



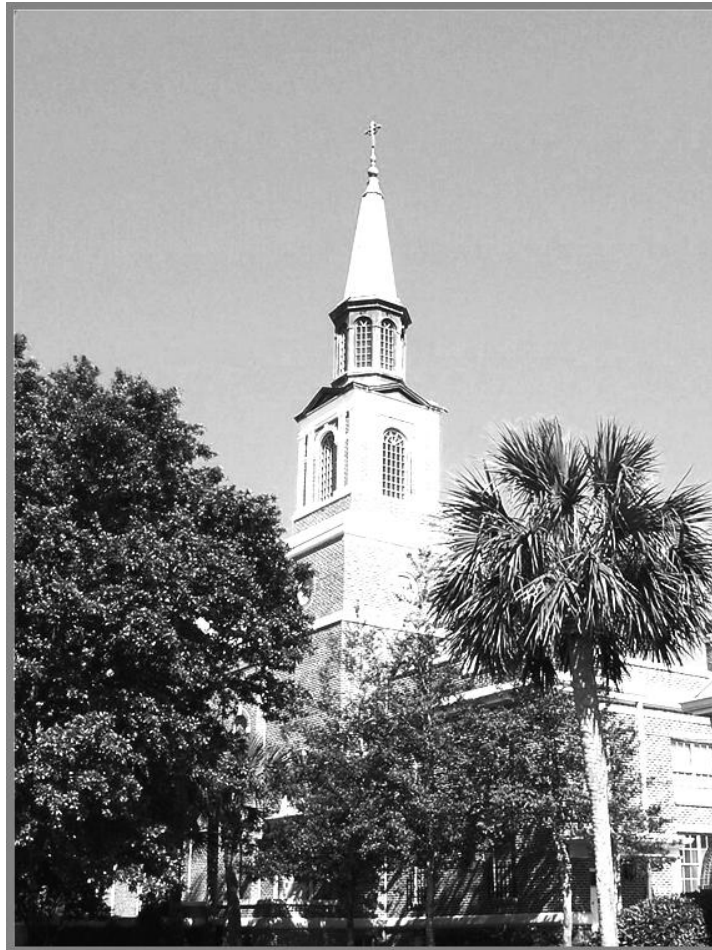
**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala**



Our Vision – Our Mission

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.

To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that seeks to embrace everyone in growing spiritually.



162 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

May 19, 2019

This Morning's Sermon

“When the First Things Pass Away”

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Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, all the fancy words in the world, expressed in eloquent prose, decorated with emotion, spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt 'sorry' when all other words fail. There are times when we are all too aware of our limitations, conscious of sin, and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all the heart can bear to say aloud. It is only you who can read and understand the language of our hearts. Only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed, if we had the words within us. Then you forgive, and having forgiven, surround us in an embrace of love, drawing us close to your heart as it was always meant to be. Thank you, Loving Father, that you listen to hearts as well as voices. Thank you.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time (11:00)

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Choir Anthem

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles H Gabriel
R.E. Schram

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Let not your heart be troubled, His tender words I hear; and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He leads me, one step is all I can see. I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches over me.

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

#442

Call to Offering

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip P. Bliss
Arr. Cindy Berry

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Lesson

John 13:31-35 (NT Page 132)

Second Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6 (NT Page 315)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

"When the First Things Pass Away"

Dr. Watson

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from a Brief Statement 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 triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#366

*Charge and Benediction

Response

The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Marty Haugen

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Joseph Funk
Arr. Cindy Berry

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Today's sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers 11:00

Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons,
Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss.

Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m.



Opening Song

Hear I Am To Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

People: **Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

People: **We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Confession (Unison)

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Passing of the Peace

Praise Music

You Never Let Go, Good Good Father

Children's Time

Prayers of the People

Offertory

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

First Scripture Lesson

John 13:31-35

Second Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

"When the First Things Pass Away"

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Affirmation (Unison)

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 triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, that he appeared first to women, then Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Closing Song

All The People Said Amen

We follow the Light of Christ into the world

PRAYER LIST

Brent Barber (Gera Fleming's son-in-law)
Bill Blackwell (Mary Kauffman's brother)
Jeanette Bryant
Michelle Burgess and family
 (on the death of her husband, Fred)
Randall & Linda Deyton (Pickard family
 prayer concerns)
Noemi DiGeronimo
 (granddaughter of Mina)
Kathy and Terry Donovan (Nita Williams'
 friends)
Maranell Fleming
Barbara Gowie
Gary Harward
Betty Ann Jones (Margaret Trump's sister)
Brian Kuhn (Rusty Juergens' friend)
Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)
Gisela Lehner
Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack
Anna Marie Miller (Hawthorne)
Gloria Miller
Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)
Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)
Brenda O'Quinn (Elaine Cox's sister)
Charlene Preston
Dave Proctor (Sue Straub's son-in-law)
Richard and Fritz Rain (Mary Beth Olson's friends)
John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)
Tania Sayre (Mary Kauffman's daughter)
Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)
Wes Schultz
Delores Shotwell (Palm Garden)
Steve and Keith Shotwell
Betty Jeanne Spencer (Lady Lake Specialty Care)
Von Hayes Switzer (deployed with the Navy)
Jill Hester Whitaker
Bo and Sally Williams

