



**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 29, 2019

This Morning's Sermon

“Living in the Promise Land”

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Litany of Affirmation

Leader: It was fitting that God, should make the pioneer of our salvation perfect through sufferings.

People: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

Leader: For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

People: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

Leader: Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things.

People: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

Leader: Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect.

People: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

Leader: Because he was tested, he is able to help those who are being tested.

People: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

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

Hymn	We Three Kings of Orient Are	#151
Offertory	O Tannenbaum	German folk song arr T. Brown
*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**

Anthem	Were You There on That Christmas Night?	Natalie Sleeth
	Debbie Atchison, soloist	

Were you there? Were you there on that Christmas night? When the world was filled with a holy light? Were you there to behold as the wonder foretold came to Earth? Did you see? How they hailed him king? With their gifts so rare that they chose to bring? Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud at his birth? Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight? Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang all through the night? Did you know, did you know it was God's own son? The salvation of the world begun? Did you know it was love that was sent from above To the Earth? Did you know it was love that was sent from above To the Earth?

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

First Scripture 1 Samuel 8: 4-22 (O.T. Page 311)

Second Scripture Romans 13: 1-7 (N.T. Page 197)

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

Sermon "Living in the Promise Land" Bill Harrel

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

Once in Royal David's City

#140

*Charge and Benediction

Response

Of the Father's Love Begotten, vs. 3

arr. Paul Wohigemuth

Postlude

Fantasia in G minor

by G.P. Telemann 1681-1767

*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)
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
Maranell Fleming
Fran Gilchrist
Barbara Gowie
Dick Hancock
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 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.

Calendar December 29 – January 4, 2020		
SUN.	<u>December 29</u> 11:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – Noon	<u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) <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)
WED.	<u>January 1</u>	Happy New Year (office closed)

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
Elder of the Day	Mary Dingman
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					
<i>Sustained by God's Word of Joy</i>			Wednesday	January 1	Romans 1:1-17
Sunday	December 29	Isaiah 8:1-20	Thursday	January 2	Romans 1:18-32
Monday	December 30	Isaiah 8:21-9:7	Friday	January 3	Romans 2:1-16
Tuesday	December 31	Isaiah 60:1-22	Saturday	January 4	Matthew 1:1-17

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledges So far we have received \$598,657.00 representing 143 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!

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.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020 are available in the narthex for you to pick up.

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