



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Our Mission

To create a community where all people can experience the love of God,
learn to follow Jesus together
and selflessly love our neighbors, our city and our world.



April 6, 2025

“A Mysterious Oneness”

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 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

“Two ‘Gethsemane’ Meditations 2. Prayer”

Phil Lehenbauer

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Mike Morehouse, Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who are weary and heavy laden

People: Jesus will give us rest

Leader: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

People: Jesus will give us peace

Leader: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus

People: For our King is gentle and humble of heart

Leader: Come, let us worship our God

People: For he is worthy of our praise

*Hymn

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

#460

*Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, you prayed that your followers would be united as one in a deep fellowship with each other and with you. But we confess that we are easily divided. When we experience conflict or hurt feelings, we judge and assume the worst of others’ motives. Rather than seeking to understand and asking questions, we judge, withdraw and begin treating each other like enemies. You have called us to move towards each other with grace and truth and make peace, but it is easier to fake peace. Please forgive our divisions, broken relationships and lack of unity and renew in us a stubborn commitment to love each other.

*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

John 17:20-23 (NT Page 136)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kenny

Song

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

How deep the Father's
love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give
His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of
searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the
Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon
a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my
mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held
Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has
brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in
Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from
His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all
my heart
His wounds have paid
my ransom

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"I Will Remember Thee"
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

Sermon

"Final Conversations: A Mysterious Oneness"

Pastor Kenny

Communion

We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Verses 1 & 2)"

#306

Closing Prayer

Postlude

"Postlude in A minor"

Christian. H. Rinck



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Chris and Evelyn Longo's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

*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!

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

Men's Breakfast This Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 a.m. at Wolfy's on Silver Springs Blvd. All men are invited.

The Lenten Study has finished for this year. Thank you to all who joined in praying and learning.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy and small toys are needed to fill our many empty eggs. Thank you to all who donated and sent in the colorful, fillable Easter eggs for the hunt. Items can be dropped off at the office.

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PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia
Sadia Corral Benkhalek
Danny Bice (grandson of Pat Interdonato)
Pat Bishop
June Bradbury (sister of Bill Dolin)
Jo Ann Brandt
The Charnley family (on the death of Ella)
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)
Mina DiGeronimo
Robert Dale Nolan (son of the Nolan's)
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)
Anna Phelan (granddaughter of the Phelan's)
Tony Porter
Fritz Rain (friend of Mary Beth Olson)
Bill Ratliff (cousin of John Brawner)
Ruthanne and John Reiss
Raul Roman, Jr. (son of Raul)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Linda Schupp (friend of Evelyn Longo)
Lisa Sherman (daughter of Donna and Nathan Sherman)
Sophie (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Bill Tucker (recovery from surgery)
Ann VanDenburgh
Jeannie Vincent
The Vincent family (on the death of Steve)
Judy Weese (friend of Lannie Mercer)



FPC gives thanks for the lives of Steve Vincent who passed away, March 29, 2025 and Ella Charnley who passed away on April 1, 2025. Steve Vincent's service will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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.