



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



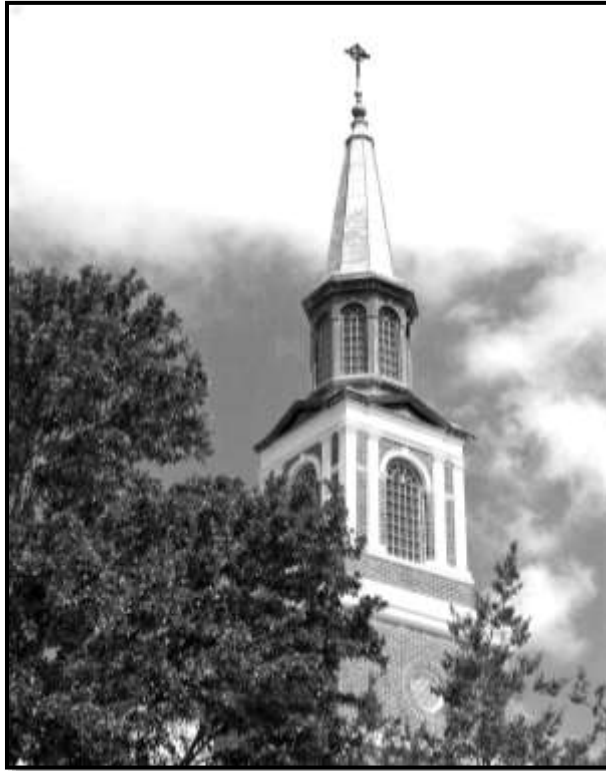
Our Vision

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.



166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

November 12, 2023

Today's Sermon
“Divine Frustration, Divine Compassion”
Jerie Lukefahr, Guest Minister

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

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Dan Forrest
String Quartet

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Bill Tucker, Liturgist

Leader: Come to this time of worship, praising God with your whole spirit.

People: We come, voices and hands lifted up to the Lord.

Leader: Come to this place of prayer, seeking God with your whole heart.

People: We come, ready to hear God's word.

Leader: Come to this community of faith, loving God with your whole life.

All: We come to be encouraged, equipped and sent out to share God's love!

*Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #39

*Confession of Sin

Most High God, you gave us scripture to instruct us how to live yet we do not learn from it. You sent prophets to call us back to obedience and we dismiss them as ancient history. We are preoccupied with selfish pursuits and deaf to the voices of your people in need. We turn away from you. We go mindlessly through our daily routine - no time to be amazed and grateful for your gift of each new morning. We frustrate you. In your mercy, forgive us for creating new idols that consume our time, attention and resources. Renew in us a childlike attitude of trust and increase our faith. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even though we turn away from God, God's warm and tender compassion remains.

People: Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are reconciled to God.

All: Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift of grace!

*Passing the Peace

*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.

First Reading

Mark 10: 13-14 (NT Pg. 56)

Children's Sermon

Praise Song

“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”

Chris Tomlin

Come thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood

Refrain:
How Your kindness
yet pursues me,
how Your mercy
never fails me
Till the day that death
shall loose me, I will sing,
oh, I will sing

Oh to grace, how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and
seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

(repeat refrain 2x)

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the
God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for
Thy courts above
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for
Thy courts above

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jerie Lukefahr

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

Anthem

“Your Gift to Me”
Chancel Choir

Pickard & Juliano

Second Reading

Hosea 11: 1-9 (OT Pg. 1032)

Song

“Heal Our Land”
Cindy Andrews and Debbie Atchison, vocal duet

arr. Tom Fettke

Sermon

“Divine Frustration, Divine Compassion”

Jerie Lukefahr

Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“Gratitude”
Leslie Athanason and String Quartet

arr. Grant Wall



*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and to honor all the Veterans,
First Responders and Public Servants.*

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our guest preacher today A native Texan, Jerie Lukefahr moved to the Midwest in her 30s, where she met and married her husband, Steve. They moved to Florida from St. Louis in 2014 and joined First Presbyterian in Fernandina Beach, where Jerie will serve as clerk of the session beginning in 2024. Jerie also currently chairs the Coordinating Council for the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Steve is a retired airline pilot and toy train enthusiast. Jerie was in retail management for ten years, then sold educational toys for two decades. Their granddaughters and extended family reside in MO and TX. Her interests include yoga, morning coffee, studying Biblical languages and theological stuff, and attending to the resident tabby: KK.

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

Celebrate our Veterans and First Responders Today, November 12th, all are invited after church service. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall as we recognize our veterans and other public servants. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.

PW Circle Dates Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, November 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1. Contact Lois Clardy for more information, 352-622-3053. PW's Circle 4 will meet on Tuesday, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Debbie Koch for more information, 630-254-8844. New members are welcome to join any Circle.

The rose on the baptismal font celebrates the birth of Hallie Lou Ullman, daughter of Caroline and Carter Ullman, granddaughter of Sandra and Todd Dailey. Hallie was born on November 6, 2023.

Stewardship Please prayerfully consider your giving to our church next year and make a pledge or estimate of giving. If you did not receive a pledge card, or don't have it this morning, ushers have extras. You may place it in the offering plate after worship.

Griefshare will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room One.

PRAYER LIST

Rev. Ed Albright
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest,
cancer diagnosis)
Mina DiGeronimo
Bob Dillinger (Uncle of Wendie Moore)
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass and her daughter Carla (heart issues)
Robert Interdonato (son of Pat, in the hospital)
Andrea Mogg Jacque
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)

Celine Mack
The Martin family (Judith, Jason, Nadia,
Lisa and Lukas)
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Ginny Miller (on the death of her granddaughter)
Gloria Miller
Bruce Moore
The Peek family (on the death of Albert)
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Rod Reimer (former member, recovering)
Erik Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Tania Sayre (daughter of Mary Kauffman)
Bob and Renee Timmer
Barbara Tortora and TheTortora family
Ann VanDenburgh
Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)
William Wright
The Williams family (on the death of Betty's
grandson Jeffrey Yawn)