



Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



July 29, 2018

This Morning's Sermon

Leftovers

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160 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

July 29, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Prayer

H. Stark

Call to Worship

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine,

To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#267

SPANISH FOLK MELODY

*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

Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs.

(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**

Solo

How Beautiful
Natasha Sudderth, Soprano

Twila Paris
arr. Lloyd Larson

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

#499
RENDEZ A DIEU

Call to Offering

Offertory

God Leads Us Along

by George A. Young
arr. Greg Howlett

*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.

#606

Offertory Prayer

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

2 Kings 4:42-44 (O.T. Page 416)
John 6:1-14 (N.T. Page 118)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Leftovers"

Rev. 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

*Sending Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#509
HOLY MANNA

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

by John E. West

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Howard Behrens, Paralee Johnson, Ann McCoy and Margaret Trump
Usher	9:30 a.m.	Steve Vincent
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Evelyn and Tom Weaver
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Savannah Bennett, Pat Bishop, Don Hutto, Ellen Matthews, Don McCormick, Roxanne Schwaller, and Joe Simmons.

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.

FPC's Out-to-Dinner group will meet Thursday, August 16 at Carmichael's Family Restaurant, 3105 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Newcomers are urged to attend. Make reservations by contacting Evelyn and Tom Weaver (622-6028) by noon **Monday, August 13.**

The Bereavement Group has started their regular weekly meetings. We meet **Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** The group is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will go out to lunch after we meet. If you would prefer to join us for lunch only, you are most welcome. Lunch location TBA. Contact Rev. Ruth Elswood (352-278-0757) for more information.

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.

Blood Drive! The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot **on Sunday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** YES YOU CAN donate if you have High Blood Pressure, are Diabetic, or are one year cancer-free. No upper age limit - most meds and conditions are OK.

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.

Our Vision – Our Mission

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

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

Remember This Week in Prayer

Ruth Albright (*Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting*), **Kayla Ali** (*granddaughter of Yvonne Simms*), **Cheri and David Bedenbaugh**, **The family of Harriet Berman**, **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*), **Mina DeGeronimo** (*on the death of her brother*), **Ellen Drummond** (*Brookdale*), **Ruth Fraser**, **Jamii Fuseler** (*the Pickards' niece*), **Rosie Gee** (*Select Specialty Hospital, Gainesville*), **Joyce Heenie**, **Maxine Heinbockel** (*John Heinbockel's mother, Ocala Health & Rehab*), **Mitch and Jazmin Herbert** and **Jackson Herbert**, **Wells Kilgore** (*Dr. Watson's friend*), **Biddie Kirk** (*The Windsor*), **Ron McMillin**, **Celine Mack** (*Oakhurst*), **Laird Manning**, **Anna Marie Miller**, **Gloria Miller**, **Maria Myers** (*Hampton Manor*), **Ray Newhouse** (*Pat Bishop's brother*), **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**, **Tom Shurlknight** (*Ellen Matthews' cousin*), **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 U.S. 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.

The Steinway Fund to purchase a new Steinway for our sanctuary and a new upright piano for Fellowship Hall has already received **\$56,531** towards our goal of \$88,000. The Session is asking the congregation if they would like to me 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 Calendar
July 29-Aug 4, 2018

SUN.	<u>July 29</u> 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.	<u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary <u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: (Newborns – 3 year olds) – Nursery Children's Church: (3 years – 5th Grade) – Room 26
MON	<u>July 30</u>	<u>We Care</u> Room 1
TUE.	<u>July 31</u> 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Search Committee for Children and Youth Director

Please continue to pray for and thank God for David's continued healing! David and Cheri are both grateful for your prayers and the outpouring of love and support they have received.

If you wish to sign up to provide a meal, please call the church office or go to this web address (be sure to type the entire address in address bar).

