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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.



*First Sunday of Advent*

**164 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

November 28, 2021

**This Morning's Sermon  
"Signs from the Heavens"**

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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**

Gloria "Gloria from Angels We Have Heard On High" #113

**Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.**

Second Reading Luke 21:25-36 (NT Pg. 104)

Song "Lully Lullay" by Robert Croo

Lully, lullah, thou little tiny child,  
Bye bye, lully, lullay.  
Lullay, thou little tiny child,  
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging,  
Chargèd he hath this day  
His men of might in his own sight  
All young children to slay.

O sisters too, how may we do  
For to preserve this day  
This poor youngling for whom we sing,  
"Bye bye, lully, lullay"?

Then woe is me, poor child, for thee  
And ever mourn and may  
For thy parting nor say nor sing,  
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."

Sermon "Signs from the Heavens" Dr. Watson

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) (Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Study Catechism, Question 48)

Leader: Season of Advent - What does it mean that Jesus "will come again to judge the living and the dead"?

**People: Like everyone else, I too must stand in fear and trembling before the judgment seat of Christ. But the Judge is the one who submitted to judgment for my sake. Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. All the sinful failures that cause me shame will perish as through fire, while any good I may have done will be received with gladness by God.**

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

Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #93

Offering/Benediction

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

Postlude "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. by Carol Tornquist



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

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Welcome Visitors** and hope they complete a yellow card and give it to an usher after church.

**GRIEFSHARE** Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Please join us on next Sunday, December 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/37071> or call the church office (629-7561)

**2021 Christmas Giving Tree** Please take as many of the ornaments as you wish and fulfill the gift requests that are on them. Tape the ornament's typed gift request to the UNWRAPPED gift and return it to the church office by December 8th. For monetary gift certificate requests, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate "Giving Tree" on the check's memo line. **Remember: Unwrapped Gifts Only-Deadline Monday, December 8.**

**Pledges** So far we have received 154 pledge cards for a total of \$241,396.00. If you have not yet pledged, you may place your pledge in the offering plate today or send it to the office. Receiving pledges is a vital step in our budgeting process. Thank you to all who have already pledged!

**The FPC Chrismon Tree** As with the Christmas tree, the evergreen tree itself, for Christians, "symbolizes the eternal life Jesus Christ provides". However, the Chrismon tree differs from the traditional Christmas tree in that it is decorated only with clear lights and Chrismons made from white and gold material, the latter two being the liturgical colors of the Christmas season. The Chrismon tree is adorned with Chrismons, (ancient symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's ministry: the dove descending down, fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, chalice, shell, and others). Many symbols of the Chrismon tree direct our attention to the nature and ultimate work of Christ.

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### PRAYER LIST

**Claudia Markham-Ahl** (cancer treatment)  
**Eddie Allsopp**  
**Wilma Andrews**  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Edmond & Kay deBie** (friends of Julia Wirono)  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Adele Evans** (friend of Richard Grosso)  
**Ruth Fraser** (The Bridge)  
**Barbara Harrel**  
**Hope Hill** (friend of Richard Grosso)  
**Mark Heuer** (son-in-law of Julia Wirono)  
**Jolene Kai** (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)  
**Janice Kelly**  
**Scott Kinnaugh** (son of Dorothy Siemons)  
**Biddie Kirk**  
**Craig Jones**  
**Renate Lipp** (friend of Nita Williams)

**Celine Mack**  
**Judith Martin**  
**Skip McDonald**  
**Ron McMillin**  
**The Matthews family** (on the death of Ellen)  
**Bob Mikulski** (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)  
**Gloria Miller**  
**Kathy Mortensen** (sister of Sharon Shirley)  
**Chuck Opitz**  
**Barbara Parks**  
**John Peterson** (Ocala RMC - ICU)  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Betty Smith** (friend of Pat Bishop)  
**Shannon Tanga** (granddaughter of Bill Harrel)  
**Debbie Tompkins** (sister of Rusty Juergens)  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Richard and Sandy Valvo**  
**Erv Wagner** (brother of Lois Dolin)  
**Larry and Lisa Waldren**  
(on the death of her sister)  
**Jeffrey Young** (grandson of Betty Williams)