



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 5, 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 5, 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 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" arr. Mark Hayes

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100) Bentley Johnson, Liturgist

Leader: Come before the Lord with joyful songs,
because he is good, because he is generous, because we lack nothing.

People: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Leader: Come before the Lord with joy
because he is faithful to his promises, because his Word is eternal.

People: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, and we are his people, his community, his family.

People: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

*Hymn "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" #305

*Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, because of your great love, you offered your life on the cross to not only save individual people, but to create living communities called churches. Forgive us when we only think of the church as an organization or a human invention. Despite our many imperfections, your love for the church is unfailing. We love the church when it provides a service or experience that fits our needs. We love the church when our preferences are attended to. When things do not go how we think they should, we withhold our devotion and participation, and we grumble. We do not love the church for your sake, we love it for ours. Forgive us for not seeing the church as you do, as a beautifully imperfect community that is experiencing your grace and seeking your glory. Rekindle in us a devotion to you, one another and the mission you have given us as your people, the church. (silent prayer)

*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 19:3-6 (OT Page 81)

Children's Sermon Pastor Kenny

Anthem "One Small Child" Meece/arr. Larson
Debbie Atchison and Cindy Andrews, vocal duet* Songs

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Songs "I Will Follow" Chris Tomlin

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow	<i>Chorus:</i> <i>Where You go I'll go</i> <i>Where You stay I'll stay</i> <i>When You move I'll move</i> <i>I will follow You</i> <i>Whom You love I'll love</i> <i>How You serve I'll serve</i> <i>If this life I lose</i> <i>I will follow You</i> <i>Yeah, I will follow You</i>	Verse 2 Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone	(Bridge) In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow
Verse 1 All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone.		<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Chorus</i>

"Forever Reign" Hillsong Worship
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

You are good, You are good When there's nothing good in me You are love, You are love On display for all to see You are light, You are light When the darkness closes in You are hope, You are hope You have covered all my sin	You are peace, You are peace When my fear is crippling You are true, You are true Even in my wandering You are joy, You are joy You're the reason that I sing You are life, You are life In You, death has lost its sting
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<i>Chorus:</i> <i>Oh, I'm running to Your arms</i> <i>I'm running to Your arms</i> <i>The riches of Your love</i> <i>Will always be enough</i> <i>Nothing compares to Your embrace</i> <i>Light of the world forever reign</i>	You are more, You are more Than my words will ever say You are Lord, You are Lord All creation will proclaim You are here, You are here In Your presence, I'm made whole You are God, You are God Of all else I'm letting go	(chorus) My heart will sing No other name Jesus Jesus (repeat) (chorus)
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Second Reading Acts 2:42-47 (NT Page 145)

Sermon "Devoted: Aligning with God's Vision for the Church" Pastor Kenny

Responding to God's Word

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

****Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons****

We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #611

Closing Prayer

Postlude "Allegro Marcato from Op. 68" Edvard Grieg



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of his wife, Bethida (Betsy), by her husband Raul Roman.*

*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) 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!

Adult and Children's Sunday School will meet again on Sunday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. Children meet in Room 26. All are welcome to the class.

Holey Time - Join us on January 12th 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 session 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 1st at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. Please RSVP to jensellis624@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 5, 2025 immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Mike Morehouse as elder for the Class of 2025 and Cindy Andrews as deacon for the Class of 2027. These officers are being elected under special circumstances.

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)

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, in hospital)

Debra Tomkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)

Ann VanDenburgh

Jeanne Vincent

Dan Warner

Judy Weese (friend of Lannie Mercer
chemo treatments)