

# This week at FPC January 20—January 26, 2022

## Living in Ordinary Time

by Walk Jones

The Church uses the term Ordinary Time to describe the weeks after Christmas and after Pentecost. We have an especially long stretch of Sundays between now and the beginning of Lent (in early March). Ordinary doesn't seem like the right word, but it is. Wikipedia says: "The word "ordinary" as used here comes from the ordinal numerals by which the weeks are identified or counted, from the 1st week of Ordinary Time in January to the 34th week that begins toward the end of November."

Nothing feels ordinary, in the way I use the word. The whole time I've been privileged to serve First Presbyterian has been disrupted time, difficult time, 'the plague years,' if we want to go all Medieval. Yet our worship and our spiritual lives continue. The ordinary marches on: we continue to pray for one another, worship, study, work, get married, have babies (and grandbabies!), retire from work, move to Florida, even die. We do much more as well, in these disordered times.

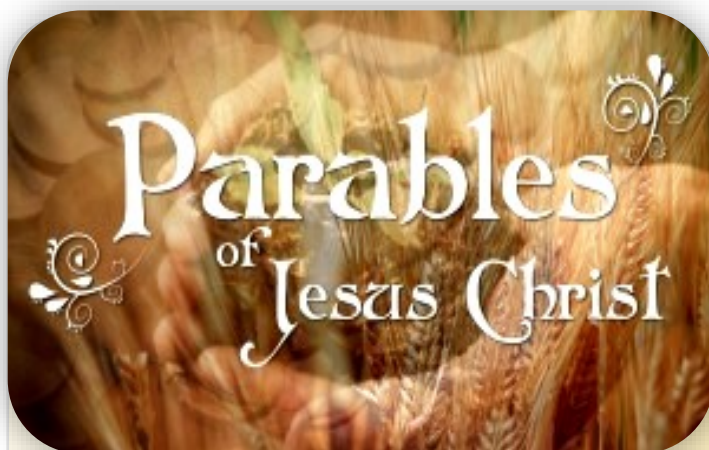
God is with us, in the ordinary and extraordinary. God brought plagues to Egypt then led the Hebrews to freedom. God was with the church in earlier times, when plagues struck. God is with us now. There is nothing ordinary about God's love for you. You can count on that.



### Meetings held Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Walk Jones, our interim associate pastor, convenes the grief group for discussion and lessons. Griefshare is held each Friday from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Call the church office (629-7561) or email [wjones@fpcocala.org](mailto:wjones@fpcocala.org) for information about the meetings.

Participants may join any week by showing up or registering [www.griefshare.org/groups/141283](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/141283).



The Sunday morning discussion group has begun an 8-week look at selected parables of Jesus. Dale Ambler and Mike Morehouse will facilitate discussion as we begin the new year filled with possibility and God's presence with us. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Barbara Gowie's family would like to give her Kawai organ, model number SR-3 (walnut, November 1989) away to a family or friend of the church.

## PRAYER LIST

**Claudia Markham-Ahl** (cancer treatment)  
**Eddie Allsopp**  
**Wilma Andrews**  
**Devin Anthony-Christiansen**  
 (grandson of Marcia Dove)  
**Cede Blackwell**  
 (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Adele Evans** (friend of Richard Grosso)  
**Gera Fleming**  
**Ruth Fraser**  
**The Gowie Family** (on the death of Barbara)  
**Barbara Harrel**  
**Hope Hill** (friend of Richard Grosso)  
**Mark and Melanie Heuer** (son-in-law and daughter of Julia Wirono)  
**Calvin Jones** (Skill Day Care Center)  
**Jolene Kai** (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)  
**Mary Kells** (former organist)  
**Janice Kelly**  
**Scott Kinnaugh** (son of Dorothy Siemons)  
**Biddie Kirk**

**Ken Kramer** (brother-in-law of Evelyn Longo)  
**Lois Lance**  
**Celine Mack**  
**Susan Marta**  
**Judith Martin**  
**Ruth Matti** (friend of Pat Bishop)  
**Skip McDonald**  
**Ron McMillin**  
**Bob Mikulski** (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)  
**Gloria Miller** (home from the hospital)  
**Janet Morehouse** (knee surgery)  
**Kathy Mortensen** (sister of Sharon Shirley)  
**Barbara Parks**  
**John Peterson** (Bridgewater)  
**Bobbie, Bob Ripple and family** (Mike Poteet's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Raul Roman** (outpatient surgery)  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Betty Smith** (friend of Pat Bishop)  
**Shannon Tanga** (granddaughter of Bill Harrel)  
**Debbie Tompkins** (sister of Rusty Juergens)  
**Richard and Sandy Valvo**  
**Joe Vorwerk** (on the death of his father)  
**Larry and Lisa Waldren**  
**Jeffrey Yawn** (grandson of Betty Williams)

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God's Renewing Word of Unity in Christ</i>					
			Sunday	January 23	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Thursday	January 20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Monday	January 24	2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Friday	January 21	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1	Tuesday	January 25	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Saturday	January 22	2 Corinthians 7:2-16	Wednesday	January 26	2 Corinthians 10:1-18