Please also remember in prayer all our church leaders and the missions we support.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Word of Faith</i>			Wednesday	May 22	Judges 13:1-25
Sunday	May 19	Judges 11:1-28	Thursday	May 23	Judges 14:1-20
Monday	May 20	Judges 11:29-40	Friday	May 24	Judges 15:1-20
Tuesday	May 21	Judges 12:1-15	Saturday	May 25	Judges 16:1031

***Our church welcomes you today, no matter who you are,
 where you come from, or why you are here.***

We are striving to be Christ's people; and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, welcome on your journey; if you are looking for a church home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn with us as we learn from you. We invite all newcomers to join us for faithful worship, Christian growth, fellowship, and mission.

First Time Visitor - If this is your first time visiting with us today, please find someone with a Hospitality ribbon.

We want to meet you and we have a welcoming gift for you today.

Calendar
May 19 – May 25, 2019

SUN.	<p><u>May 19</u></p> <p>8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery) Children’s Church: <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26)</p> <p style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 2px;"><u>Congregational Meeting</u> (following 11:00 service in the Sanctuary)</p>
MON.	<p><u>May 20</u></p> <p>10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grief Group (Room 1) Deacons’ Meeting (Conference Room)</p>
TUES.	<p><u>May 21</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Faith Sisters (Parlor)</p>
WED.	<p><u>May 22</u></p> <p>5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Kaleo Youth Group (Room 21) Security Team (Conference Room) Choir (Music Room)</p>

TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today The Session has called a meeting of the congregation immediately following today’s 11:00 a.m. worship service. The business of the meeting will be limited to receipt, amendment, debate and action upon a proposed Separation Covenant between Reverend Natasha Sudderth and the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. The Separation Covenant will define the process and lead to the dissolution of her call as Associate Pastor of this congregation.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-14, 2019. VBS is such an incredibly important event within our church and our community, but we can’t pull it off without tremendous support! If you are available and willing, please **consider volunteering** that week. Registration is now on fpcocala.org for participants and volunteers! Please prayerfully consider donating some of the following items to be used throughout VBS: fun, colorful beads, small letter beads, key chain clips, clear plastic cups (9 oz. - the short, squat ones), colorful yarn, yellow and orange tissue paper, scotch tape, toilet paper tubes, gift cards (Walmart, Publix, Hobby Lobby, etc.), paper towel tubes, washi (scrapbook) tape, duct tape (fun colors), yellow and orange fleece, cotton stuffing, rice, colorful construction paper, rubber bands, aluminum foil. Please bring donations to FPC office any time before June 10th.

We Need a Meals on Wheels driver for the 4th Tuesday every month. If interested contact Joann Brandt (671-1429). She will take you on the route to familiarize you.

PW Prayer Shawl Ministry will NOT be meeting in May. They will resume in June.

Beautiful smiles, welcoming hugs, hearing new and old amazing stories... and sharing a few minutes of yourself with others... By delivering flower arrangements from the Sunday bouquets to amazing and appreciative church members and friends, you can be part of an important ministry. These dear friends love to be connected to the church. The extraordinary result is that those delivering the flowers get as much or more out of the visits as the recipients. You can make a difference by being part of the special Monday ministry. Please contact Evelyn Longo (286-8439) or email evelynlongopw@yahoo.com.

FPC's monthly newsletter, The Spire seeks volunteers to meet 1 ½ hours on the fourth Wednesday of the month to prepare it for mailing. Please email hquinlan@fpcocala.org or call the office (352) 629-7561 if you can help.

Interfaith's needs this month are peanut butter, jelly or jam, canned meats, canned spaghetti sauce and toiletries for men and women. Thank you for placing your donations in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or by bringing them to the church office during the week. They are also looking for volunteers..... call Tina 352-629-8868.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Dr. Watson is leading his third pilgrimage to the Holy Land as well as Jordan **January 18th – 31st, 2020**. Tour Package Rate **\$4,690** per person based on Double Occupancy. The pilgrimage begins in Caesarea, goes to Mount Carmel, Nazareth, the Jordan River, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, and the Dead Sea. Tour Includes: • Hotel Accommodations include Breakfast and Dinner daily • English speaking guide • Modern A/C bus for tours and transfers • Entrance fees to all sites • Daily lunches in Israel • Farewell dinner • Bridge Tax crossing to Jordan • Portage at Hotels. Please call Ron at church to indicate your interest in the trip. The official trip brochure and deposit deadlines will be offered soon.

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