



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



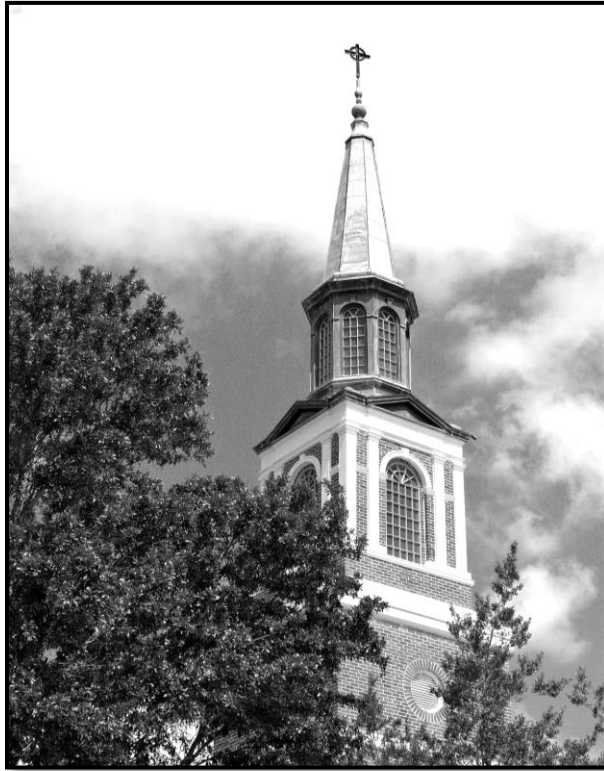
Our Vision

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.



167 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

October 27, 2024

Today's Sermon "Solomon Was A Good Man"

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Karla Greenway from Interfaith

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"At the Cross"
FPC String Ensemble

arr. Paul Thompson

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Opening Prayer

Jo Ann Brandt, Liturgist

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology

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.

*Passing the Peace

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.' Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants; for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

Children's Sermon

Dr. Jones

Songs

"Spirit, Open My Heart" "Revelation Song"
Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"
FPC String Ensemble

Lanny Wolfe

Second Reading

1 Kings 8:27-30, 41-43

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.'

Sermon

"Solomon Was A Good Man"

Dr. Jones

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles' Creed

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
FPC String Ensemble

arr. Paul Thompson



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS


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

The Bible Study "Everywhere Is Jerusalem" will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room with the nursery open and staffed for little ones. It will also be the curriculum for adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in room 1. The Tuesday morning 11:00 a.m. class will not meet.

Children's Sunday School Students kindergarten thru 5th 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.

TODAY - Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Athletic Field.



**APPLY
NOW**

Sunday, December 1st is the *DEADLINE* to apply for
**FPC Post-secondary school education
SCHOLARSHIPS!**



DON'T MISS OUT

Applications for the winter 2025 term are available in the church office. **The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by Sunday, December 1, 2024.** FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Direct questions to Scholarship Committee members--Chair Kay Yancey, Cindy Andrews, Todd Carstenn, Robert Moore, Trish Mosby or Tom Weaver.

Student Internship Program

First Presbyterian Church of Ocala 511 SE Third Street, Ocala FL 34471 352-629-7561

Seeking singers to enhance small choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)
2 days per week for 2.5 hours (Up to 3.5 hours) per week
Includes Wednesday night rehearsal for 1 - 1.5 hours (6:30 pm)
Sunday morning worship (1.5 hours for warmup and service) (9:30 am) Internship pays \$75.00 per week

Additional rehearsals and programming will be held at Christmas and Easter.
Intern will receive extra compensation for extra rehearsals.

Each candidate must be enrolled in school to participate. Each student must have singing ability and music reading ability is a plus. Intern must have own transportation and must be on time to rehearsals, warm-ups, and worship.

Please contact Phyllis Von Ebers, Director of Choirs, for audition and interview:
509-998-6039. Phone calls or text messages are appropriate.

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
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)
Tony Porter
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)