



## *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 16, 2025

## “Trust-Based Obedience”

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

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

### We Gather to Offer God our Wholehearted Worship

Words of Welcome

Pastor Kenny

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Near The Cross"  
Pat Greaves, organist

by Larry Shackley

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Jacqueline Sexton, Liturgist

\*Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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\*Confession of Sin

**God of all wisdom, you have given us your word as a light for our path so that we can avoid regrets and enjoy life. But we often feel that we know better than you. We depend too heavily on our own wisdom or look to others for direction instead of trusting you. Forgive us for the ways in which our disobedience has caused harm to ourselves and others and dishonored you. Forgive us for not believing that your commands are the pathway to the life we truly want. Create in us new hearts to trust you and follow your commands 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

Proverbs 3:5-8 (OT Page 720)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and to honor the life of Barbara Parks*

Song

“Build My Life”  
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

*Chorus*

*Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

Repeat Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
We live for You, we live for You

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
Chancel Choir with Cindy Andrews, soloist

Gilbert M. Martin

Sermon

“Final Conversations: Trust-Based Obedience”

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

**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

“How Great Thou Art”

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Closing Prayer

Postlude

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

by William Tomer

## 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.

**Office Volunteers Needed** Our office is supported by a great team of volunteers who answer phones and greet visitors. We need to add a few more volunteers to our team. We have openings on Wednesday mornings from 9-12 and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3 PM. If you're interested, check the "Other" box on the Connect Card and write in Office Volunteer and we will follow up with you.

**Casey and Cody Miller's Baby Shower** Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Boy or Girl, it is a surprise but they need diapers. Hosted by Jackie Albright and Amy Schlenker. RSVP to Jackie Albright 352-812-0868.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> is the Deadline** to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education Scholarships! Applications for the fall 2025 term are available on our website under the YOUTH tab. Print out, mail or come drop off at the office.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**  
**Sadia Corral Benkhalek**  
**Pat Bishop**  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**June Bradbury** (sister of Bill Dolin)  
**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 the Phelan's)  
**Tony Porter**  
**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)  
**Bill Ratliff** (cousin of John Brawner)  
**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)