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**Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala**

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July 8, 2018

**This Morning's Sermon**  
*What We Ask in Prayer*

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**160 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 8, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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**We Gather with Others in God's House**

Welcome and Announcements

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*A Patriotic Quotation*

Robert Hughes

Call to Worship

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**We will tell the next generation that this is our God who will be our guide forever.**

Let us worship God!

**We Give Praise and Adoration to God**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Jesus, Light of Joy*

#673

\*Prayer of Praise and

\*Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

**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.**

\*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.**

Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love.**

**We have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(A time for silence for personal confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

**\*If able, please stand**

Special Music

Prayers of the People

Hymn

***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

#451

Call to Offering

Offertory

***This Is My Father's World***

Ann Warriner

\*Doxology

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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Offertory Prayer

**We Hear God's Word Proclaimed**

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (O.T. Page 346)

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (N.T. Page 226)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

**"What We Ask in Prayer"**

Dr. Ron Watson

**We Respond to God's Word**

Affirmation of Faith

The 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 Christian Disciples**

\*Hymn of Parting

***Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak***

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

***Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing***

Hymn by Sicilian Mariners



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
in honor of Doug and Sue Gordon's Anniversary.*

**Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala**

<b>Ushers</b>	8:15 a.m.	Howard Behrens, Paralee Johnson, Ann McCoy and Margaret Trump
<b>Usher</b>	9:30 a.m.	Steve and Jeanne Vincent
<b>Greeters</b>	11:00 a.m.	Beth Whelan and Kathrine McCormick
<b>Ushers</b>	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Savannah Bennett, Pat Bishop, Ed Honkus, Don Hutto, Ellen Matthews, Don McCormick, Roxanne Schwaller, and Joe Simmons.

## Our Vision Statement

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world

## Our Mission Statement

To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that seeks to embrace everyone in growing spiritually

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our church welcomes you today, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here.** We are striving to be Christ's people; and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, welcome on your journey; if you are looking for a church home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn with us as we learn from you. We invite all newcomers to join us for faithful worship, Christian growth, fellowship, and mission. Speak with our pastor today if you have pastoral concerns, desire prayer, or would like to know more about getting involved in our church family!

**First Time Visitor?** If this is your first time visiting with us today, we welcome you! Look for the yellow card, fill it out, and take it to the back of the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall to receive your gift.

**Today, there will be a Congregational meeting at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary to elect the new Nominating Committee.**

**Keep our youth and their adult leaders in prayer this week as they are away at the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina from July 7-14!** Attending are: JJ Albright, Caroline Kimball, Luke Patrick, Noah Schoonover, Volunteers Dave Schlenker, Casey Diugiud, Hannah Batten and Ron Watson.

**Please pray for the Search Committee** for the Director of Children and Youth Ministries: JJ Albright, Scott Andrews, Mary Dingman, Evelyn Longo, Dave Schlenker, Karen Schmidt, and Carrie Waldren.

We have received a number of requests for the formation of a **bereavement group** at this church. People who have attended such a group find great comfort in meeting with others who have also experienced loss. An **organizational meeting** for such a group will be held **this Friday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m.** We will meet in the Parlor. If you feel you would benefit from such a group, please come along and share your thoughts on the structure and timing of this group.

**Interfaith needs for July** are **canned meat, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, jelly and pasta.** Thank you for placing your donations in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or by bringing them to the church office during the week.

**The Steinway Fund** to purchase a new Steinway for our sanctuary and a new upright piano for Fellowship Hall has already received **\$ 53,566.00** towards our goal of \$88,000. The Session is asking the congregation if they would like to make gifts to the fund. Our current Steinway is nearly 100 years old and needs replacing. If you wish to help us improve our music's sound, please mark your donation "piano." Thank you for your generosity.

## This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>Growing with God's Word &amp; Being Renewed by the Holy Spirit</i>			Wednesday	July 11	Lamentations 3:25-57
Sunday	July 8	Jeremiah 7:1-15	Thursday	July 12	Lamentations 5:1-22
Monday	July 9	Lamentations 1:1-22	Friday	July 13	Psalms 17
Tuesday	July 10	Lamentations 3:1-24	Saturday	July 14	Psalms 23

## Remember This Week in Prayer

**Ruth Albright** (*Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting*), **Harriet Berman** (*Brookdale*), **Dave Bice**, **Andy Boyer** (*Fran Gilchrist's son-in-law*), **Martha Caro** (*friend of Mary Beth Olson*), **Elinor Carr** (*Dr. Watson's mother, in Hospice*), **Ellen Drummond** (*Brookdale*), **Ruth Fraser**, **Jamii Fuseler** (*the Pickards' niece*), **Rosie Gee** (*Shands*), **Joyce Heenie**, **Maxine Heinbockel** (*John Heinbockel's mother, Ocala Health & Rehab.*), **Mitch and Jazmin Herbert** and **Jackson Herbert**, **Charles Hutcheson**, **Wells Kilgore** (*Dr. Watson's friend*), **Biddie Kirk** (*The Windsor*), **Lois Lance**, **Nancy Livesay**, **Ron McMillin**, **Celine Mack** (*Oakhurst*), **Laird Manning**, **Anna Marie Miller**, **Gloria Miller**, **Maria Myers** (*Hampton Manor*), **Kim and Charlene Preston** and family, **Dave Proctor** (*missionary and Sue Straub's son-in-law*), **John Reynolds** (*Suzy Heinbockel's brother*), **Norma Rivera** (*Sarah Overfelt's friend*), **Janice Schafer** (*Palm Garden*), **Martha Sevilla** (*Danny Arango's mother-in-law*), **Bill Shirley**, **Vincent Devlan Shotwell**, **Keith Shotwell**, and **Steve Shotwell**, **Betty Jeanne Spencer** (*Lady Lake Specialty Care*), **Charlotte Symonds** (*Ruth Elswood's daughter serving in Iraq*), **Sally Williams**, **Bob Wilton**, HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, those in the US and other countries recovering from recent natural disasters, first responders and their families, our men and women serving in the armed forces and their families.

