



**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 27, 2019

**This Morning's Sermon
"To a Lofty God"**

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 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

Minute for Mission

Jarl Hagood

Minute for Stewardship

Bill Futch

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Jo Ann Brandt, Handbells

arr. Christine Anderson

Introit

Non nobis, Domine

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, for you answer our prayer.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.

People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory

#634

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)

To fear you is the beginning of wisdom, O God, and to confess our sins can lead to repentance. We acknowledge the wrongs we commit against neighbors; the remarks that aim at tearing them down, the actions that exclude, the subtle and not so subtle distinctions that "put them in their place." Forgive us for our love of comfort in a world that is hungry and thirsty. Help us to amend our ways, through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ.
(time for silent confession)

*If able please stand

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Amen. Hear the good news: Christ delivers those who are truly sorry and repent of their sins. Christ intercedes on their behalf before the judgment seat of Almighty God. Christ cleanses them and makes them fit to dwell in God's heavenly dominion. 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.)

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (Adoro te devote)

arr. Katherine L. Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee, And, with words that help and heal thy life would And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee, And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life In mine appear. And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be, show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be, give Him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be, Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee, 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine is the victory.

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

#721

Offertory

Where He Leads Me

John Norris, 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

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NT page 260)

Second Scripture

Luke 18:9-14 (NT page 99)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"To a Lofty God"

Dr. Watson

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	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love	#203
*Charge and Benediction		
Response	All Praise to Thee (Tallis' Canon)	Thomas Tallis (ca. 1567)
Postlude	Postlude in C	by Eugene Thayer

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Tola Hass to the glory of God for his many blessings and answered prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Bryan Ahl (Claudia Markham-Ahl's husband)	Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)
Jeanette Bryant	Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)
Randall & Linda Deyton	Ken Petrey
(Pickard family prayer concerns)	John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)
Kathy and Terry Donovan (Nita Williams' friends)	Ann Richardson and family
Stewart Edwards	(death of her husband, Bobby)
Hank Fleming	Greg Robinson
Maranell Fleming	(Carolyn Varner's brother)
Fran Gilchrist	Tania Sayre (Mary Kauffman's daughter)
Barbara Gowie	Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)
Shirley Hankinson (Mary Dingman's mother)	Delores Shotwell
Dick Hancock	Steve and Keith Shotwell
Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)	Jane Smith
Grietje Lewis	Jill Hester Whitaker
Celine Mack	Bo and Sally Williams
Ellen Matthews	Eleanor Willis (Ocala Health & Rehab)
Earl McNeel (Pat Greaves' brother)	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 27 – November 2, 2019

SUN.	<p><u>October 27</u> 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>10:55 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds (Nursery) Children’s Church: 4 years – 5th Grade (Room 26)</p> <p><u>Education</u> The Blakely Class (Parlor)</p> <p>Congregational meeting (Sanctuary)</p>
MON.	<p><u>October 28</u> 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>PW WeCare (Room 1)</p>
TUES.	<p><u>October 29</u> 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><u>October 30</u> 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>
FRI.	<p><u>November 1</u> 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Griefshare (Conference Room)</p>
SAT.	<p><u>November 2</u> 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Memorial Service Bobby Richardson</p>

This Week’s Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God’s Word of Peace and Justice</i>			Wednesday	October 30	Micah 6:1-16
Sunday	October 27	Micah 3:1-12	Thursday	October 31	Micah 7:1-20
Monday	October 28	Micah 4:1-5:1	Friday	November 1	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Tuesday	October 29	Micah 5:2-15	Saturday	November 2	Psalm 104

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Elder of the Day	Bill Futch
Ushers 9:30	Tommy and Amy Johnson
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: Tommy and Amy Johnson
Guest Musician: Leslie Athanason



Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission – LeeAnne Drake

Minute for Stewardship – Bill Futch

Opening Prayer

Praise Music

O Happy Day Our God How Can Keep From Singing

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

Amazing Grace

First Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

“To a Lofty God”

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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

Carry Me Through



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We follow the Light of Christ into the world

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Come out to FPC's Fall Festival **today, October 27th** from 4-6 p.m. Not only will we have a Trunk 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!

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

Save the Date – Jazz Vespers will be on 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.

Memorial Service for Bobby Richardson on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00 a.m.

OUR FIRST & OUR BEST-Stewardship season is almost here! We have a special guest preacher for Stewardship Sunday, November 10th. The Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler, recently retired pastor of First Presbyterian Gainesville, will be delivering the stewardship message that Sunday. You will receive pledge cards that day also. We will also mail them to your house as well. The following Sunday, November 17th, will be Dedication Sunday, where we will bring our pledges forward during the last song at each service.

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.



Church Women United World Community Day to be held Friday, November 1st at 9:30 a.m. at Zion United Methodist Church in Ocala.

Join the Choirs! Our three choirs meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays: **Children's Choir** (4 p.m.), **Chancel Choir** (5 p.m.) and **Handbell Choir** (6:30 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 singers, especially tenors and basses. Contact the Church Office or you can email me at piatnekc@gmail.com for more information.

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.

FPC's 2019 Mission Fair and SERRV Sale



Sunday, November 3
9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Come and meet the people who represent the benevolence organizations we support and purchase wonderful products from around the world (All proceeds go to SERRV)

Stop by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov 3, 9:00-12:15 for our annual **Mission Fair** to learn more about the agencies that we support through the church members' generous donations. You can also do some **Christmas shopping** for others or for yourself at the **SERRV Sale** (a fair trade organization) to support artisans and farmers in third world countries, help break the poverty cycle, and build stronger worldwide communities. 100% of the profits go back to the organization, so you will be contributing to a wonderful cause! Refreshments will be provided by Presbyterian Women and the Christian Outreach Committee

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.

We are looking for Advent readers for all services during Advent. Please contact Evelyn Longo at (352)-286-8439



**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."

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