



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.



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

This Morning's Sermon
“Waiting, Anticipating...”
Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome, Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by David Smart

Song "Light One Candle"

Lighting the Advent Candle Sharon Shirley and Marcia Dove

Advent Prayer of the Day David Schlenker, Liturgist

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #93

*Confession of Sin

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors and the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. (silent prayer.)

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a (OT Page 1059)

Song "He Shall Reign Forevermore" by Chris Tomlin

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone
Light is breaking
In a stable for a throne

chorus:

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

If I were a wise man, I would travel far
And if I were a shepherd,
I would do my part
But poor as I am
I will give to Him my heart

(chorus)

Here within a manger lies
The One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice
Christ, the Messiah
Into our hopes, into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
Christ, the Messiah

(chorus)

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"O Come to Us, Emmanuel"
Chancel Choir

by J. Martin

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

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

Second Reading

Micah 6:6-8 (OT Page 1060)

Song

"This is Jesus"

by We Are Messengers

Night of wonder
Still and silent
Heaven's brilliance
from above
Light of glory
Pierced the darkness
Mercy pierced my
heart with love

Oh the mystery
Who could fathom
God would leave His
Holy throne
For a manger
For a sinner
For us all to be His
own

Rejoice He is with us
Rejoice Hope is here ...
(repeat)
For the heart so
Prone to wander
For these feet so quick to flee
God is here and
Love is reaching
For the lost and least of these

This is Jesus
King of glory
Here to rescue
from the fall
Son of God who
Comes to save us
Prince of peace and
Lord of all

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Sermon

"Waiting, Anticipating..."

Dr. Jones

*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

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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*Benediction and Offering

(At the end of the service ushers will be standing by the doors
with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings.)

*Please stand if you are able



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

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher after worship.

The new banner hanging behind the Advent wreath was made this fall by Mary Moore. It symbolizes the two aspects of Jesus' Advent, his coming as a baby and his second coming to the world. The purple banner in back was made by Vicky Roberts. Thank you to all who decorated our church for Advent.

The Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please take as many of the ornaments as you wish and fulfill the gift request to the unwrapped gift. December 11th is the deadline for all gifts to be returned to the FPC office.

Searching for the Stable, an Advent spirituality experience at First Presbyterian on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon begins November 29. Call or email the church office to register for the Tuesday evening sessions by zoom. You will be sent a link. Just come to the sanctuary on Wednesday at noon. (352-629-7561 or officefpc@fpcocala.org)

The Middle School Youth Group and Children's Church/ Sunday School are both taking a Thanksgiving break today. See you in December.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. Rev. Jones and Mike Morehouse are leading the classes. Please feel free to join us each Sunday. A new quarter begins Dec. 4.

PRAYER LIST

Edie Alderton (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)	Scott Kinnaugh (son of Dorothy Siemons)
Pat Bishop	Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Cede Blackwell (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)	Celine Mack
Andy Carlisle	Skip McDonald
Ella Charnley	Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Shirley Cochran	Ron McMillin
Mina DiGeronimo	Hope Meffert
Beth and Sharon Follmer (daughter and granddaughter of Dorothy Siemons)	Gloria Miller
Ruth Fraser	Albert Peek
Jim Ferguson (friend of Mary Kauffman)	John Peterson
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)	Annette and Joseph Pickard
Barbara Harrel	Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
John Hagood	Erik Reiss (in hospital)
Alan and Ginnie Hisey (friends of Heather Guest)	Bobbie Ripple (sister of Mike Poteet)
Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)	Frank Roberts
Mark and Melanie Heuer (son-in-law and daughter of Julia Wirono)	Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine Johnson)	Linda Sanchez (sister of Eileen Demarest, in hospice)
Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)	Janie Scott
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)	Renee Timmer
	Richard and Sandy Valvo
	Paul Vollmer (grandfather of Kim)
	Bo Williams
	William Wright
	Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)