



**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.



162 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

October 20, 2019

**This Morning's Sermon
“Wrestling With God”**

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 2019

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children Arr. by Gail Smith

Introit God Gives Us Those Who Love Us John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

People: I understand more than the aged. How sweet are your words to my taste.

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise All Things Bright and Beautiful #20

Prayer of Praise and the 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.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

In the name of Christ Jesus, descended from David and risen in glory, we make our confession. Disputes arise within congregations; brothers and sisters quarrel. Hostility fractures the body; conflict leads to suspicion and pain. Forgive us, O God, when we continue to bear grudges; reconcile us to our neighbor as you redeem us of sin.

(time for silent confession)

*If able please stand

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Brothers and sisters, “continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” For the truth of the gospel abides. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you **And also with you**

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Who Made Ocean, Earth and Sky trad. Finnish melody
Children’s Choir

Who made ocean, earth and sky? God our loving Father. Who made sun and moon on high? God our loving Father. Who made lakes and rivers blue? God our loving Father. Who made snow and rain and dew? God our loving Father. Who made all the birds that fly? God our loving Father. Who made little children too? God our loving Father.

Prayers of the People

Hymn Lord, I Want To Be A Christian #729

Offertory I Surrender All (with Beethoven’s Sonata No. 8 “Pathetique” Adagio Cantabile)
Winfield Weeden, Arr. by Cindy Berry

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

**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**

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Lesson Luke 18:1-8 (NT page 99)

Second Scripture Genesis 32:22-31 (OT page 37)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon “Wrestling With God” Dr. Stewart

We Respond to God’s Word

*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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	#700
*Charge and Benediction		
Response	Blessing	Natalie Sleeth
Postlude	To God Be the Glory	William Doane Arr. Carol Tornquist



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Jarl Hagood to the glory of God and in honor of John Hagood's birthday.

PRAYER LIST

Bryan Ahl (Claudia Markham-Ahl's husband)

Jeanette Bryant

Randall & Linda Deyton

(Pickard family prayer concerns)

Stewart Edwards

Hank Fleming

Maranell Fleming

Barbara Gowie

Shirley Hankinson (Mary Dingman's mother)

Dick Hancock

Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)

Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack

Ellen Matthews

Earl McNeel (Pat Greaves' brother)

Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)

Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)

Ken Petrey

Charlene Preston

John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)

Ann Richardson and family

(death of her husband, Bobby)

Greg Robinson (Carolyn Varner's brother)

Tania Sayre (Mary Kauffman's daughter)

Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)

Delores Shotwell

Steve and Keith Shotwell

Jane Smith

Jill Hester Whitaker

Bo and Sally Williams

Eleanor Willis (Ocala Health & Rehab)

Diane Wirono

Please also remember in prayer all the people who are hungry in this world.

**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.

First Time Visitor - If this is your first time visiting with us today, please find someone with a Hospitality nametag.

Calendar
October 20 – October 26, 2019

SUN.	<p>October 20 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship Services Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Children and Youth Ministries Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds (Nursery) Children's Church: 4 years – 5th Grade (Room 26)</p> <p>Education The Blakely Class (Parlor)</p>
MON.	<p>October 21 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PW Circle 3 (Pat Greaves' home) Art Class (Conference Room) Deacons' meeting (Conference Room)</p>
TUES.	<p>October 22 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Sisters Disciples Group (Parlor) Security Committee meeting (Conference Room) Cross and Crown Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)</p>
WED.	<p>October 23 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Disciples XV (Room 1) Disciple Class (Conference Room) Children's Choir (Choir Room) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall) Handbells Rehearsal (Bell Room)</p>
THURS.	<p>October 24 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PW Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)</p>
FRI.	<p>October 25 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Griefshare Group (Room 1)</p>
SAT.	<p>October 26 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Security Team Training (Fellowship Hall)</p>

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God's Word of Peace and Justice</i>			Wednesday	October 23	Deuteronomy 10:1-22
Sunday	October 20	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	Thursday	October 24	Deuteronomy 16:18-17:13
Monday	October 21	Deuteronomy 7:12-26	Friday	October 25	Micah 1:1-16
Tuesday	October 22	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Saturday	October 26	Micah 2:1-13

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Elder of the Day	Peggy Wiechmann
Ushers 9:30	Joey and Steffany Gladdin
Ushers 11:00	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss.

Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Ushers: Joey and Steffeny Gladdin

Acolyte: Zane Waldren

Guest Musician: Leslie Athanason



Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Music 10,000 Reasons Everlasting God At the Foot of the Cross

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Offertory How Can I Keep from Singing

First Scripture Lesson Luke 18:1-8

Second Scripture Lesson Gen 32:22-31

Sermon "Wrestling With God" Dr. Stewart

Affirmation (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, that he appeared first to women, then Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Closing Song Blessed Be Your Name

We follow the Light of Christ into the world

We welcome Dr. Dale Stewart as today's guest minister. Dr. Stewart is an Honorably Retired minister of our Presbytery living at John Knox Village of Central Florida in Orange City with his wife, Louise. He previously lived in Dunnellon where his three sons are residents. Dale formed The Interfaith Alliance of Florida when he first moved to Florida 25 years ago. His hobby is genealogy and he enjoys travel with Louise. Together they have 23 great-grandchildren.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation meeting next Sunday, October 27 at 10:55 a.m. for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the classes of 2021 and 2022.

This Wednesday's Fellowship Dinner will feature Pam McBride, a visitor from one of FPC's local missions. Pam will discuss the mission of Open Arms Village Make plans to join us at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. The meat course is provided. It's a great time for fellowship with members of all ages!

Griefshare, a program for those who are grieving **meets** on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Bill Harrel, FPC's church visitor for pastoral care **hosts the group in Room 1**. You may still join even if you must occasionally miss a meeting. Call the church office (629-7561) if you haven't already registered.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Come out to FPC's Fall Festival **Next Sunday, October 27th** from 4-6 p.m. **Please register your vehicle to be in the Trunk or Treat activity. We still need more cars.** To register, please contact Hannah Batten hbatten@fpcocala.org or at (352) 629-7561. Not only will we have a Truck or Treat and bounce houses for the kids, but we'll also have great bluegrass music! BBQ will be provided. Bring your chairs and picnic blankets and come hang out with us!

Save the Date – Jazz Vespers will be on Wednesday, October 30th. Come for an evening worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the reflective music that is jazz, America's unique musical form. Many sacred pieces will be presented as well as a few instrumental standards to the glory of God. The FPC Jazz Trio will perform.

FPC Scholarship applications for the January term are available in the church office. The absolute final deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Friday, November 1st. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Elaine Cox, Nancy Livesay, Paul Vonwinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.

Christian Education is Back

Blakely Adult Sunday Please join **Jean Morse** as she leads the Blakely Adult Sunday School Class each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. "God is faithful," is the current study topic. It focuses on notable examples of individuals responding to God's faithfulness.

Disciples XV **Barbara Parks** and **Tom Weaver** lead the study of the Book of Mark each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon in Room 1.

The Faith Sisters Class meets in the Parlor each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Disciples Class – Jesus in the Gospels meets each Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Join the Choirs! Our three choirs meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays: **Chancel Choir** (5 p.m.), **Handbell Choir** (6:30 p.m.) and **Children's Choir** (4 p.m.). No previous experience is necessary. If you have not yet joined us, then come on in! Bring a friend! We are in need of tenors and basses. Contact the Church Office or you can email me at piatnekc@gmail.com for more information.

Interfaith's needs this month are peanut butter, canned soups, boxed stuffing, tuna fish and toiletries for men and women. 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. They are also looking for volunteers..... call Tina at 352-629-8868.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The needs for the response will be God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"— Give. Act. Pray.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organized to provide aid to survivors of Hurricane Dorian in both the Bahamas and the U.S. Money is the major need at this time rather than shipping goods and supplies. To make a financial contribution please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. In the memo section of the check write: "Hurricane Dorian Relief." You may specify US or Bahamas.

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Maria was a deadly Category 5 hurricane that devastated Dominica, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico in September 2017. It is regarded as the worst natural disaster in recorded history to affect those islands. FPC is in the planning stages of a mission trip to Puerto Rico from (tentatively) May 26-June 3, 2020. We will provide non-skilled and semi-skilled labor (though skilled is great too!) and work out of El Guacio, a Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. If you are interested in taking this journey, email the pastor or call the church office. We hope to have up to 15 workers and may partner with other local PCUSA congregations to achieve this. The minimum age to take the trip is 15. There is no maximum age! We need people to sign up by calling the church office. We also need a lay leader who will make the journey.

Christmas Blessings for our Active Military - This Christmas, First Presbyterian will be blessing our Active-duty military with signed Christmas cards.

Today - before and after middle service in the courtyard - is the last day to participate. You'll find Christmas cards to sign, write Christmas greetings, and notes of appreciation to those serving our country.

Please encourage the children and teens to write cards, too! The cards will be delivered to those serving overseas in VA Hospitals, submarines, Coast Guard locations, and command posts that must be manned during the holiday.

We will provide the cards—YOU provide the love of Christ—and we'll ensure delivery!

GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY!



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