



# *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*

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## **Our Vision**

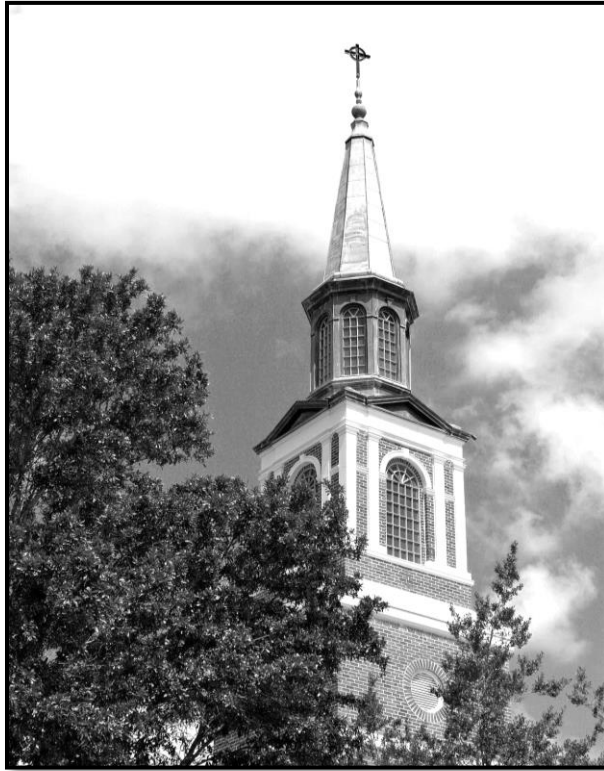
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

## **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.

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**167 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

November 24, 2024

Today's Sermon  
**"Being Thankful"**  
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

## CHRIST THE KING

November 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Words of Welcome

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" arr. Paul Thompson  
FPC String Ensemble

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Bill Tucker, Liturgist

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord is King!

**People: The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.**

Leader: He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**People: let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.**

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**People: before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness,

**People: and the peoples with his truth.**

\*Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\*Confession of Sin

**Eternal and Almighty God, to You is due all our praise and thanksgiving. You are a gracious, loving Lord! But we create false gods we choose to worship. Things of this world motivate us, not Your life-giving Holy Spirit. We put our trust in our efforts, not in Your grace and truth. We value what our open ideas are and not the clear teachings of Scripture. Forgive us for our idolatry, O God. Help us to live as Your Son's disciples to the glory and honor of Your name. Through Christ we pray.**  
(silent prayer)

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*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.**

First Reading

Psalm 100

**A Psalm of thanksgiving.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Children's Sermon

Dr. Jones

Songs (see sheet)

"Gratitude"  
Leslie Athanason, soloist and FPC String Ensemble

Brandon Lake

"Goodness of God" (Bethel Music)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"That the Harvest May Be Full"  
Chancel Choir

Pickard & Juliano

Second Reading (see sheet)

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

"Being Thankful"

Dr. Jones

Affirmation of Faith (see sheet)

From A Brief Statement of Faith of the PCUSA

**We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples**

\*Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

\*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

"Count Your Blessings"  
FPC String Ensemble

arr. Paul Thompson



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

*\*If able, please stand*

# TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will take place today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.  
The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons and conduct other business.

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

**Surviving the Holidays:** A special GriefShare session will be held today, Sunday afternoon, November 24 at 3:00 p.m. in room 1. Please invite anyone who is grieving.

**Advent Study** This year's book is called *Calling All Angels*. The study will be in room 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> and by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

**Giving Tree** Gift cards, gifts and checks to be turned into FPC office by Sunday, December 1st. Return the gift UNWRAPPED.

**King's Brass** will perform for us on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells** If you are interested in volunteering for a two hour shift, please call Kay Yancey to sign up. 352-207-3210 by November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**APPLY  
NOW**

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



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.

## PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**

**Pat Bishop**

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)

**The Byrd family** (on the death of Tim)

**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**

**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)

**The Langley family** (on the death of Sam)

**Lukas Martin** (grandson of Judith Martin)

**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)



FPC gives thanks for the life of **Sam Langley** who passed away November 20, 2024.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.