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dw8er4>

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>Growing with God's Word & Being Renewed by the Holy Spirit</i>			Wednesday	Aug 1	1 Corinthians 3: 1-23
Sunday	July 29	Jonah 2: 1-10	Thursday	Aug 2	1 Corinthians 4: 1-21
Monday	July 30	Jonah 3: 1-10	Friday	Aug 3	1 Corinthians 5: 1-13
Tuesday	July 31	Jonah 4: 1-11	Saturday	Aug 4	1 Corinthians 6: 1-20



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

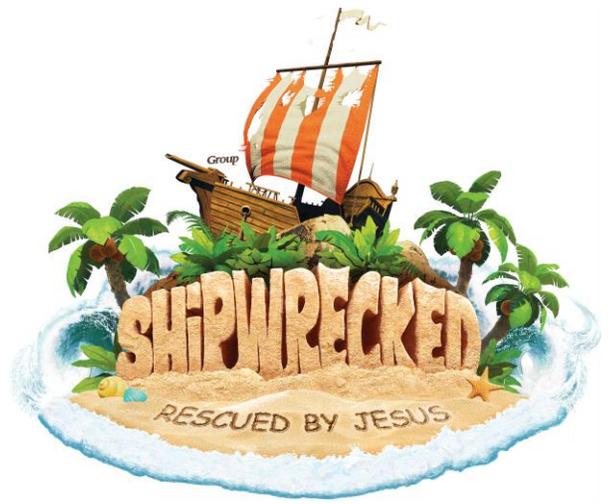


We, the church staff, understand how important it is to keep you up-to-date on all that is going on within our church and community. We are currently reviewing our e-mail system and trying to make sure everyone who wishes to be on the church e-mail list is actually receiving their emails.

If you are not receiving e-mails from us and wish to be added to the e-mail list, please write your e-mail below and place it in the offering plate today. Thank you!

Name _____ Email _____

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Thank you to all the volunteers for your time and energy this week for Vacation Bible School – Shipwrecked. Thank you to all the families and children who, in God's loving spirit, brought joy and fun to all who attended.

I Corinthians 3:6-7

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

In speaking to the church in Corinth, Paul was trying to resolve a division in the church. In speaking on that, Paul reminds us who is truly responsible for growth.

No one ever said, “I wish our church would stop growing.” That’s a bold conjecture on my part, I know. And perhaps you will argue that someone MUST have said it at one time or another. I will concede that point. But it has been my experience in 30 years of ordained ministry that people want their church to grow. I want the church to grow. Natasha wants the church to grow. Many of you also want this church to grow.

Planting Seeds: Perhaps many of you would say the key to growth is young families. Our Vacation Bible School filled the church with a number of young families including some of our own, some from other faiths who “really love Bible School!” (praise God!), and some from our neighborhood and community who may be looking for a church home. All three groups are important of course, but this last group is the one where we might think growth will come from. We might be right. We’ve invited all the children from VBS to come to the 9:30 service on Sunday to sing one of their songs from this week, “My Lighthouse.” It’s a great song, one which we also sang at Montreat this year. It is about following God’s light. Maybe one family or two will come and think this church might be right for their own spiritual growth.

Watering: Will we help this growth? How will the new people be welcome if they come? Will we stop to learn their story? Will we show the love and hospitality of Christians? Will we be too wrapped up in what other things we are doing than to say much beyond “It’s nice to meet you.” We must remember who we are and whose we are. We aren’t selling a product, lending money, nor offering self-help. We have no consumer product. We only have ourselves to offer and the love and grace we know in Christ Jesus. This much is expected of us, that we will share what we know of God’s love and grace, a great responsibility.

God’s Growth: But it is God that offers growth. Natasha made a wonderful point in her sermon last week and about how we measure success and if something is “successful,” then surely God was in it. How will we know God’s growth happening? When we can count it numerically? I don’t think so. I think that it will be when we can feel it. We do not need to restore what we had nor put things back the way they were. Moving forward, we can plant, and water, and wait and see what God will do. God did not put us on the earth to just watch and wait and see what God is doing. The planting and the watering are still ours.

Please prayerfully consider what your vision of our church is moving forward. Together, we will see how God makes us grow.

Blessings, Ron



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Sunday, August 12, 2018

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

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