



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 13, 2025

“The Sweetest ‘No’ in All of History”

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Offer God our Wholehearted Worship

Children's Processional "Valet will ich dir geben" (St. Theodulph) Phil Lehenbauer
Dr. Kosumo Morishita, organist

Words of Welcome Pastor Kenny

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "Christ Is Alive" arr. Lloyd Larson
Handbell Choir

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Peggy Wiechmann, Liturgist

Leader: Lord Jesus, we gather as the crowds of old

People: To wave branches, to lay down cloaks, to honor you as King

Leader: You deserve to be celebrated with shouts and dancing

People: So we declare Hosanna, praise to the one who is our Savior

Leader: Those crowds did not know what we see so clearly now

People: You were not the King we expected, but you are the King we needed

Leader: A King willing to leave His throne, enter our broken world and give
His life so that we might live

People: Hosanna to the God who saves!

Special Music "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Karen L. Buckwalter
Handbell Choir, Steve Hideg (Trumpet)

*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #197

*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.

Anthem "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Chancel Choir

Special Music "Christ Arose" arr. Paul Thompson
FPC String Ensemble

Anthem

“Behold the Lamb”
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

At this time, the children can be dismissed to nursery and Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-28 (NT Page 130)

Sermon

The Sweetest “No” in All of History

Pastor Kenny

Responding to God’s Word

“Via Dolorosa”
FPC String Ensemble

arr. James Thompson

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

Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Amazing grace how sweet
the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now
I’m found
Was blind but now I see

’Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that
grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:
*My chains are gone I’ve been
set free
My God my Savior has
ransomed me
And like a flood His
mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

The Lord has promised
good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve
like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here
below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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We Depart to Live and Love as Followers of Jesus

Closing Prayer

Postlude

“Hosanna! (Theme from The Palms by Faure)”
Dr. Kosumo Morishita

Noel Benson



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God

*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. Children can be picked up after the service from Rooms 23 and 26. Welcome!

Advent Health Stroke Seminar A stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency. It's crucial to get medical treatment right away. Getting emergency medical help quickly can reduce brain damage and other complications. Advent Health Ocala will answer all of your questions on Tuesday, May 20th, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 1. Please call the church office to register (352) 629-7561.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy and small toys are still needed to fill empty eggs. Thank you to all who donated and sent in the colorful, fillable Easter eggs for the hunt and those who have donated candy and toys. Please bring items to the office by Thursday of this week.

A Big Thank You To ALL the wonderful and talented musicians here at FPC who have made today's service so special. You are a blessing.



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The Living Cross Don't forget to bring flowers next Sunday for decorating our Easter Living Cross.

One Great Hour of Sharing Please take an envelope from the pews. We will collect them next week.

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)

Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard)

Mina DiGeronimo

Robert Dale Nolan (son of the Nolan's)

Jim Ferguson (friend of Mary Kauffman)

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)

The Harrel family (on the death of Barbara)

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

Roger Roddy

Raul Roman, Jr. (son of Raul)

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

The Russell family (on the death of Erica, niece of Alice Russell)

Tania Sayre (sister of Mary Kauffman)

Linda Schupp (friend of Evelyn Longo)

Lisa Sherman (daughter of Donna and Nathan Sherman)

Sophie (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Mike & Rhonda Thraikill (friends of Dennis Englehardt)

Bill Tucker

Ann VanDenburgh

Jeanne Vincent

The Vincent family (on the death of Steve)



FPC gives thanks for the life of Barbara Harrel who passed away, April 6, 2025. We will provide more information about her memorial service when we become aware. Ella Charnley's memorial service will be held Saturday, April 26th at 3:00 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.