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Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala

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**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.



**160 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

September 9, 2018

**Sermon Text**  
**Isaiah 35: 1-10**

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

September 9, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

## Prayer of Preparation

John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive your inspirations. My ears are dull, so that I cannot hear your voice. My eyes are dim, so that I cannot see the signs of your presence. You alone can quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart. Teach me to sit at your feet and to hear your word. Amen.

## We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome and Announcements

## We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

***Jesus Paid It All***

Elvina Hall, Arr. Greg Howlett

Introit

***Glory Be to the Father***

Rick Tyson

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

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**People: The Lord cares for the stranger; The Lord sustains the orphan and the widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

All:      **The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Hallelujah!**

## We Give Praise and Adoration to God

\*Hymn of Praise

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

#32

Ellacombe

\*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.**

**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.**

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(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**

## Prayers of the People

## Call to Offering

Offertory

***It Is Well with My Soul***

Phillip P. Bliss, Arr. Cindy Berry

\*Doxology

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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**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**

## Choir Anthem

***Where Two or Three are Gathered***

Deborah Govenor

*Where two or three are gathered, gathered in His name, there He is among them, there He shall remain. There, His Word is spoken, there, His works proclaimed, where two or three are gathered, gathered in His name. Where two or three are gathered, gathered in His grace, every tongue and nation, every tribe and race. He will send His blessing on this holy place, this place; where two or three are gathered, gathered in His grace. Whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, in heaven. Where two or three are gathered, gathered in His peace, all our conflicts ended, all dissension ceased. Then at last we'll gather for the glorious feast, with saints and angels gathered, gathered in His peace. Where two or three are gathered, Christ is in the midst, the midst of them.*

**We Hear God's Word Proclaimed**

First Scripture

Mark 7:24-37 (N.T. Pg 52)

Second Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10 (O.T. Pg 811-812)

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

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## We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

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## We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

\*Singing Hymn

*When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

#302

\*Charge and Benediction

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Response

*Three-Fold Amen*

Danish

Postlude:

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

John Darwall, Arr. Cindy Berry

| Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| Ushers  | 8:15 a.m.  | Howell Winfree, III, Ann O'Hart, Howard Behrens   |
| Usher   | 9:30 a.m.  | Steve Vincent   |
| Greeters  | 11:00 a.m. | Howard and Marilyn Tucker   |
| Ushers  | 11:00 a.m. | Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Savannah Bennett, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss. |

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Robert McCammon by Carol McCammon*

## PRAYER LIST

**Ruth Albright** (*Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting*)  
**Kayla Ali** (*granddaughter of Yvonne Simms*)  
**Andy Boyer** (*Fran Gilchrist's son-in-law*)  
**Randall & Linda Deyton**  
*(Pickard family prayer concerns)*  
**Mina DeGeronimo**,  
**Ellen Drummond** (*Brookdale*)  
*The family of Rosie Gee*  
**Mary and Wayne Guest**  
*(parents of David Guest)*  
**Gary Harward**  
**Maxine Heinbockel**  
*(John Heinbockel's mother)*  
**Wells Kilgore** (*Dr. Watson's friend*)  
**Anna Marie Miller**

**Maria Myers** (*Hampton Manor*)  
**Ray Newhouse** (*Pat Bishop's brother*)  
**Charlene Preston**  
**Dave Proctor** (*Sue Straub's son-in-law*)  
**John Reynolds** (*Suzy Heinbockel's brother*)  
**Janice Schafer** (*Palm Garden*)  
**Bill Shirley**  
**Tom Shurlknight** (*Ellen Matthews' cousin*)  
**Keith Shotwell**  
**Steve Shotwell**  
**Betty Jeanne Spencer**  
*(Lady Lake Specialty Care)*  
**Charlotte Symonds**  
*(Ruth Elswood's daughter serving in Iraq)*  
**David and Cathy Taylor**  
**Bob Wilton**

