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**Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala**

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**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**

November 10, 2019

This Morning's Sermon  
"Our First and Our Best"

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 10, 2019

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Fantasy on "Hyfrydol" arr. Hal Hopson  
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship a generous and loving God.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We will praise the Lord as long as we have breath.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: Our hope is in our Lord, our God.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We give thanks for the gift of all of God's creation.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We give thanks for God's help in times of need.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We give thanks for God's mercy in times of trouble.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Leader: We know that God will be with us always.

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

\*Hymn of Praise Love Divine All Loves Excelling #366

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.**

\*If able please stand

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves.** (time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Amen. God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God. Friends, believe the good news. 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.)                      Treasures in Heaven                      Allen Pote  
Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and when thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Hymn of Thanksgiving  
Handbell Choir

KREMSER (1676)  
arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

\*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**

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 3:1-10 (OT page 720)

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Our First and Our Best"

Dr. Bob Shettler

**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

Take My Life

#697

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

Bless Thou the Gifts

Tallis' Canon  
arr. Jay Edwards

Postlude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

William Moore  
arr. by Cindy Berry

♦  
*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in recognition of  
Robert and Renee Timmer's 65th wedding anniversary.*

## PRAYER LIST

**Jeanette Bryant**

**Randall & Linda Deyton**

(Pickard family prayer concerns)

**Mary Dingman** (death of her mother)

**Kathy and Terry Donovan** (Nita Williams' friends)

**Stewart Edwards**

**Hank Fleming** (Hawthorne Village Rehab)

**Maranell Fleming**

**Fran Gilchrist**

**Barbara Gowie**

**Dick Hancock**

**Bettie Haupt**

(illness and death of her husband Paul)

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

**Grietje Lewis**

**Celine Mack**

**Ellen Matthews**

**Ron and Mary McMillin** (death of their daughter)

**Earl McNeel** (Pat Greaves' brother)

**Ray Newhouse** (Pat Bishop's brother)

**Raul Nieves** (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)

**Ken Petrey**

**John Reynolds** (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)

**Ann Richardson and family**

(death of her husband, Bobby)

**Greg Robinson**

(Carolyn Varner's brother)

**Michael Rou** (Dr. Albright's cousin)

**Tania Sayre** (Mary Kauffman's daughter)

**Janice Schafer** (Palm Garden)

**Delores Shotwell**

**Steve and Keith Shotwell**

**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.*

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
<b>Elder of the Day</b>	Jeff Baker
<b>Ushers 9:30</b>	Carol Carpenter and Susanne Slaughter
<b>Ushers 11:00</b>	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Word of Peace and Justice</i>			Wednesday	November 13	Psalm 132
Sunday	November 10	Psalm 115	Thursday	November 14	Psalm 135
Monday	November 11	Psalm 116	Friday	November 15	Psalm 136
Tuesday	November 12	Psalm 118	Saturday	November 16	Psalm 138

**Calendar**  
**November 10 – November 16, 2019**

<b>SUN.</b>	<p><b><u>November 10</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>Worship Services</u></b></p> <p><b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)  <b>Contemporary Worship</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b>Nursery:</b> <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery)  <b>Children’s Church:</b> <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26)</p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b></p> <p><b>The Blakely Class</b> (Parlor)</p>
<b>MON.</b>	<p><b><u>November 11</u></b></p> <p>4:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Worship Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Outreach Mission meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Personnel Committee meeting</b> (TBA)</p>
<b>TUES.</b>	<p><b><u>November 12</u></b></p> <p>7:30 a.m.  10:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.  2:00 p.m.  2:00 p.m.  2:30 p.m.  5:30 p.m.  6:30 p.m.  6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Finance Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Faith Sisters Disciples Group</b> (Parlor)  <b>PW Circle 7</b> (Choir Room)  <b>PW Circle 1</b> (Conference Room)  <b>PW Circle 8</b> (Room 1)  <b>Membership Committee meeting</b> (Mini Conference Room)  <b>Christian Education Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>PW Circle 4</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Cross and Crown Praise Band Rehearsal</b> (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<b>WED.</b>	<p><b><u>November 13</u></b></p> <p>10:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m.  4:00 p.m.  4:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Disciples XV</b> (Room 1)  <b>Disciple Class</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Art Connection</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Children’s Choir</b> (Choir Room)  <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room)  <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Handbells Rehearsal</b> (Bell Room)</p>
<b>FRI.</b>	<p><b><u>November 15</u></b></p> <p>10:30 a.m.  5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Griefshare</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Kids’ Night Out</b> (Youth Room)</p>

