



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 26, 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 26, 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

"Pastorale on "Nettleton"
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Phil Lehenbauer

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Don Slone, Liturgist

Leader: This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!
Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people to come to you in these moments

People: to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.

Leader: Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word.

People: Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen

*Hymn

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#291

*Confession of Sin

Merciful God, Jesus gave His life so that we could be forgiven and adopted into your family. As your children, you have invited us to pray about anything that is on our hearts and minds. But we are too busy to pray. Our pride leads us to believe that we can handle life on our own. We come to you only after we have tried every other possible solution. Even then, we try to negotiate with you as if you are reluctant or need something from us. Forgive us for our lack of faith. We believe, but help our unbelief. Make us into a people of deep faith and bold prayers.

*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

Exodus 33:7-11 (OT Page 99)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Songs

“Lord I Need You”
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson,
Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher
CCLI Song #5925687

Verse 1
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides
my heart

Chorus
Lord I need You
oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense
my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep Your
grace is more
Where grace is found is
where You are
And where You are Lord I
am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord
I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

chorus

Bridge
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall
on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall
on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

“The Goodness of Jesus”

Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Jaywan Maxwell,
Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,
Rich Thompson CCLI Song #7121854
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Verse 1
Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus
Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied he is all that I need
May it be come what may that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Verse 2
Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

chorus

Verse 3
Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

chorus

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Kirby Shaw
Chancel Choir
Aimee Reyes, soloist

Sermon “Devoted: A Church On Its Knees” Pastor Kenny

Responding to God's Word

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

We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus

*Hymn “Take My Life” #697

Closing Prayer

Postlude “A Parting Hymn” Ellen Jane Lorenz



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her loving husband
William Shirley, by his wife Sharon Shirley.*

*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.

Women's Luncheon is Saturday, February 1st in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. Hosted by Jennie Ellis. All women are invited. Please email Jennie: jensellis624@gmail.com

Next Sunday, February 2, 2025 is Scout Sunday. We appreciate all they do for our community.

GriefShare starts a new session next week, Sunday, February 2 through May 4, 2025. 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 1.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. The Outreach Committee will be collecting food items and monetary donations for Interfaith Emergency Services in the parking lot on Sunday, February 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Ella Charnley

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

Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard on loss of her husband Randall)

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)

Annette Pickard (on the death of her brother-in-law Randall Deyton)

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)