



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



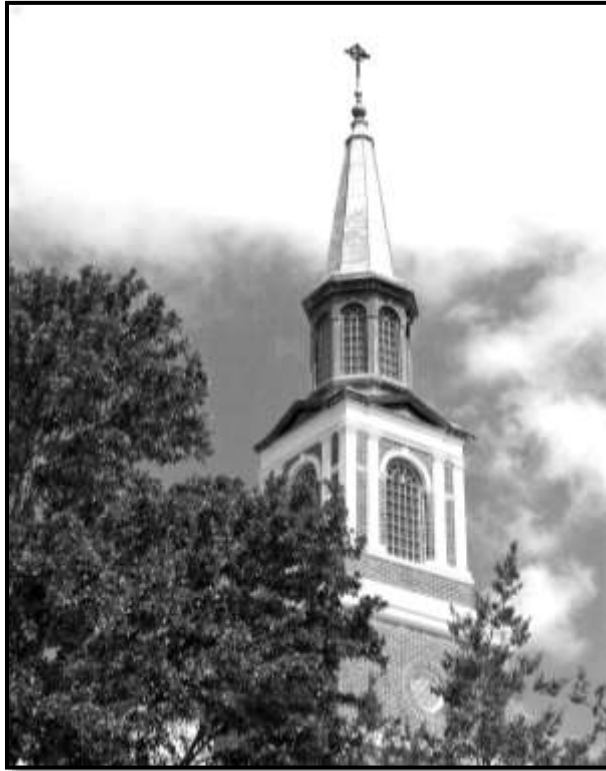
Our Vision

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.



166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN Ocala

March 3, 2024

Today's Sermon "Digging Beneath the Vineyard's Surface"

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Reverie"

Edward Grieg
arr. by Chester Nordman

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103:1-5)

Jo Ann Brandt, Liturgist

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the Pit,

Leader: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People: who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Hymn

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

#394

*Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

#581

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

Psalm 80:8-13 (OT Pg. 665)

Children's Sermon

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| Praise Song | "There Is A Redeemer" | #443 |
| There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One | Jesus my redeemer Name above all names Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Hope for sinners slain | When I stand in Glory I will see His face And there I'll serve my King forever In that Holy Place |
| <i>refrain:</i> Thank you, oh my Father For giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on Earth is done | (refrain) | (refrain) And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on Earth is done |

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| Pastoral Prayer | | Dr. Jones |
| Anthem | "How Beautiful" | arr. Benjamin Harlan |
| Second Reading | | Mark 12:1-12 (NT Pg. 59) |
| Sermon | "Digging Beneath the Vineyard's Surface" | Dr. Jones |
| Song | "In Remembrance of Me" | #521 |
| Lord's Supper | | |
| Hymn | "Holy, Holy Holy" verse 2 | #1 |

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

Prayer

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

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| *Hymn | "Take My Life" verses 1, 2, 3 & 6 | #697 |
| *Benediction and Offering | (After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings) | |
| Postlude | "Postlude" | C. H. Rinck |



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Hanns P. Golez, Roxanne Schwaller's brother-in-law*

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.

Lenten Study has begun and is about Jesus' Parables using a book called *Short Stories by Jesus* and will be in Room 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Books may be picked up in the church office. Call or email the church for the zoom link.

Communion Offering: On communion Sundays we receive a small offering for the pastor's discretionary fund to help the needy. There are envelopes in the pews, both small white ones and purple ones.

Children's Sunday School meets in Room 26 during church, after the Children's Sermon.

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, better plans, where you can experience intimacy, rest, and joy beyond your circumstances.

Middle and High School Youth Group will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)
Andy Carlisle
Ella 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