***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.

# Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Ushers: Carol Carpenter and Susanne Slaughter

Acolyte: Grant Vowinkel

Guest Musician: Leslie Athanason



## Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

## Praise Music

Sing Sing Sing

Good Good Father

This is Amazing Grace

## 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

Desert Song

## Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 3:1-10

## Sermon

"Our First and Our Best"

Dr. Bob Shettler

## 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

All the People Say Amen

***We follow the Light of Christ into the world***

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler as today's guest minister. Dr. Shettler recently retired from Gainesville's First Presbyterian Church. He also has served churches in Orlando, Ocala, and Longwood, Florida. A graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky, he also holds degrees from Eastern Kentucky University, Reformed Seminary and Drew University. He and his wife, Connie, have two married daughters, Beth and Kelly. Bob has conducted mission trips to Russia, England, France, Belgium, Panama, Trinidad, Nicaragua, Brazil and Guatemala. He has studied at Princeton Seminary, Wycliffe Hall in Oxford, England, Cambridge and Fuller Seminary in California. Bob also has taught at Reformed Seminary, Eastern Kentucky and at the Russian American Christian University. We welcome Dr. Shettler today!

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR FIRST & OUR BEST**- You will receive Stewardship pledge cards today. We also will mail them to your home as well. Dedication Sunday will be next Sunday, November 17, during which we will bring our pledges forward during the last hymn at each service.

**SERRV Sale Continues!** If you didn't have an opportunity to stop by the SERRV Sale this past Sunday, please plan on stopping by the courtyard area next Sunday, Nov 10 as we hope to sell more items for this worthwhile program that supports fair trade in third world countries. You will feel good knowing you've contributed to those in need at the same time taking something beautiful and handmade with you!

**Art Connection** will be this Wednesday, November 13. We will be making Advent wreaths for our family devotions. Please let the office know (352-629-7561) or email Mary Moore, Mfcmo@aol.com, so that we will have enough supplies. There will be no charge, but a donation is always welcome. Join the fun from 4-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** We will gather together in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner!! We are asking for a donation of \$5 with a \$15 limit per family. Children under 12 are free! Please call the church office for reservations (352-629-7561), or make a note on the Friendship pad on Sunday.

**Fellowship Dinner this Week!** Join us for fellowship and always delicious food! A meat is provided each week and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If that is inconvenient, a donation would be appreciated. All ages are encouraged to attend. A great way to end the work day – stop on your way home!

**Cameras With a Cause**, an Ocala 501(c)(3), is seeking donations of gently-used dress clothes for its seventh annual portrait event on Dec. 7 at the Salvation Army. Clothing donations can be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays through the month of November.

**Griefshare**, a program for those who are grieving, meets Fridays from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Conference Room. Call the church office (629-7561) if you haven't already registered.

**Coming Soon - 2019 Christmas Giving Tree!** Our 2019 Christmas Giving Tree Project is again an ambitious one! There are so many needs in so many parts of our community and indeed the world, but we have decided to donate to: Project Hope, Domestic Violence Center, Hands of Mercy and Sozo Kids, which helps children living in abject poverty in the Ocala National Forest. This year's project will start on Sunday, November 24 and the deadline for turning in gifts will be December 9.

**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](mailto:piatnekc@gmail.com) for more information.

**Mission Trip to Puerto Rico with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** 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 need 5 more people. Join us!

**Interfaith's needs this month are** canned vegetables or pumpkin, chicken stock, boxed stuffing or potatoes 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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