



## 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.



*full*  
~~meaningless~~

THE LIFE WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR

**Ecclesiastes**

May 11, 2025

“Meaningful: The Goodness of Work”

Pastor Kenneth Ellis

Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist

Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director

Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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### We Gather to Offer God our Wholehearted Worship

Words of Welcome

Pastor Kenny

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

“Prelude in A Major”

John Wall Callcott

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Mike Morehouse, Liturgist

Leader: As Jesus approached Jerusalem, He compared his broken-hearted affection for His people to that of a mother hen, longing to protect and enfold them under her wings.

**People: As we gather for worship, let us remember that God’s love is like a mother’s love; comforting, nurturing and fiercely protective.**

Leader: Beloved, settle your hearts, believe His promises, receive God’s love

**People: We offer our wholehearted worship to God as we bring our fears, our failures, our hopes and our gratitude to the one who has shown us so great a love.**

\*Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Confession of Sin

**God of all creation, we come to you confessing that we have fallen short of bearing your image. You created us to find joy in using our intelligence, abilities, passion and creativity to glorify you. Instead of finding meaning in our work for your sake, we have allowed our work to become a necessary evil, something we endure and complain about. Instead of seeing work as a way to showcase what is glorious about you, we have used it to make a name for ourselves. Forgive us for not seeing and embracing the goodness of work as a pathway to our purpose and your glory.**

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.**

Children’s Surprise

Song

“Good Good Father”  
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*Chorus:*  
*You're a Good Good Father*  
*It's who You are*  
*It's who You are*  
*It's who You are*  
*And I'm loved by You*  
*It's who I am*  
*It's who I am*  
*It's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

*Chorus*  
  
Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

*Chorus*

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Jennie Ellis

Anthem

“In the Palm of God's Hand”  
Chancel Choir

Ken Dosso

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 17-26 (OT Page 755)

Sermon

“Meaningful: The Goodness of Work”

Pastor Kenny

Responding to God's Word

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

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

Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Closing Prayer

Postlude

“A Song of Praise” (Canticle 13)

John Rutter



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
and to all the mothers in our church family. With love, The Poteet's*

\*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!

**Celebrate Mom with a FREE Family Portrait:** Jennie Ellis and Dave Schlenker will take free professional portraits today after service in the Fellowship Hall. They will provide the 5x7's at the time of sitting. You may use these photos to update your Directory pictures. Single portraits will also be available.

**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, 10:00-1:00 p.m. \$10 per person at the door. Write "Women's Lunch" and your name on the Connect Cards in the pews to RSVP.

**Advent Health Stroke Seminar** This Advent Health seminar needs to be rescheduled. Please watch for any updated information.

**Newcomer's Luncheon.** If you are "new" to FPC, please join us, May 18th immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall 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)  
**The Dolin family** (on the death of Bill's sister June)  
**Jo Ann Brandt**  
**The Cone family** (on the death of Deb Cone's mother, Sadie Burt))  
**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)  
**Mark Jank**  
**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)  
**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 Phelans)  
**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)  
**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**