



**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Of Ocala**



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Today's Sermon
When Mourning Is a Blessing

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FAITHFULLY SERVING CHRIST IN MARION COUNTY AND THE WORLD SINCE 1857 AND STILL GROWING!

To Celebrate the Gospel with Children (11:00)

The Children's Sermon

Ms. Jacque Johnson

To Seek and Share God's Forgiveness

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Generous God, we confess the tendency to apathy and complacency that besets us when we are basking comfortably in the light of Your blessings, when our life is singing along as though we had composed the melody and generated the breath ourselves! We forget that it is from Your hand alone that blessings flow, that we have done nothing to earn or deserve the benefits of Your love. How awesome it is that You should choose to live among us as the Christ! Yet, we forget You. Forgive the shallowness of gratitude that dishonors you. And forgive the sinfulness of perfunctory praise, when our hearts are disconnected from the words of our lips, when the performance of our rituals is without spirit and life. Forgive us when our praise does not overflow into daily life, but is confined to places and times of formal worship. Forgive us and give us new and constant hearts of praise, we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

(A time for silent prayer and reflection).

The Assurance of Pardon

God knew our need and made known a secret plan to save us. Through Jesus Christ born, crucified, dead and buried, and resurrected from the grave, we are set free from the bondage of our sin and raised with Christ to new life. Praise be to God for His wisdom, understanding, and love.

The Response (seated and singing)

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.**

To Pray For Others and Ourselves

The Pastoral Prayer

To Worship God with His Tithes and Our Offering

The Call to Offering

The Offering

Scherzo (Miniature Suite)

Healey Willan

*The Doxology

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*The Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Praise to You, O God, for the extravagant love with which You bless Your church. Your blessings are more in number than the grains of sand on the seashore. As a sign and symbol of our gratitude for all Your gracious gifts, we give these tithes and offering to bless the lives of others, and to give glory to You in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

To Hear God's Word Proclaimed

The New Testament Scripture

Matthew 5:1-4 (N.T. Page 4)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

When Mourning Is a Blessing

Pastor Raymond Guterman

And Depart to Live and Love and Serve as Disciples

*The Hymn of Dedication

When We Are Living

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*The Charge and Benediction

*The Response

Seven-Fold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*The Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Alfred Hollins

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the honor and glory of God
by Marion Thomas in memory of her husband Moot Thomas.*

Serving Our Lord Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Greeters/Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Blue Montsdeoca, Ann Richardson, Ron and Arlene Stanch
Greeter/Usher	9:30 a.m.	Chris and Evelyn Longo
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Shep and Nancy Dozier
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain: Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Joe Fleming, Doug Graham, Mikey Kelly, Hugh McLean, Roxanne Schwaller and Howard Tucker

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Come Together in Faith and Follow Jesus

Pentecost			Wednesday	February 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Sunday	January 29	Acts 20:1-21:16	Thursday	February 2	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
Monday	January 30	Acts 21:17-22:16	Friday	February 3	1 John 2:1-17
Tuesday	January 31	Acts 22:17-23:11	Saturday	February 4	1 John 3:1-18