



# *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



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## **Our Vision**

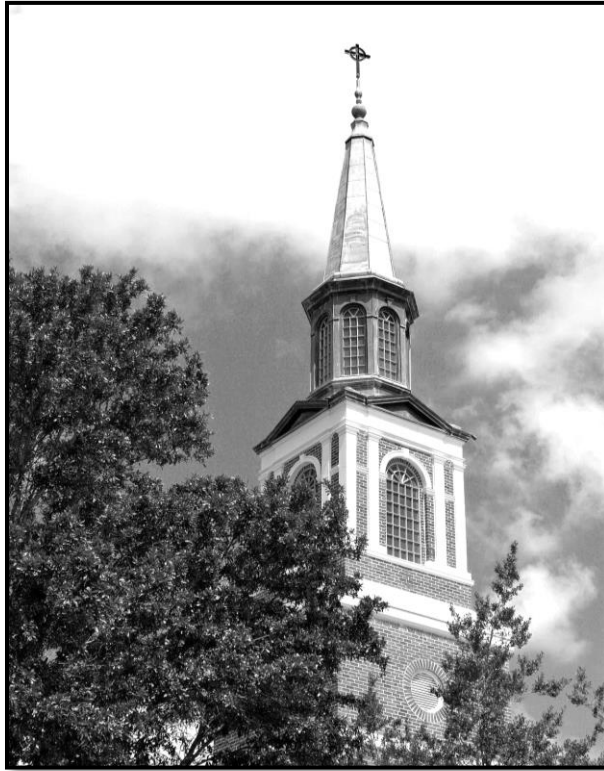
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

## **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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**167 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

October 20, 2024

Today's Sermon  
“#1 in the Presbyterian Hall of Fame”

Rev. Richard Menzel

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

October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Dennis Grundy from Open Arms Village

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
Pat Greaves, pianist

Jessie S. Irvine

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship from Psalm 11

Dr. Walk Jones

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven.

**People: His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.**

Leader: The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,  
and his soul hates the lover of violence.

**People: On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur;**

Leader: a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

**People: For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

\*Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

\*Silent Confession of Sin

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

**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 119:98-105

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

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

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Children's Sermon

Dr. Jones

Songs	“The Summons” “Our God” Leslie Athanason, vocalist	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" Chancel Choir	Lanny Wolfe
Second Reading		Acts 22:1-16

“Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense that I now make before you.”

When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment.”

“While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Then he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.’ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. I asked, ‘What am I to do, Lord?’ The Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.’ Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus.”

“A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well-spoken of by all the Jews living there, came to me; and standing beside me’, he said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight!’ In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. Then he said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.”

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Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

**We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples**

*Hymn	“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”	
*Benediction and Offering	(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors to receive your tithes and offerings.)	
Postlude	"Make Me a Blessing"	George Shuler



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Marcia Dove to the glory of God and in memory of her loving husband William Norman Dove, Jr.*

Our Guest Preacher, Rev. Richard (Dick) Menzel was born and raised on a farm in northeast Iowa. He taught high school then served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was served churches in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. He was stated clerk of John Calvin Presbytery. Dick (whose wife died three and a half years ago) has a son, a daughter, and two teenage granddaughters. He recently returned from visiting them in Marietta, OH.

## 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.

**Adult Sunday School** meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. All are welcome in the class.

**An Adult Study** called "Everywhere Is Jerusalem (Experiencing the Holy *Then* and *Now*") is held on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1 and Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. (with childcare) in the Youth Room.

**Children's Sunday School** Students kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our weekly lessons where we will travel through the stories of the Bible! A nursery is available for infants up to 4 years of age. Class starts after the children's sermon.

**Middle and High School Youth Group** will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: [www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9](http://www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9).

**Next Sunday** - Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Athletic Field. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for decorating your trunk! You can also donate candy or treats.

## PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**

**Pat Bishop**

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)

**Martin Cook**

**Patty Cook**

**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)

**Linda and Randall Deyton**

(sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)

**Mina DiGeronimo**

**The Drummond Family** (on the death of Roger)

**Ruth Fraser**

**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)

**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**Dorothy Halliwell**

(sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

**Betty Hamilton** (neighbor of Evelyn Yorlano)

**Bill and Barbara Harrel**

**CJ Jones** (nephew of Margaret Trump)

**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)

**Jose Kornmann** (friend of Julia Wirono)

**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Gloria Miller**

**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

**Bruce Moore** (hip surgery)

**Susan Mulligan** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**Barbara Parks**

**Anna Phelan** (granddaughter of

Dude & Stephanie Phelan)

**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)

**Ruthanne and John Reiss**

**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

**Rosalie Scettini** (sister of Chris Longo)

**Debra Tomkins** (sister of Rusty Juergens)

**Ann VanDenburgh**

**Jeanne Vincent**

**Judy Weese** (chemo treatments)