



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 27, 2025

“Peter’s Journey: Qualified by Grace”

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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 "Meditation on "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (Duke Street)

Phil Legenbauer

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship—Psalm 100, NIV

Kelsey Lillard, 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#630

*Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we have spent several weeks reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross. Through His death and resurrection we have been forgiven and set free. But, we confess that we so easily fall back into patterns of self-salvation. We give in to feelings of guilt, shame and self-doubt instead of trusting in the finished work of Jesus. The self-doubt keeps us at a distance, fearful of stepping out in faith to be used by you in your mission of love. Help us to believe that your love qualifies us to make a difference in our church and community.

*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.

Song "Before The Throne Of God Above"
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Verse 1
Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high Priest whose
Name is love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in
Heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2
When Satan tempts me
to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I will look and see
Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3
Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is pardoned by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior
and my God
With Christ my Savior
and my God

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Anthem for the Lord's Day" Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

Bible Reading John 21:13-17 (NT Page 142)

Sermon "Peter's Journey: Qualified by Grace" 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

Apostles' Creed

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

*Closing Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Verses 1-3) #802

Closing Prayer

Postlude "Postlude on "Maccabeus" Jason D. Payne
("Maccabeus" tune by George Frederic Handel)



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. If your little one gets a little "wiggly" during the service, we have a room down the hall past the bathrooms that has a changing table and a TV so you can still experience the service. Children can be picked up after the service from Rooms 23 and 26. Welcome!

The Power of Our Stories All women (including teens) are invited! We will be building friendships, sharing a meal and exploring the ways in which God uses the stories of our lives to demonstrate His power and love. May 17th, 10-1 PM, \$10 per person at the door.

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.

Newcomer's Luncheon. If you are "new" to FPC, please join us next Sunday, May 18th immediately following the service for an informal luncheon. This is an opportunity to meet some new friends, learn more about the mission and life of our church and ask any questions you may have.



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PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia
Sadia Corral Benkhalek
Danny Bice (grandson of Pat Interdonato)
Pat Bishop
Bobby Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
June Bradbury (sister of Bill Dolin)
Jo Ann Brandt
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)
Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard)
Mina DiGeronimo
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)
Chris Longo (cardiac issues)
Lukas Martin (grandson of Judith Martin)
Ann McCoy
Gloria Miller

Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Bruce Moore (surgery)
Kathy Mortenson (sister of Sharon Shirley)
Anna Phelan (granddaughter of the Phelan's)
Tony Porter
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 Alice Russell's niece)
Tania Sayre
(daughter of Mary Kauffman)
Linda Schupp (friend of Evelyn Longo)
Lisa Sherman (daughter of Donna and Nathan Sherman)
Sophie (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Mike and Rhonda Thrailkill
(friends of Dennis Engelhardt)
Bill Tucker and family (on the death of his sister Lanier Lance)
Ann VanDenburgh
Jeanne Vincent
Judy Weese (friend of Lannie Mercer)