

This week at FPC January 8—January 13, 2021

Dear Friends,

This has been an especially difficult week for our nation. What can I say that might encourage everyone? Whatever your politics, I'm sure we can agree that what has happened this week in our capitol is not who we are or want to be. What would Jesus think?

Our Lord Jesus came to us in the midst of a land with an occupying army and imperial government. And in that setting he told us how to live, how to serve, how to love, how to show justice and love kindness, and how to trust God and call him Father and pray to him.

Jesus put such great emphasis on prayer, so much so that it is the foundation of our worship. Let us worship and trust in God today, praying and knowing that peace will be found in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let God be your light and direction in troubled times.

Pray for one another. Pray for those in government. Pray for our nation.

Peace, Ron

Contribution Envelopes:

To minimize the cost of mailing envelopes we have created the following schedule so you may pick them up.

- ⇒ Sunday, January 10th - 8:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the **Fellowship Hall**
- ⇒ Tuesday, January 12 9:a.m. – 2: p.m. in the **office**
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 13th 10:a.m. – 3 p.m. in the **office**
- ⇒ Thursday, January 14th 9:a.m.- noon. In the **office**

We are currently experiencing technical challenges with our telephone services specifically as it relates to the option of leaving a message. In the interim we ask that you reach out to the pastors' personal phone numbers when your calls are not answered and you need to leave a message. Thanks for your understanding.

SERMON BY PHONE (352) 342-9814 New sermons each Monday.

PRAYER LIST

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| <p>Claudia Markham-Ahl
 Gary Allsopp
 Wilma Andrews (at home)
 Adam Black (son of Anna McCurry)
 Bill Bowen
 Bill Canganelli (grandson of Pat Bishop)
 Andy Carlisle
 Shirley Cochran
 Maranell and Hank Fleming
 Ruth Fraser (recovering from shoulder surgery)
 Bill Green (friend of Richard Grosso)
 Barbara Gowie
 Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
 Dick Hancock
 Brenda Jones and family
 Jolene Kai (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)</p> | <p>Janice Kelly
 Scott Kinnaugh (Dorothy Siemons' son)
 Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
 Lois Lance
 Grietje Lewis
 Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
 Sandra M (friend of Mary Beth Olsen)
 Celine Mack
 Eric Masterson (brother-in-law of Deb Cone)
 Skip McDonald
 Jessie Moseley
 Christian Myers (friend of Julia Wirono)
 Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
 Ann VanDenburgh
 Larry and Lisa Waldren
 Joyce Williamson</p> |
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Former member Debbie Gilkes died this week. Please pray for her family, especially her children Justin, Melissa, and Sarah, their spouses and her grandchildren.

Griefshare has reconvened and meets each Friday at 10:30am. Please wear a mask if you come in person to our Fellowship Hall or by zoom conference. Rev. Walk Jones, our interim associate pastor shows videos and leads discussion. Call the church office (629-7561) or email wjones@fpcocala.org for information about the meetings. Anyone grieving may join the group at any time. There is no charge. For more information visit their page: www.griefshare.org/

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Word of Life</i>			Sunday	January 10	John 1:19-34
Thursday	January 7	John 5:1-29	Monday	January 11	Luke 7:1-17
Friday	January 8	John 6:1-24	Tuesday	January 12	Luke 7:18-35
Saturday	January 9	John 6:25-59	Wednesday	January 13	Luke 7:36-50