## This Week's Calendar July 8 -14, 2018

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>July 8</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Services</b> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary  <b>Children and Youth Ministries</b> Nursery: ( <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> ) – Nursery Children's Church: ( <i>3 years – 5th Grade</i> ) – Room 26
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>July 10</b> 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>Membership Committee Meeting</b> – Conference Room <b>Search Committee for Children's &amp; Youth Director</b> – Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>July 13</b> 11:00 a.m.	<b>Bereavement Group Meeting</b> – Parlor



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Church Directory™

Our new church directory is ready and will be available very soon. Church members who are interested in accessing the directory site on their home computer or smart phone app will need to have included an email address in their directory information. If you did not include an email and wish to use this wonderful resource on your phone please email Natasha Sudderth at [nsudderth@fpcocala.org](mailto:nsudderth@fpcocala.org). Hard copies will be available.

Website Under





**Vacation Bible School is right around the corner – July 23-27!** This is our biggest family outreach event of the year. This year we will be teaching children how Jesus saves us and takes care of us through all of life's storms. VBS is for 4 year olds through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is online for both participants and volunteers [www.fpcocala.org](http://www.fpcocala.org)

### **Volunteers Needed for VBS!**

- **Elementary and Preschool Guides** – 5-6 children, no prep, no teaching
- **Elementary Recreation/Games Leaders** – Planned games out on the recreation field with the elementary crews
- **Imagination Station Leaders (Preschool and Elementary)** – artsy experiments for kids to get their hands into
- **Praise and Worship Team** – Must like being front and center! Will be dancing/demonstrating the moves to songs
- **Decorating Prep and Clean Up Crew** – Decorating the week before VBS and clean up afterwards



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 23-27, 2018

**We invite you to join us in VBS 2018 at First Presbyterian Church.** Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Set sail for a week of fun, laughter, and learning about God's relentless love.

**This year's VBS will be July 23-27 (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Registration is now open for 4-year-olds – 5th grade children and volunteers.** The cost for each participant is

\$10. Register online at [fpcocala.org](http://fpcocala.org), the church's website. Follow the link. There are forms to register for both children and volunteers. The children's registration and full payment deadline is Friday, July 9, (or until full). Please join us each day as we thrive on Shipwrecked Island with wonderful stories, interactive learning, and fun for all.

Prayerfully consider a few of the following options.....

- **Volunteer!** – Either the week prior for set-up, organization, take-home craft prep, etc. or during the week in which you choose a position that best suits your talents and abilities.
- **Decorating/Prep Team** in the weeks prior to Vacation Bible School. Volunteer time - help decorate classrooms, organize/sort supplies, take-home bags of craft items to prep, etc.
- **Leaders and Helpers** the week of VBS to walk children from class to class.
- **Teachers** for our Bible, Imagination Stations, Missions, and Craft Rooms.
- **Donate! WEEKLY UPDATED LIST!** – items listed below:

- Solid Color Flat Sheets (will not be returned)
- Ship Wheel
- Ropes
- Crates
- Pallets
- Barrels
- Paint – Any Shades of Brown, White, Black, and Gray
- Little Tyke's Playhouses – Any condition (Can be returnable or not)
- Rope Lights – Red, Orange, Yellow
- Cardboard Boxes
- Cardboard Egg Cartons
- Colorful Paper Plates
- Colorful Construction Paper
- 5 oz. paper/plastic cups
- 8 oz. paper/plastic cups
- Napkins
- Clear/Uncolored Plastic Sparkling Water Bottles
- Egg Cartons (4-6 egg size)
- Gold Acrylic Paint
- Sequins
- Publix Gift Cards
- Plastic Gold Coins and Gems
- Clear Cooking Oil
- Blue Food Coloring
- Funnels
- Wide Popsicle Sticks
- Rubber Bands (Medium Sized)
- Stickers (Colorful, Fun for kids)
- Markers
- Clear Tape
- Red Solo Cups
- Black Felt
- White Tape
- Clear Plastic Cups
- Electric Tea Candles
- Toilet Paper Tubes
- Tissue Paper (Any Colors)
- Feather Ribbon and Ric-Rac Ribbon
- Buttons (All Sizes, Shapes, Colors)
- Elmer's Glue
- Stretch Bracelet String
- Colorful Bracelet Beads
- Bracelet Letter Beads

If you have questions, please contact Hannah Batten, Summer Intern of Children and Youth Ministries at the church office (629-7561) or [hbatten@fpcocala.org](mailto:hbatten@fpcocala.org). We hope to see you there for another exciting VBS at FPC Ocala.

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**Yes, I am interested in volunteering for VBS 2018.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

