



## *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



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### **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.

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# DEVOTED

**Aligning with God's Vision for the Church**

January 12, 2025

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Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist  
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Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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### We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Psalmody for Organ"

Phil Lehenbauer

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Peggy Wiechmann, Liturgist

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and worship him with music and song.**

\*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

#839

\*Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. And now, hear our silent prayers of confession...**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Extending the Welcome and Love of God to One Another

\*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

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (OT Page 757)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Songs

"Your Love Never Fails"

Jesus Culture

Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Nothing can separate  
Even if I ran away  
Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes but  
You have new mercies for me everyday  
Your love never fails

*Chorus*  
*You stay the same through the ages*  
*Your love never changes*  
*There may be pain in the night*  
*But joy comes in the morning*  
*And when the oceans rage*

*I don't have to be afraid*  
*Because I know that*  
*You love me*  
*Your love never fails*

The wind is strong and the water's deep  
But I'm not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide  
I never thought I'd reach the other side  
Your love never fails

*Chorus*

(Bridge)  
You make all things  
Work together for my good  
You make all things  
Work together for my good

*Chorus*

“Lead me to the Cross”

Hillsong United

Savior I come  
Quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom

Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss

*chorus:*

*Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I  
Tempted and tried  
Human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin and death  
Now you're risen

Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss

*Chorus*

To Your heart  
To Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart

*Chorus*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

“With Mind and Spirit”  
Chancel Choir

Margaret R. Tucker

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 (NT Page 246)

Sermon

“Devoted: Grace - Giving Relationships”

Pastor Kenny

Responding to God's Word

We invite you to take a few moments in silent prayers to respond to God's Word

The Lord's Supper

**We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus**

\*Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

#761

Closing Prayer

Postlude

“Voluntary in F”

Phil Lehenbauer



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God*

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Here?** We are so thrilled that you have joined us today for worship. Please review the information below and our website for other ways to connect to the FPC family. If you have tiny ones (birth-4yrs), we have a Nursery in Room 23 of the Education building with an amazing staff ready to care for them before or at any time during the service. If you have older children (K-5th) they will be invited down for a Children's Sermon in the service and then invited to Sunday School (Room 26). We love little ones and they are always welcome in worship, but we want to provide options that might benefit you and them. Welcome!

**Buddy MacKay's service** (Ken's father) will be held Wednesday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Fort King Presbyterian Church... all are welcome. We anticipate a crowd, so arrive early if you plan on attending.

**Holey Time** Join us today after worship in the courtyard for fellowship, coffee, juice, and cookies. The Fellowship Committee will hold these get-togethers on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**GriefShare** will start a new set of classes Sunday, February 2 through May 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 1. Please share with anyone grieving.

**Women's Luncheon** hosted by Jennie Ellis will be Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. Please RSVP to [jensellis624@gmail.com](mailto:jensellis624@gmail.com)

**We are excited** to be searching for a *Children's Ministry Coordinator* and a *Youth Ministry Coordinator* to join our staff. These are both paid part-time positions. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact the office or visit our website for more information.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*** Annual Souper Bowl Food Drive will be on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

## PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**

**Pat Bishop**

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)

**Ella Charnley**

**Martin Cook**

**Patty Cook**

**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)

**Linda and Randall Deyton**

(sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)

**Mina DiGeronimo**

**Ruth Fraser**

**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)

**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**Dorothy Halliwell** (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

**Betty Hamilton** (neighbor of Evelyn Yorlano)

**Bill and Barbara Harrel**

**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)

**Jose Kornmann** (friend of Julia Wirono)

**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Chris Longo** (cardiac issues)

**The MacKay family** (on the death of Ken's father)

**Lukas Martin** (grandson of Judith Martin)

**Gloria Miller**

**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

**Bruce Moore** (hip surgery)

**Kathy Mortenson** (sister of Sharon Shirley)

**Susan Mulligan** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**The Parks family** (on the death of Barbara)

**Anna Phelan** (granddaughter of  
Dude & Stephanie Phelan)

**Tony Porter**

**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)

**Ruthanne and John Reiss**

**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

**Tania Sayre** (daughter of Mary Kauffman)

**Lisa Sherman** (daughter of Donna and  
Nathan Sherman)

**Debra Tomkins** (sister of Rusty Juergens)

**Ann VanDenburgh**

**Jeanne Vincent**

**Judy Weese** (friend of Lannie Mercer  
chemo treatments)