

This Week at FPC June 12—June 17, 2020

Church Worship Resumes Sunday, June 21st

Dear Friends,

In person church worship will resume on June 21st.

New Worship Times

We will begin with a 9 am service each Sunday. If/When reservations for this service fill up (full capacity will be 50 people), we will offer additional service times. Services will last 45 minutes.

Reservations

At first, we will ask everyone to make a reservation on our website (fpcocala.org) or by calling the office due to capacity limits. We will begin taking reservations on Monday, June 15 at 9 am. Please do not call and reserve a place prior to that.

Masks

All worshippers will be asked to wear masks. Those who are unable to do so will be invited to sit in the courtyard where you will be able to at least hear if not also see the service. (Outdoor seating with full view of worship leaders is limited). If you forget to bring your mask, we will have masks available for you.

Temperature Checks

We will be doing “no touch” temperature monitoring of all worshippers upon your arrival. We will ask everyone who may have any symptoms which mirror those of the coronavirus to worship at home. We will also ask anyone who may have been exposed to someone with the virus to self-quarantine for 14 days and not attend worship.

Place

All worship will take place in the Fellowship Hall for two reasons. Access to the sanctuary means using the elevator for many, and the elevator is not well ventilated.

Hymns

We will have no congregational hymn singing. One staff member will sing on behalf of the hearts of all.

Style

The service will be a blended style. We will have no “traditional” nor “contemporary” services for the time being. It will be very much like the service you have been watching on YouTube. You may come as you are or dress up as you wish.

Offering

Offering will be received in stationary, locked containers as you exit church. You may, of course, continue to give through the church office mail slot, US mail, and online giving.

Attendance

All are welcome, but we encourage everyone to consider community guidelines before making the decision to attend. While we are doing everything we can to give you a safe environment in which to worship, we recognize that our measures may not prevent transmission of the coronavirus.

YouTube

We will continue our YouTube broadcasts until further notice. Look on our website or search for First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, FL.

We understand adjusting to this new style of worship may be difficult and seem a bit restrictive, but rest assured, these decisions were made after careful study, debate, and prayer by the session and in consultation with our church physicians. Your physical well-being is just as important to us as your spiritual well-being. Whether we see you soon in person or “see” you on YouTube, we look forward to worshipping with you soon!

Yours in Christ,
 Ron Watson, Pastor

Friends,

As you know, Ocala is a friendly city with good relationships among and between citizens. Our Session is concerned about issues of justice and community since our church has long been a leader in the city. Session felt the statement of social justice by our presbytery’s council was well written and put a link on the top of our web page. I invite you to read it at www.fpcocala.org. Both Ron and I have been meeting with area clergy and other leaders. On Thursday I attended a multiracial meeting of clergy, Police Chief Graham, Mayor Guinn, Sheriff Woods, and others. Those meetings will continue.

Some members of the church don’t have computer, tablet, or smartphone to see our YouTube worship services. Think about ways you can help them see our service and worship with us. Is there a family member, neighbor, or close friend you could share the service with, or help the see (or just hear) the service on a smartphone? If you have the capability of burning a DVD and would like to make some or loan the device to the church, please let me know.

Camp Montgomery will have limited camp sessions this summer. See montgomerycenter.net for more information. Watch this space for details of Stay-cation Bible School and virtual Montreat Youth Conference.

Grace and Peace, Walk

PRAYER LIST

Jim Bennett (brother of John Bennett)
Pam Butcher
Andy Carlisle
Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family
Shirley Cochran
Stewart and Diane Edwards
Phoebe Escobar (sister of Evelyn Longo)
Hank and Maranell Fleming
Bill Green (friend of Richard Grosso)
Barbara Gowie
Dick Hancock
Johnie Johnson (son of Tommy Johnson)
Ken Kramer (brother-in-law of Evelyn Longo)
Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
Lois Lance
Grietje Lewis

Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
Kevin Lloyd (cousin of Lee Ann Drake)
Celine Mack
Ellen Matthews (upcoming pacemaker surgery)
Skip McDonald
Jessie Moseley
Christian Myers (friend of Julia Wirono)
Raul Nieves (brother of Mina DiGeronimo)
Greg Robinson (brother of Carolyn Varner)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Deloris Shotwell (hospice)
Steve and Keith Shotwell
Baldwin Switzer (on deployment with the Navy)
Howard Tucker
Nancy Wells (daughter of Shirley Wells)
Nancy Wollett

| This Week’s Daily Bible Readings | | | | | |
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| <i>Sustained by God’s Life-Giving Word of Spiritual Renewal</i> | | | Sunday | June 14 | Romans 12:1-21 |
| Thursday | June 11 | Acts 20:1-16 | Monday | June 15 | Romans 13:1-14 |
| Friday | June 12 | Romans 8:117 | Tuesday | June 16 | Romans 14:1-23 |
| Saturday | June 13 | Romans 8:18-30 | Wednesday | June 17 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 |