



## *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



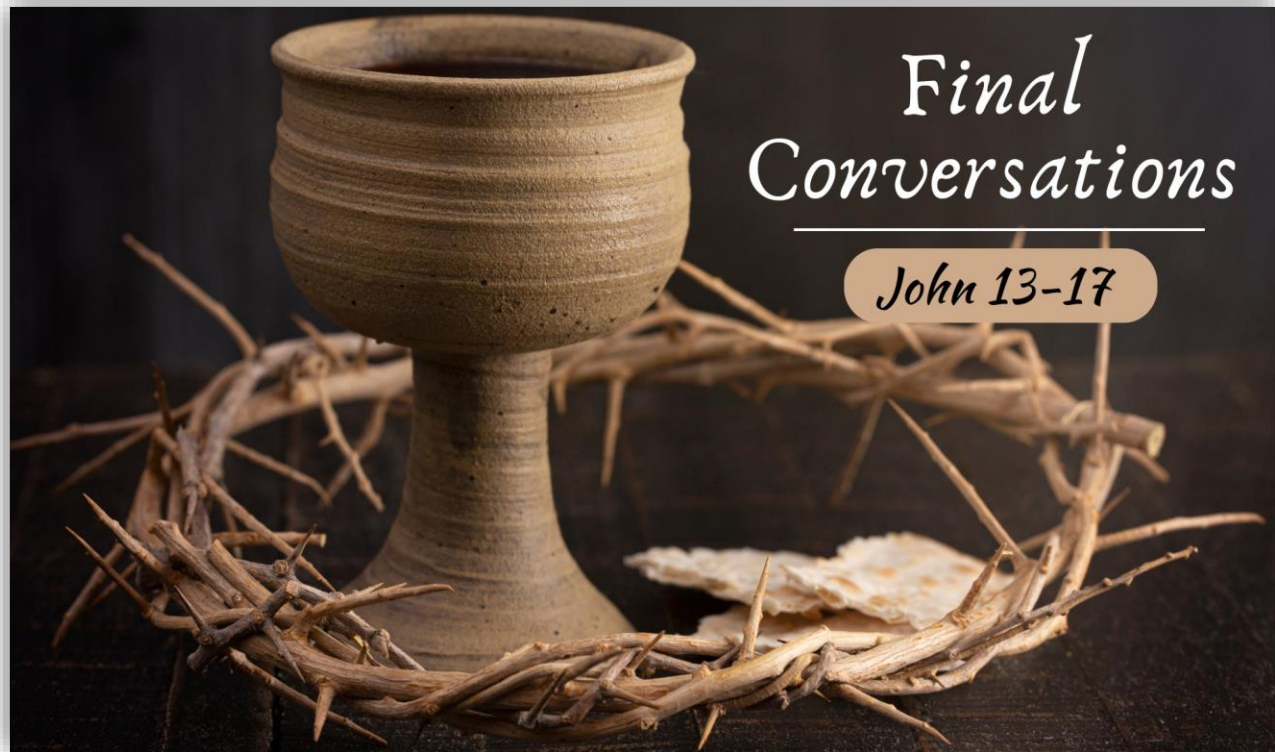
### Our Vision

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.



March 2, 2025

## “The Cinderella of the Trinity”

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

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

March 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 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart with O Breath of Life" arr. Cindy Berry

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship from Psalm 100, NIV

Bentley Johnson, 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

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\*Confession of Sin

**Lord Jesus, you promised your first disciples that you would send the Holy Spirit to be our counselor and empower us to follow in your ways. But to seek His presence and direction in our lives requires humility and faith. Our pride has made us think we can do life on our own without the gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our fear of mystery and losing control has made us unwilling to yield to the Spirit's leading. So, we forfeit the countless ways in which He wants to help us, transform us and use us to love and serve the people you've sent us to love. Forgive us and teach us to walk in step with the Holy Spirit.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

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

\*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

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**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

Joel 2:28-29 (OT Page 1039)

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Songs

“Holy Spirit”  
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

*Chorus*

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Repeat Verse 1, Chorus 2x

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Come Eat This Bread”  
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

Sermon

“Final Conversations: The Cinderella of the Trinity”

Pastor Kenny

Communion

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

\*Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God” (2x)

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Closing Prayer

Postlude

“Grand Choeur”

César Franck



*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!

**GriefShare** Sundays through May 4, 2025. 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 1.

**Lenten Bible Study** led by Kenny, *The Person of Jesus, A Study of Love*, will be held Tuesdays at Noon -1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00-7:00 pm (with childcare available) in Fellowship Hall. It will be starting this week, March 4th. All are welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** always begins our Lenten journey towards Jesus' Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. This Wednesday, March 5, we will have a service in our sanctuary at noon to begin our Lenten journey with prayer and reflection.

**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.

**CHURCH LUNCH AND FUN DAY** Come join us next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, for our All-Church Lunch which will include a delicious Italian lunch and activities for all ages (we will have crafts and chalk art for the little ones), corn hole and outdoor games and Bingo. This will be an enjoyable event for us, but also a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or neighborhood family.

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## PRAYER LIST

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**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)  
**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**  
**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)  
**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)  
**Bill Tucker**  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Jeanne Vincent**  
**Judy Weese** (friend of Lannie Mercer)  
**Bert Yancey** (brother of Jim)