



## *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



### **Our Vision**

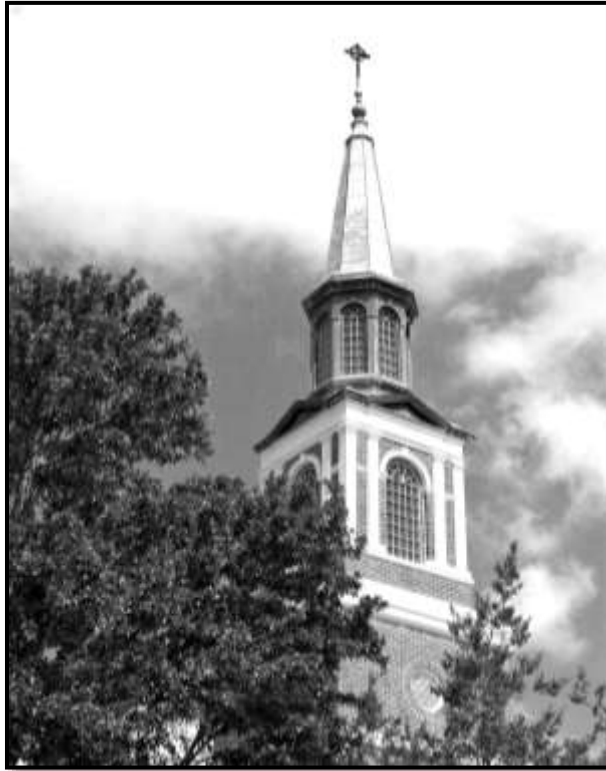
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

### **Our Mission**

We are an inclusive historic downtown community of Christian faith.

We seek to welcome all people through prayer, meaningful worship, and supportive groups while sharing our talents and resources with those in need.

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**166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

March 10, 2024

### Today's Sermon "The Best Commandment"

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Transitional Pastor

Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director

Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist

Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

### We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Derek White, Report of Mission Trip to Cuba

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

By Lowell Mason  
arr. by Greg Howlett

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Mike Morehouse, Liturgist

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the healer of all that is wounded.**

Leader: Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the one we gather to worship and praise.**

\*Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King", vrs 1-4

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\*Confession of Sin

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.**

**You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another. (silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8 (OT Pg. 1060)

## Children's Sermon

### Praise Song

"Reckless Love"  
Bentley Johnson, soloist

Cory Asbury

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing  
over me  
You have been so so  
good to me  
Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your  
life in me  
You have been so so  
kind to me

*Chorus*  
*O the overwhelming never-*  
*ending reckless*  
*Love of God*  
*O it chases me down fights 'til*  
*I'm found*  
*Leaves the ninety-nine*  
*I couldn't earn it I don't deserve*  
*it*  
*Still You give Yourself away*  
*O the overwhelming never-*  
*ending reckless*  
*Love of God yeah*

When I was Your  
foe still Your love  
fought for me  
You have been  
so so good to me  
When I felt no  
worth  
You paid it all  
for me  
You have been so  
so kind to me

*Chorus*  
*Bridge*  
There's no shadow  
You won't light up  
Mountain You won't  
climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You  
won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me  
*Chorus*

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

### Anthem

"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"  
Chancel Choir, Cindy Andrews, soloist

arr. Hal Hopson

### Second Reading

Mark 12:28-34 (NT Pg. 60)

### Sermon

"The Best Commandment"

Dr. Jones

### Affirmation of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

#### \*Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

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#### \*Benediction and Offering

(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates  
to receive your tithes and offerings)

### Postlude

"Postlude in C Major"

C. H. Rinck



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and  
for Alexandra and Hunter who were married here yesterday.*

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Welcome Visitors** - Thanks for worshipping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

**The Christian Ed. committee** is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am. We are seeking filled eggs and bags of candy and treats. To donate, please drop off at the church office by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Sunday School** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1 today, starts a six week series: **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**. This series will include a video presentation by Louie Giglio followed by a class discussion. Following is a brief description of the series: Our minds spinning seemingly out of control with thoughts that are not only unproductive, but potentially destructive and harmful. These thoughts are not of God. No, they're from the Enemy lurking, ready to seize any opportunity to lie his way into your mind and claim control over your life. But God has other plans for you.

**Men's Breakfast** will meet this Tuesday, March 12th at Wolfy's Restaurant on Silver Springs Blvd.

**Fellowship Lunch** after church next Sunday - we will have a special St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Make plans to stay for the food and fellowship. There is no charge, but you may make a donation to the youth program. The youth will be serving the lunch.

**Rev. Ruth Elswood**, a former minister, will be back to preach next week. She will be giving Rev. Jones a break.

**On Easter Sunday** we will have a flower cross - Please bring flowers for the cross.

**Monday, April 1st** is the deadline to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education scholarships! Applications for the fall 2024 term are available in the church office or print from our website. The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Monday, April 1st. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Direct questions to Scholarship Committee members-Chair Kay Yancey, Cindy Andrews, Todd Carstenn or Tom Weaver.

## PRAYER LIST

**Pat Bishop**  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Tania Blackwell** (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella and Ray Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)  
**Linda Deyton** (sister of Annette Pickard)  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Bob Dillinger** (Uncle of Wendie Moore)  
**Ruth Fraser**  
**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)  
**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)  
**Dorothy Halliwell** (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)  
**Bill and Barbara Harrel**  
**Andrea Mogg Jacque**  
**Victoria Johnson** (great-granddaughter of Christine)  
**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)  
**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**John Koch** (brother in law of Debbie Koch)  
**The Mack family** (on the death of Celine)  
**Cordelia Bree McCully** (granddaughter of Mike and Teresa Poteet)  
**Gloria Miller**  
**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)  
**Bruce and Wendie Moore**  
**Annette Morris** (friend of Mary Kauffman)  
**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)  
**Ruthanne and John Reiss**  
**Frank Roberts**  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Janie Scott**  
**Rev. Ed Tenhor** (blood pressure)  
**Marion Thomas** (fall)  
**Bob and Renee Timmer**  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Phyllis VonEbers** (pneumonia)  
**Robert Webber** (brother of Ginny Miller)  
**William Wright**