



# *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



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## **Our Vision**

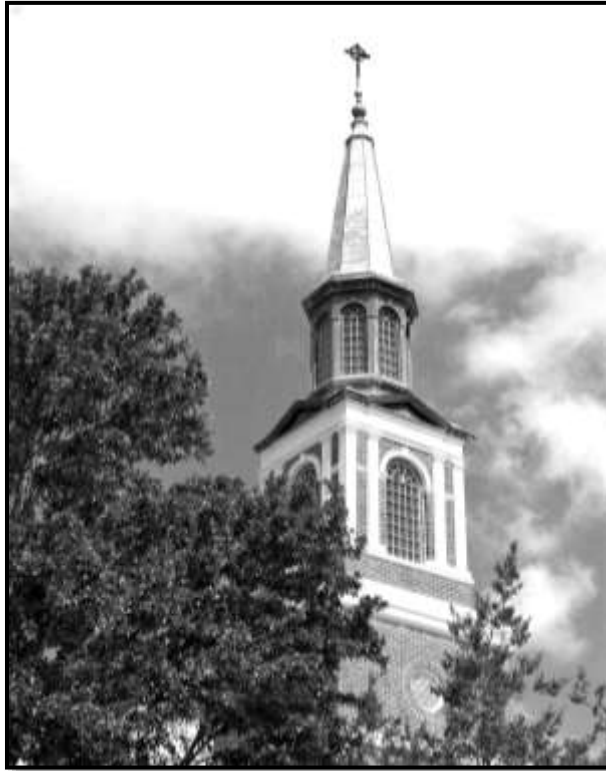
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

## **Our Mission**

We are an inclusive historic downtown community of Christian faith.

We seek to welcome all people through prayer, meaningful worship, and supportive groups while sharing our talents and resources with those in need.

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**166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

January 28, 2024

Today's Sermon  
**"Superabundant Grace"**  
Rev. Susan Rose, guest preacher

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

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Words of Welcome

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Softly and Tenderly"  
Handbell Choir

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Litany for Epiphany

Bill Tucker, Liturgist

O Christ, Let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Savior and Lord, Extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Master of all, supporter of the weak and comforter of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

**The grace of God be with us all. Amen.**

\*Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

#321

\*Confession of Sin

**God of new beginnings and new life, we confess that we aren't always open to offer fresh starts to others or to ourselves. We wallow in our own hurt and pain, forgetting that through Christ, we have been forgiven and that we're to forgive others as well, though forgiving is no easy task. As this new year begins, may we walk closer with you, O Lord. Let us be open to the bright hope and light that only you can bring forth into the helplessness and darkness that often surround us. Forgive our closed and broken hearts. Open us to new possibilities and reconciliation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*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.**

First Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (OT Pg. 656)

Children's Sermon

Praise Song

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

"How Great is our God"

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice  
All the Earth rejoice

*chorus:*  
How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice

Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end  
Beginning and the end

(chorus)

*bridge:*  
Name above all names  
You are worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

(chorus)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rose

**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**

Anthem

"No Greater Gift"  
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NT Pg. 235)

Sermon

"Superabundant Grace"

Rev. Rose

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#829

\*Benediction and Offering

(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates  
to receive your tithes and offerings)

Postlude

"Chorale from 3 liturgical preludes"

Gordon Young



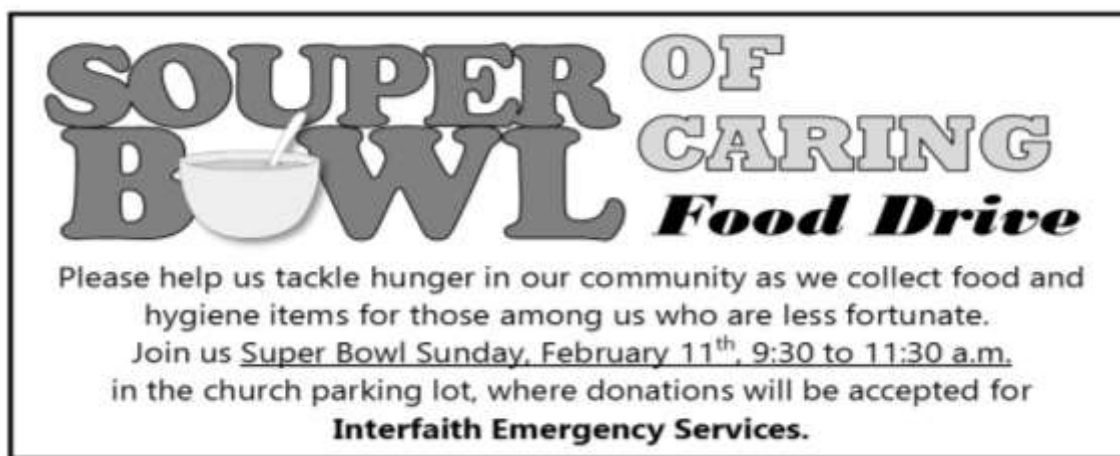
*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Thom Kuhns  
from his loving family.*

Our guest preacher is The Rev. Dr. Susan Rose, who founded and is the Executive Director of Diakonos Solutions, a non-profit organization dedicated to mentoring women for ministry leadership. She also works as a part-time Transitional Pastor with St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park, FL. For the last year, Susan has served as Moderator for the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Susan lives with her husband, Dave, and Grace, the Goldendoodle, in Ponte Vedra, FL

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Welcome Visitors** - Thanks for worshiping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

**GriefShare**, our seminar for those who grieve, will begin again on Sunday, February 4 at 3:30 in Room 1. If you would like to help lead it please come to a meeting this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room in the church office.



## PRAYER LIST

**Pat Bishop**  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Tania Blackwell**  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Bob Dillinger** (Uncle of Wendie Moore)  
**Lois Dolin** (on the death of her brother Ellis Wagner)  
**Ruth Fraser**  
**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)  
**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)  
**Sharon Grier** (mother of Lee Anne Drake)  
**Dorothy Halliwell** (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)  
**Bill and Barbara Harrel**  
**Andrea Mogg Jacque**  
**Victoria Johnson** (great-granddaughter of Christine)  
**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)  
**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)  
**The family of Mary Kells** (on her death)

**Celine Mack** (on hospice)  
**The Martin family** (Judith, Jason, Nadia, Lisa and Lukas)  
**Cordelia Bree McCully** (granddaughter of Mike and Teresa Poteet)  
**Ron McMillin**  
**Gloria Miller**  
**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)  
**Bruce and Wendie Moore**  
**Annette Morris** (friend of Mary Kauffman)  
**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)  
**Ruthanne and John Reiss**  
**Frank Roberts**  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Janie Scott**  
**Bob and Renee Timmer**  
**Barbara Tomyn** (on the death of her mother)  
**Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family**  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Robert Webber** (brother of Ginny Miller)  
**William Wright**