



**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.



162 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

December 8, 2019

Christmas Cantata
“Have You Heard?”

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Scripture

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (OT Page 656)

Offering

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Handbell Choir

W. Zlobie Lezy
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**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**



Have You Heard?

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

By Joel Raney

Carol Piatnek-McCoy, Director
Kosumo Morishita, Piano

NARRATOR

Tom Weaver

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO: Vicki Roberts, Nita Williams, Marty Smith,
Esther Palencia-Arango, Chris Schuler, Laura Fowler

ALTO: Gera Fleming, Sharon Shirley,
Pat Greaves, Debbie Atchison

TENOR: Adam Schuler, Jerry Rost, Ron Watson

BASS: Mark Brinker, George Smith

STRINGS

Kaylee Asencio (Violin), Mary Carstenn (violin), Alex Morin (viola),
Amanda Raices (cello), Kristy Nolasco (cello),
Jacob Couch (double bass), Christopher Storey (percussion)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Carol of the Bells
Handbell Choir

Mykola Leontovich 1877-1921
arr. Cathy Moglebust



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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God.

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
Elder of the Day	Joe Vorwerk
Ushers	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss, Bob Timmer

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
Sustained by God's Word of Praise			Wednesday	December 11	Psalm 96
Sunday	December 8	Psalm 93	Thursday	December 12	Psalm 97
Monday	December 9	Psalm 94	Friday	December 13	Psalm 98
Tuesday	December 10	Psalm 95	Saturday	December 14	Psalm 99

**Our church welcomes you today, no matter who you are,
where you come from, or why you are here.**

We are striving to be Christ's people; and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, welcome on your journey; if you are looking for a church home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn with us as we learn from you.

We invite all newcomers to join us for faithful worship, Christian growth, fellowship, and mission.

First Time Visitor - If this is your first time visiting with us today, please find someone with a Hospitality nametag.

We want to meet you and we have a welcoming gift for you today.

Calendar
December 8 – December 14, 2019

SUN.	<u>December 8</u> 11:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – Noon	<u>Worship Services</u> Christmas Cantata <u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds (Nursery)
MON.	<u>December 9</u> 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Final Day to deliver Giving Tree gifts to office
TUES.	<u>December 10</u> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room) Giving Tree wrapping (Conference Room and Choir Room) PW Christmas Lunch and Circles (Fellowship Hall) Cross and Crown Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	<u>December 11</u> 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Disciples XV (Room 1) Disciple Class (Conference Room) Children's Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Fellowship Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall) Handbell rehearsal (Bell Room)
FRI.	<u>December 13</u> 10:30 a.m.	Griefshare Group (Conference Room)
SAT.	<u>December 14</u> 2:00 p.m.	Jeanette Bryant Memorial Service

Christmas Calendar

December 11 Christmas Dinner 6 p.m.

December 15 8:15, 9:30, 11 a.m.

December 22 8:15, 9:30, 11 a.m.

December 24 Both Candlelight

5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Traditional Communion

December 29 11:00 a.m. one service only



PRAYER LIST

Bobby Bryant (death of his mother, Jeanette)

Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family

Shirley Cochran (Hawthorne)

Randall & Linda Deyton

(Pickard family prayer concerns)

Kathy and Terry Donovan

(Nita Williams' friends)

Stewart Edwards

Hank Fleming (Hawthorne Village Rehab)

Maranell Fleming

Fran Gilchrist

Barbara Gowie

Dick Hancock

Adelia Hupp (death of Charles Cheadle)

Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)

Lois Lance

Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack

Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)

Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)

John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)

Greg Robinson (Carolyn Varner's brother)

Michael Rou (Dr. David Albright's cousin)

Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)

Delores Shotwell

Steve and Keith Shotwell

Jill Hester Whitaker

Bo and Sally Williams

Eleanor Willis (Brentwood at Fore Ranch)

Diane Wirono

Please also remember in prayer all people who will be alone this Christmas season.

Diaconate		
Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Debbie Atchison Sue Brawner Carol Carpenter Cathy Edwards Laura Fowler Vicki Hutto Trish Mosby Barbara Tomyon	Evelyn Longo Alice Russell Donna Winfree	Pat Bishop Lois Dolin Gera Fleming Jessie Moseley Joe Moseley Joe Simmons Ann VanDenburgh Kay Yancey

Session		
Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
David Albright Mary Dingman Bill Futch E.B. Gee, Jr. John Heinbockel Rusty Juergens Caroline Schlenker Howell Winfree, III	Jeff Baker Cindy MacKay Mary Moore George Tomyon Joe Vorwerk Peggy Wiechmann, Clerk	Todd Carstenn Elaine Cox Pat Greaves Amy Johnson Dave Schlenker Donnie Slone
Ron Watson, Pastor Moderator		



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols in Fellowship Hall

*Come as You Are
Nursery Provided*

7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols in Sanctuary

*Communion
No Nursery Provided*



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for your unwrapped Giving Tree gifts (and checks) is tomorrow - December 9 - to FPC office. If you were unable to participate please feel free to write a check payable to FPC with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. Thank you all for your generous participation in the 2019 Giving Tree!

Fellowship Christmas Dinner is this Wednesday. Please join us December 11th at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and always delicious food! Our Christmas WOW Dinner, dessert and carol singing meal will be fully provided, but we are asking for a donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 limit per family. Children under 12 are free! Call the church office to make reservations or indicate reservations in red friendship pads on Sunday.

Pledges So far we have received \$568,621.00 representing 130 families. In 2019, total pledges were \$638,364 from 163 families. 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!

Interfaith's needs this month are canned fruit, canned meat, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice and toiletries for men and women. Thank you for placing your donations in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or by bringing them to the church office during the week. They are also looking for volunteers..... call Tina at 352-629-8868.

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