



**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.



161 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

November 11, 2018

This Morning's Sermon
“Dedication Song”

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 11, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Chiming of the Hour – In honor of veterans, all churches in the community today will ring at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude *Intermezzo in A major, Op. 118 No. 2* Johannes Brahms

Introit *Rejoice the Lord is King* Charles Wesley, John Darwal

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God. You have made us and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

Leader: Go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks
and bless God's name.

**People: You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all
generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise *We Give Thee but Thine Own* #708

*Prayer of Praise and 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*)

**God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We
have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy.**

**Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the
wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions
and not into a church that you have created and blessed.**

**Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by
that faith. Amen.**

(A time for silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

**If able, please stand*

A Dedication Litany

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With every song that we sing,

With all that we are,

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A Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, our praises join with the songs of heavenly choirs and the music of the universe. May this piano encourage our praise and lift our singing. May the music it produces bring our prayers to you in times of joy and times of sorrow. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this piano in your name, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Spirit, Open My Heart

Ruth Duck, Alfred Fedak
Jo Ann Brandt, Handbells

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain) Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain) May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Hymn

We Are an Offering#710

Call to Offering

Offertory

Handbell Choir

*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

Matthew 25:31-46 (NT Pg 35)

Second Scripture

Micah 6:6-8 (OT Pg 1060)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Dedication Song"

Dr. Watson

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Sending Hymn

Just As I Am

#442

(Please bring your pledge cards forward during this hymn as you are able)

*Charge and Benediction

Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

This is the Day

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in the honor of the wedding of Casey Diuguid and Cody Miller*

**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 find someone with a Hospitality ribbon.

We want to meet you and we have a welcoming gift for you today.

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers	8:15 a.m.	HJ and Mary Beth Rivers, Ann McCoy, Sandy Owens
Usher	9:30 a.m.	Steve Vincent
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Savannah Bennett, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss.

PRAYER LIST

Ruth Albright (*Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting*)
Kayla Ali (*granddaughter of Yvonne Simms*)
The family of Diane Andrews
Pat Bald
Brian Baker
Brent Barber (*Gera Fleming's son-in-law*)
Cameron Blount (*relative of Janice Kelly*)
Andy Boyer (*Fran Gilchrist's son-in-law*)
Randall & Linda Deyton (*Pickard family prayer concerns*)
Kathy and Terry Donovan (*Nita Williams' friends*)
Ellen Drummond (*Brookdale*)
Jamii Fuseler (*the Pickards' niece*)
David Guest (*on the death of his mother*)
Gary Harward
Maxine Heinbockel (*John Heinbockel's mother*)
Betty Ann Jones (*Margaret Trump's sister*)
Gisela Lehner

Anna Marie Miller (*Hawthorne*)
Gloria Miller
Ginnie Miller
Maria Myers (*Hampton Manor*)
Ray Newhouse (*Pat Bishop's brother*)
Brenda O'Quinn (*Elaine Cox's sister*)
Charlene Preston
Dave Proctor (*Sue Straub's son-in-law*)
John Reynolds (*Suzy Heinbockel's brother*)
Janice Schafer (*Palm Garden*)
Wes Schultz
Bill Shirley
Tom Shurknight (*Ellen Matthews' cousin*)
Betty Jeanne Spencer (*Lady Lake Specialty Care*)
Charlotte Symonds (*Ruth Elswood's daughter serving in Iraq*)
Rich Valvo (*Rusty Juergens' friend*)
Sally Williams

Also please remember HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and all those who serve you in prayer.

Calendar November 11 – November 17, 2018		
SUN.	November 11 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Worship Services Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Children and Youth Ministries Nursery: <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery) Children's Church: <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26) KALEO Youth (Youth Room 21) Adult Christian Education Great Figures of the New Testament (Conference Room) The Blakely Class (Room 2)
MON.	November 12 6:30 p.m.	String Ensemble (Music Room)
TUES.	November 13 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room) Faith Sisters (Parlor) Giving Tree (Conference Room) PW Circle 7 (Choir Room) PW Circle 1 (Conference Room) PW Circle 8 (Room 1) Cross & Crowns (Fellowship Hall) Children and Youth (Youth Room) PW Circle 4 (Conference Room)
WED.	November 14 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee (Conference Room) Disciple XIV The Kingdom Divides (Room 1) Bible Study (Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall – bring a covered dish, meat provided) Handbell Choir (Cancelled)
THURS.	November 15 7:30 p.m.	String Ensemble (Music Room)
FRI.	November 16 10:00 a.m.	Griefshare Group (Conference Room)

Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m.



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Music to Prepare our Hearts and Minds
Entrance of Acolytes

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 150

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Meet & Greet

Opening Music

*Holy, Holy, Holy * Praise You * Sinking Deep*

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Touch the Sky

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Matthew 25:31-46

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Closing Song

Lord I Give You My Heart with Spirit, Open My Heart

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2018 Christmas Giving Tree Project Save the date. *This year's project will start on Sunday, November 25. The deadline for turning in gifts is December 11.*

Our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Turkey and dressing will be provided. Please join us and let us know how many from your family will be attending. People are encouraged to bring their traditional sides or desserts.

Our first ever Trunk or Treat was a success! We are thrilled to have had over 100 children and their families stop by and trunk or treat with us. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed their time, donated their cars, and also to those who came out to have fun with us and make it such an exciting time celebrating with our community. Let's make next year bigger and better!

New member classes November 18, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **Getting to Know our Church**, led by Rev. Natasha Sudderth This class will provide information about the life of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, and how church members can fully participate in the vibrant mission of this worshiping community. It is open to current members, new and old, as well as those who have been visiting and want to learn more about God's work through this church.

The Griefshare Group continues to meet each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are using a program called *Griefshare* which includes excellent video presentations and discussion time. After our meeting time, the group goes to lunch at *The Egg and I*, arriving there at 12 noon. All who are experiencing the pain of loss are most welcome to attend. If you would prefer to simply join us for lunch, you are welcome to do so. For information please speak with Ruth Elswood.

*Surviving the Holidays - We will offer the Griefshare program ***Surviving the Holidays*** for all who find this holiday time of year difficult.

Friday, December 14, 10 a.m. – noon

Conference Room

Please bring holiday treats to share. All who feel the need for such a program are welcome!

Interfaith needs this month are canned fruit, canned meat, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice. 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.

In Celebration of Veterans Day, today, we honor our military veterans - those who have served in the armed forces. We thank you for your service.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Great Figures of the New Testament by Amy-Jill Levine. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Nita Williams is the moderator.

The Blakely Class studies the Uniform Bible Lessons. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2 in the Education Building and is moderated by Jean Morse with others as substitutes.

Adult Weekday Classes

All study books are available in the church office at no cost.

Faith Sisters are studying *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*. Classes meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. For more information about this class, contact the Moderator, Elaine Cox (elaine.grammie.cox@gmail.com).

Bible Classes with Steve Vincent meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Disciple XIV's 1 KINGS: 12-22 The Kingdom Divides meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Rm 1. Newcomers are welcome to join the group! For information, contact Barbara Parks (854-9269) or Tom Weaver (622-6028).

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Growing with God's Word in Thanksgiving and Praise</i>			Wednesday	November 14	Isaiah 12:1-6
Sunday	November 11	2 Samuel 6: 1-23	Thursday	November 15	Isaiah 25:1-9
Monday	November 12	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Friday	November 16	Isaiah 42:1-17
Tuesday	November 13	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Saturday	November 17	Jeremiah 10:1-16

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