*Please also remember HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and all those who serve you in prayer.*

# Contemporary Service

## 9:30 a.m.



### Opening Worship

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

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### Opening Music

**Cry of My Heart, Three Little Birds, One Love**

### Children's Time

### Meet & Greet

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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### Offertory

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

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## Closing Song

*All The People Said Amen*

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Calendar September 9 – September 16, 2018

| SUN.  | <u>September 9</u><br><br>8:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br><br>8:15 a.m. – Noon<br>9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.<br>5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | <b>Worship Services</b><br>Traditional Worship – Sanctuary<br>Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall<br>Traditional Worship – Sanctuary<br><br><b>Children and Youth Ministries</b><br><b>Nursery:</b> (Newborns – 3 year olds) – Nursery<br><b>Children’s Church:</b> (4 years – 5th Grade) – Room 26<br><b>KALEO Youth</b> (Youth Room 21) |
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| MON.  | <u>September 10</u><br><br>1:30 p.m.<br>4:00 p.m.   | <b>Art Class</b> (Conference Room)<br><b>Worship Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)   |
| TUES. | <u>September 11</u><br><br>11:00 a.m.<br>2:00 p.m.<br>2:00 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.   | <b>PW Circle 7</b> (Choir Room)<br><b>PW Circle 1</b> (Conference Room)<br><b>PW Circle 8</b> (Room 1)<br><b>Children and Youth</b> (Youth Room)<br><b>PW Circle 4</b> (Conference Room)   |
| WED.  | <u>September 12</u><br><br>6:00 p.m.  | <b>Family Fellowship Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall)  |
| FRI.  | <u>September 14</u><br><br>9:30 a.m.  | <b>Bereavement</b> (Conference Room)   |

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

| Growing with God's Word in Wisdom and Strength |              |                  | Wednesday | September 12 | Proverbs 14: 1-35 |
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| Sunday   | September 9  | Proverbs 1: 1-33 | Thursday  | September 13 | Proverbs 15: 1-33 |
| Monday   | September 10 | Proverbs 3: 1-35 | Friday    | September 14 | Proverbs 16: 1-33 |
| Tuesday  | September 11 | Proverbs 4: 1-27 | Saturday  | September 15 | Proverbs 17: 1-28 |

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**, starting **September 12**, at **6:00 p.m.** there will be a Family Fellowship Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

\***The Blakely Class** studies the Uniform Bible Lessons, The class will be held at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2 in the Education Building and is moderated by Jean Morse with other substitutes. Starts Sept. 9.

\***Great Figures of the New Testament** by Amy-Jill Levine. The class is held at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room beginning September 9. The moderator is Nita Williams.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** All study books are available in the church office at no cost.

\***Why Evil Exists**, a study with Jeanne Vincent on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room starting September 12.

\***Faith Sisters** will begin studying **The Present Word: Covenant with God** a Uniform Bible Lesson. Classes wil be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor, begins on September 11. Moderated by Elaine Cox ([elaine.grammie.cox@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grammie.cox@gmail.com)).

\***Bible Classes** with Steve Vincent will start late September. More information to come.

\***Disciple XIV's** study book is — **1 KINGS: 12-22 The Kingdom Divides** This class begins its fall meetings on Wednesday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Newcomers are welcome to join the group! For information, contact Barbara Parks (854-9269) or Tom Weaver (622-6028).

**THIS MONTH:** Interfaith needs are **CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RICE**. 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 Bereavement Group** continues to meet each Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are using a program called *Griefshare* which includes excellent video presentations and discussion time. After our meeting time, the group goes to lunch at *The Egg and I*, arriving there at 11:30 a.m. All who are experiencing the pain of loss are most welcome to attend. Those who would prefer to simply join us for lunch are welcome to do so. If you would like more information about the group please talk to Ruth Elswood.

**The Steinway Fund** to purchase a new Steinway for our sanctuary and a new upright piano for Fellowship Hall has already received **\$61,636.00** 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.

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