



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



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.



DEVOTED

Aligning with God's Vision for the Church

January 19, 2025

Pastor Kenneth Ellis
Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist
Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director
Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Greg Howlett

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100, NIV)

Kathy Kuhns, Liturgist

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#610

*Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we come to you this day as your children seeking your forgiveness and grace. You have given us the gift of the Bible so that we might know you, but we rarely read it. We have become experts in things that won't matter in Eternity. But we have neglected to read or listen to your Word which offers us guidance, wisdom and the reassurance of your love. If your Word is food for our souls, we are undernourished. Please forgive us for neglecting your gift and giving our time away to lesser things. Renew and change our hearts so that we long for the things that will actually bring us life.

*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

Psalm 1 (OT Page 602)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Songs

“King of My Heart”
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

John Mark McMillan
Sarah McMillan

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

Chorus:
You are good, good, oh oh
You are good, good, oh oh
(repeat)

You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
(repeat)

Chorus:
You are good, good, oh oh
You are good, good, oh oh
(repeat)

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song

“Our Great God”

Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, Unchanging
Mysterious and Unknown
Your boundless Love, unfailing
In Grace and Mercy shown.

Bright Seraphim in endless flight
around Your Glorious Throne
They raise their voices day and night
in PRAISE to YOU ALONE.

Chorus:
Hallelujah, Glory be to Our Great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your Angels
Hold us in Your Arms

Our cold and ruthless Enemy,
his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
before our Sovereign GOD.

Chorus

Let every creature in the sea and every
flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley
of the Earth

Let all the moons and all the stars in all
the Universe

Sing praises to the LIVING GOD,
Who rules them by His Word!

Chorus

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”
Chancel Choir

arr. Kenneth Staton

Second Reading

Acts 2:42-47 (NT Page 145)

Sermon

“Devoted: A Community Shaped by God's Word”

Pastor Kenny

Responding to God's Word

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

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#451

Closing Prayer

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation “Aurelia”

Phil Lehenbauer



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Thom, by his wife Kathy Kuhns and his loving family.

*If able, please stand

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!

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.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

****SAVE THE DATE**** *Annual Souper Bowl Food Drive* Sunday, February 9, 2025
GriefShare starts Sunday, February 2 through May 4, 2025
Women's Luncheon Saturday, February 1, 2025

PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Ella Charnley

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

Linda and Randall Deyton

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

Mina DiGeronimo

Terry and Rhonda Fowler (brother and
sister-in-law of Teresa Poteet)

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

Rusty Juergens (on the death of his sister Debra)

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)

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)

Lisa Sherman (daughter of Donna and
Nathan Sherman)

Ann VanDenburgh

Jeanne Vincent

Judy Weese (friend of Lannie Mercer
chemo treatments)