



**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 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

December 22, 2019

**This Morning's Sermon
"Christmas with Mary"**

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 2019

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude The Coventry Carol/Away in a Manger Traditional English Carol
James Murray, arr. by Cindy Berry

Introit Call to Advent---Veni Emmanuel J. Jerome Williams

The Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:15 Jo Ann Brandt 11:00 The Futch Family

Response Hymn Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (all verses) #85

Call to Worship

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise O Come All Ye Faithful #133

Prayer of Praise and the Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 from Angels We Have Heard on High #113
Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You shower gifts on your people, O God, and forgive their faults. We keep accounts and settle old scores. You make peace, sending Christ as a sign of reconciliation and hope. We make war and call it peacekeeping. You give us a source of confidence as your Spirit is sent into our midst. We cause others to be restless, in our anxiety and self-concern. Have mercy upon us, forgive, and free us, that we may be renewed to serve your people with goodwill.
(time for silent confession)

*If able please stand

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Amen. The Most High is called merciful, because God has mercy on those who have not yet come into the world; and gracious, because God is rich in grace to those who repent and turn to the law; and compassionate, because God makes compassion abound more and more within all of creation. Live in this knowledge, and be confident that your sins are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you **And also with you**

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

A Winter Night

John Erickson

Children's Choir with Laura Fowler

A winter night, a star so bright, the sky is filled with heav'nly light--Sing Noel, Noel, Noel. Sing Noel, Alleluia. A winter night a Babe is born, the night is turned to brightest morn. Sing Noel, Noel, Noel, Sing Noel, Alleluia. A winter night, a stable bare, but Mary cares for Jesus there. Sing Noel, Noel, Noel, Sing Noel, Alleluia. A winter night, the shepherds hear, the sound of angels bright and clear. Sing Noel, Noel, Noel. Sing Noel, Alleluia. A winter night, the angels sing, Glory to the newborn King! Sing Noel, Noel, Noel, Sing Noel, Alleluia.

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

#129

Offertory

Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
(harmony by J.S. Bach)

Johann Schop
arr. by Cindy Berry

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

**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**

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5a (O.T. Page 1059)

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56 (N.T. Page 69)

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Christmas with Mary"

Dr. Watson

We Respond to God's Word

*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	The First Nowell (verses 1, 2 and 6)	#147
*Charge and Benediction		
Response	Alleluia G.P. Palestrina (1591) arr. W.H. Monk (1861)	VICTORY
Postlude	O, How Joyful!/Joy to the World (based on G. F. Handel)	Traditional, Lowell Mason arr. by Cindy Berry

*The Christmas greens in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in honor of our Savior's birth
by the Bill Russell, Donnie Slone, Bill Rainbow, John Hagood and John Peterson families.*

PRAYER LIST

Bobby Bryant (death of his mother, Jeanette)	Grietje Lewis
Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family	Celine Mack
Shirley Cochran (Hawthorne)	Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)
Randall & Linda Deyton (Pickard family prayer concerns)	Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)
Kathy and Terry Donovan (Nita Williams' friends)	John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)
Stewart Edwards	Greg Robinson (Carolyn Varner's brother)
Hank Fleming	Michael Rou (Dr. David Albright's cousin)
Maranell Fleming	Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)
Fran Gilchrist	Delores Shotwell
Barbara Gowie	Steve and Keith Shotwell
Dick Hancock	Jill Hester Whitaker
Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)	Bo and Sally Williams
Lois Lance	Eleanor Willis (Brentwood at Fore Ranch)
	Diane Wirono

Please also remember in prayer all the people who feel alone this Christmas

**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.

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Elder of the Day	John Heinbockel
Ushers 9:30	Chris and Pat Bald
Ushers 11:00	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss, Bob Timmer.

Calendar

December 22 – December 28, 2019

SUN.	<p><u>December 22</u> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary – with Children’s Choir)</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery) Children’s Church: <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26)</p>
TUES.	<p><u>December 24</u> 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cross and Crown Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) Lessons and Carols (Fellowship Hall) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)</p>
WED.	<p><u>December 25</u></p>	<p>Merry Christmas - Church office closed</p>
THURS.	<p><u>December 26</u></p>	<p>Church office closed</p>
FRI.	<p><u>December 27</u></p>	<p>NO Griefshare (Conference Room)</p>

This Week’s Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God’s Word of Joy</i>			Wednesday	December 25	John 1:1-18
Sunday	December 22	Luke 1:26-56	Thursday	December 26	Luke 2:22-52
Monday	December 23	Luke 1:57-80	Friday	December 27	Titus 1:1-16
Tuesday	December 24	Luke 2:1-21	Saturday	December 28	Titus 2:1-15



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

Pledges So far we have received \$590,457.00 representing 141 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!

No Griefshare this Friday, December 27. Will resume January 3.

The King's Brass will perform Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Bring the whole family! A freewill offering will be taken.

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.

Important information regarding 2019 giving. Please note: **Only contributions received by December 31st will be included on your annual statement.**

Offertory Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the narthex for you to pick up next Sunday.

Christmas Calendar

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



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