



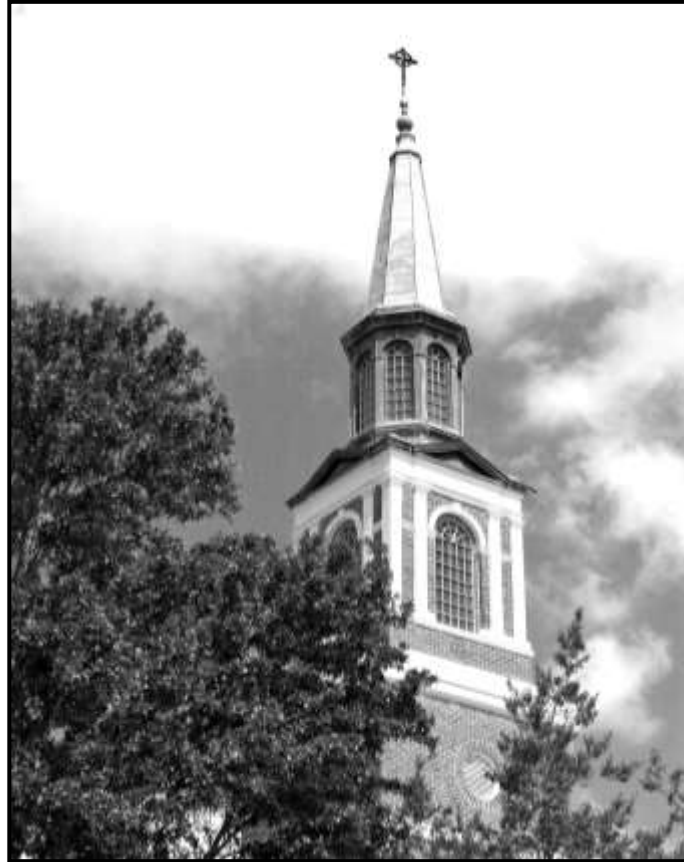
**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala**



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.



165 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

January 22, 2023

Today's Sermon
“Blessings”
Rev. Dr. Jones

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Interim Associate Pastor
Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director
Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist
Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome, Announcements

Minute for Mission

Donnie Slone

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Andante Cantabile"

Ludwig van Beethoven

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Prayer of the Day

Cindy MacKay, Liturgist

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

"Come Thou Almighty King"

#2

*Confession of Sin

Gracious God, too often we believe that our hard work should earn us comfort, conveniences, and control. Too often, we rely on our own abilities to craft and maintain a life independent from You. Forgive us. More than anything else in the world, we need You! May we be poor in spirit that by Your Spirit we might receive the Kingdom of God, through Christ our Lord, (silent prayer)

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

First Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12 (NT Page 4)

*Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"Come Build A Church"
Chancel Choir

Ken Medema

Prayer with Lord's Prayer

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

Second Reading

Matthew 5:13-20 (NT Page 5)

Song

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

#852

Sermon

"Blessings"

Dr. Jones

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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*Benediction and Offering

(At the end of the service ushers will be standing by the doors
with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings.)

Postlude

"Departing Blessing"

John Stainer

**Please stand if you are able*



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
William Shirley from Sharon Shirley*

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors Please complete a yellow card and bring it to the front after worship.

Way Forward Congregational Meeting will be January 29, after church. We are holding a "Help Us Find Our Way Forward" meeting in Fellowship Hall. If you did not get the list of 12 areas of focus last week, pick one up from an usher and pray about our church's priorities.

Middle School Youth Group is held 5:30 p.m., Sundays, in the Youth Room.

Children's Church / Sunday School meets in Room 26.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. Rev. Jones and Mike Morehouse are leading the classes. Please feel free to join us each Sunday.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. The Outreach Committee will be collecting food items and monetary donations for Interfaith Emergency Services in the parking lot on Sunday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Dr. John Peterson's funeral service will be Saturday, January 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Please wear your name badge to church. It will help our pastor tremendously. If you need one, please contact the front office.

Meals-On-Wheels is looking for a volunteer delivery driver on the first Tuesday of each month. Please call Jo Ann Brandt for more information (352) 671-1429

PRAYER LIST

Cede Blackwell (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)

Andy Carlisle

Ella Charnley

Shirley Cochran

Mina DiGeronimo

Bill Dolin

Beth and Sharon Follmer (daughter and granddaughter of Dorothy Siemons)

Ruth Fraser

Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)

Barbara Harrel

John Hagood

Alan and Ginnie Hisey (friends of Heather Guest)

Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)

Mark and Melanie Heuer (son-in-law and daughter of Julia Wirono)

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine Johnson)

Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)

Scott Kinnaugh (son of Dorothy Siemons)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

Celine Mack

Skip McDonald (ICU)

Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown

Ron McMillin

Gloria Miller

Albert Peek

The Peterson family (on the death of John)

Ken Petrey

Annette and Joseph Pickard

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Bobbie Ripple (sister of Mike Poteet)

Frank Roberts

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

The Schultz family (on the death of Wes)

Janie Scott

Renee Timmer

Debbie Tompkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)

Richard and Sandy Valvo

Ann VanDenburgh

Bo Williams

William Wright

Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)