebound, sick, returning home from the hospital/rehabilitation, grieving, or facing a challenging time.

⌚ *First Wednesday, 1 - 2 Hours*

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

A group who knit and crochet gifts for the community, ensuring them of God's love and comfort in their lives.

⌚ *Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm*

#### Respite Ministry

Provides a fun, engaging environment for individuals living with dementia. Through creative arts, music, trivia, physical and intellectual fitness, and fellowship, Respite provides opportunities for social connection and fulfillment for participants while giving their caregivers much needed respite.

⌚ *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am - 2:00pm*

#### Assisted Parking Ministry

Greet church members and guests, and assist with transporting guests who need help.

⌚ *Sundays (30 minutes prior to each worship service)*

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### 5. HOSPITALITY

**Contact: Sarah Bullock-Head**  
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#### Front Office Volunteers

Assist the front office during normal office hours. Duties include answering phone calls, welcoming visitors and answering questions regarding church events and services.

⌚ *Varies*

#### Event Greeters

Welcome and direct visitors for special concerts and events.

⌚ *Seasonal, 1 - 2 Hours*

### 6. RUTH'S KITCHEN

**Contact: Mici Kuba**  
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#### Food Prep

Cutting and chopping of meal ingredients for dinners and community events.

⌚ *Wednesday afternoons and special events, 2 - 4 Hours*

#### Cooking

Cooking and baking for fellowship meals and community events.

⌚ *Wednesday Afternoons/Evenings and special events, 2 - 4 Hours*

#### Serving

Serving food buffet style or table service for fellowship meals and community events.

⌚ *Wednesdays Evenings and special events, 2 Hours*

#### Cleaning

Cleaning/sanitizing dishes, pots, and utensils; cleaning/taking down tables and chairs for fellowship meals and community events.

⌚ *Wednesday Evenings & special events, 2 Hours*

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### 7. COMMUNICATIONS

**Contact: Kelsey Seager**  
[KSeager@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:KSeager@FUMCPensacola.com)

#### Data Entry

Digitizing paper forms, recording attendance in database, & updating member contact information in database. Basic computer knowledge is required.

⌚ *1-2 Hours as available*

#### Photographer

Assist the communications department by taking photos at events and services.

⌚ *As available, 1-2 Hours*

#### Social Media Support

Interact with and responding to online worshipers on Sunday morning Facebook live stream, as well as social media posts.

⌚ *As available, 1-2 Hours*

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## Mailings

Prepare seasonal, church-wide mailings by stuffing and sealing envelopes.

🕒 1 - 4 Hours

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## 8. PRODUCTION

### Contact: Kyle Hall

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### Soundboard Operators

Help run sound for the Main Sanctuary or ICON worship services.

🕒 *Sundays, 1 - 3 Hours*

### Computer Operators

Help run the live stream computer for the Main Sanctuary services or the video screens for the ICON worship service.

🕒 *Sundays, 1 - 3 Hours*

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## 9. KIDS (Preschool - 5th)

### Contact: Lisa Bond

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### Sunday School Helpers

Assist Teachers in the preschool and/or Elementary Sunday School classes.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45am*

### Sunday School Story Tellers

Read the week's Bible story to Preschool and/or Elementary Sunday School classes.

🕒 *Once a month or once a quarter, Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45am*

### Sunday School Greeters

Greet families at the Preschool entrance to ensure guests feel welcome and help them find where they need to go.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 9:50am*

### Children's Choir Helpers

Assist with Children's Choir for Elementary age children.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

### Kid Connect Helpers

Assist with KidConnect activities for Pre-School and/or Elementary age children.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

## Decorators

Help us decorate for events such as VBS, Easter Egg Hunt, and/or special parties.

🕒 *Varies*

## VBS Volunteers

Assist with Vacation Bible School as a crew leader, greeter, decorator; or with snacks and registration. VBS work days also take place February-April at various times.

🕒 *2nd Week of June, 1 - 4 hours/day*

## Nursery Volunteers

Join other volunteers and paid staff in spending time with babies on Sunday mornings, Wednesday Nights, and weekly gatherings as needed.

🕒 *1 - 2 Hours*

## Chaperones

Help chaperone and drive vehicles for retreats, overnights, and field trips.

🕒 *Varies*

## Creative Team

Help provide crafts for various activities, as well as decorate our bulletin board and hallway.

🕒 *Varies*

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## 10. STUDENTS (6th - 12th)

### Contact: Rev. Heather Nysewander

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### Sunday School Greeters

Meet students and welcome by name at the Youth Building.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 9:50am*

### Small Group Leaders

Lead discussions for small groups of students, typically divided by mid-high and senior-high.

🕒 *Preparation Time & Sunday Evenings, 2 Hours*

### Youth Choir Helpers

Assist with Youth Choir (no choir experience needed, mostly just being another adult in the room).

🕒 *Sundays, 4:30 - 5:30pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

## Mid-High Week Volunteers

Help lead and chaperone Mid-High Week (middle school VBS).

🕒 *2nd Week of June, 4 Days, times vary*

## Haunted House Volunteers

Assist youth ministry with the planning and execution of Haunted House for a fundraiser in the Fall of 2025. Volunteers are needed for construction, actors, makeup artists, first-aid, security, admissions, support and more.

🕒 *As Available, Fall 2025*

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## 11. OPERATIONS

### Contact: Mici Kuba

[MKuba@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:MKuba@FUMCPensacola.com)

### Maintenance Support

Help around campus with various jobs such as painting, polishing, and other light duties.

🕒 *As available, 1 - 2 Hours*

### Drivers

Drive groups for ministry off-campus events and trips. May be asked to drive a personal or church vehicle.

🕒 *As Needed, 2 - 4 Hours*

### Organizers

Seasonally clean & organize Children's Ministry supply room, Resource Library, and Medical Closet.

🕒 *As Available*

### Library Volunteers

Help maintain and organize our library resources, online catalogue, & historical archives.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 9:00am - Noon*

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*If there's a service area not on this list that you would like to ask about, please reach out to [LaceyAdair@FUMCPensacola.com](mailto:LaceyAdair@FUMCPensacola.com)*