



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



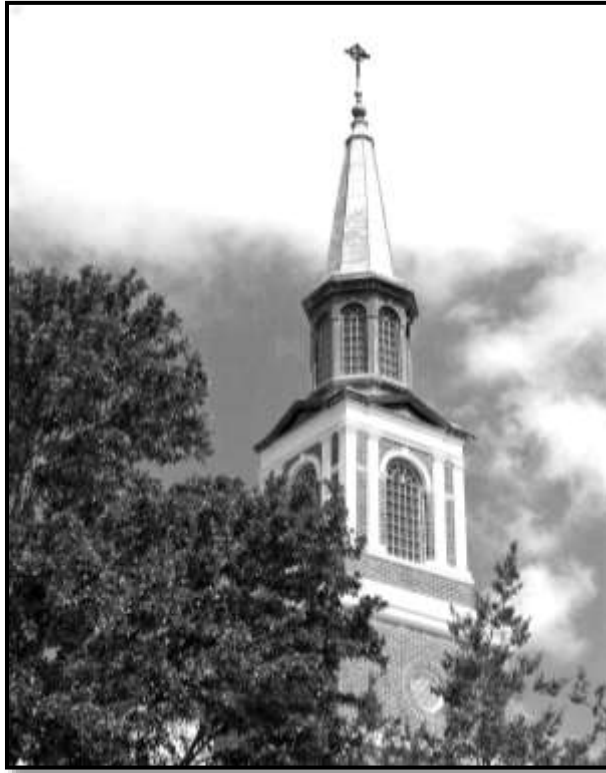
Our Vision

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 5, 2023

Today's Sermon
"Seeing the Power of God"
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

THE LORD'S DAY

November 5, 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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life with Prelude in C" by J.S. Bach
Arr. Cindy Berry

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Peggy Wiechmann, Liturgist

Leader: We gather to share in our love of God.

People: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

Leader: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

People: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

Leader: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

People: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN.

*Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #435

*Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the sovereign Lord. (silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*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 Psalm 103:1-11 (OT Pg. 681)

Children's Sermon

Praise Song "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet
the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now
I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace
appear
The hour I first believed.

chorus:
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

chorus:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
will be forever mine
You are forever mine.

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

“A Still, Small Voice”
Chancel Choir

Juliano & Pickard

Second Reading

1 Kings 18:20-24, 29-32, 36-39 (OT Pg. 403)

Song

“Days of Elijah”

Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of
Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored.

(chorus)
*Behold, He comes
riding on the
clouds
Shining like the
sun at the trumpet
call*

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your
servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise.

And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the
desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

*Lift your voice, the
year of jubilee
And out of Zion's
hill, salvation
comes*

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!

(chorus 2x)

Sermon

“Seeing the Power of God”

Dr. Jones

Song

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#525

Lord's Supper followed by Lord's Prayer

Dr. Jones

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

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“Postlude”

C. A. Weber

Congregational Meeting to elect Elders and Deacons



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Save the Date: All are invited to celebrate our Veterans and First Responders November 12th after the church service. Lunch will be served as we recognize our veterans and other public servants. There is no charge but donations will be accepted. A thank you to Van Akin for providing the beef.

Men's Breakfast will meet this Tuesday, November 7 at Wolfy's Restaurant on Silver Springs Blvd. Note we are meeting a week earlier than usual.

We Need Volunteers to teach the K-5th graders which occurs each Sunday after the Children's sermon during the 10:00 am service. Rotating basis. Call Sandra Dailey (352) 895-5299 for info.

Middle and High School Youth Group will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, November 5, 2023 after the worship service for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for various classes.

The names slated for the office of **Elder** are:

Class of 2025: Marcia Dove

Class of 2026: Van Akin, Bob Drake, Jacquelyn Sexton,

Youth Elder: Bentley Johnson

The names slated for the office of **Deacon** are:

Class of 2026: Esther Arango, Ann McCoy, Julia Wirono, Jackie Albright

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

Robert Interdonato (son of Pat, in the hospital)

Andrea Mogg Jacque

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)

Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

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

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

William Wright

The Williams family (on the death of Betty's grandson Jeffrey Yawn)