



## *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**

February 2, 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

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

Words of Welcome

Pastor Kenny

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Greg Howlett

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Jeff Baker, Liturgist

\*Hymn

"God Is Here!"

#409

\*Confession of Sin

**Gracious God, you are the perfect model of welcome and hospitality. Your love has brought us into a family where we are loved, accepted and cared for. And you have invited us to extend your welcome and love to others. But we confess that we are preoccupied with our own concerns. To love as you love will cost us more than a Sunday smile and handshake but sometimes that's all we want to offer. We ask for your forgiveness but we also pray for changed hearts, filled with your love so that we can offer your welcome to others with joy.**

\*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

Leviticus 19:1, 33-34 (OT Page 132)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Songs

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”  
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

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Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around  
me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes  
no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now

He won't He won't

*Chorus*  
*He won't He won't*  
*He won't fail*  
*He won't fail*

Bridge

Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm going to make it through  
(REPEAT)

Repeat Verse 1,  
chorus,  
Bridge

“Jesus Paid It All”

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Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Oh praise the One Who  
paid my debt  
And raised this life up  
from the dead  
(repeat)

*Chorus*

*Sin had left a crimson stain*  
*He washed it white as snow*  
*He washed it white as snow*  
*He washed it white as snow*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Living Water, Guiding Spirit”  
*Incorporating LACQUIPARLE, a Native American Melody*  
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Sermon

“Devoted: A Hospitable Community”

Pastor Kenny

The Lord’s Supper

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

\*Hymn

“We Are One in the Spirit Verses 1,2,3”

#300

Closing Prayer

Postlude

“Tuba Tune in D Major”

Phil Lehenbauer



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and to Scout Troop 72  
For their love of God and country.*

\*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.

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

### PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**  
**Sadia Corral Benkhalek**  
**Pat Bishop**  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Jo Ann Brandt**  
**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)  
**Bill and Barbara Harrel**  
**Mark Jank**  
**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)  
**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**  
**Raul Roman, Jr.** (son of Raul)  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Lisa Sherman** (daughter of Donna and Nathan Sherman)  
**The Slaughter family** (on the death of Lannie)  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Jeanne Vincent**  
**Judy Weese** (friend of Lannie Mercer)



FPC gives thanks for the life of **Dr. Lanford Slaughter** who passed away recently. His service will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8th in the Sanctuary with reception following in Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice of Marion County or the Humane Society of Marion County.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.