



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



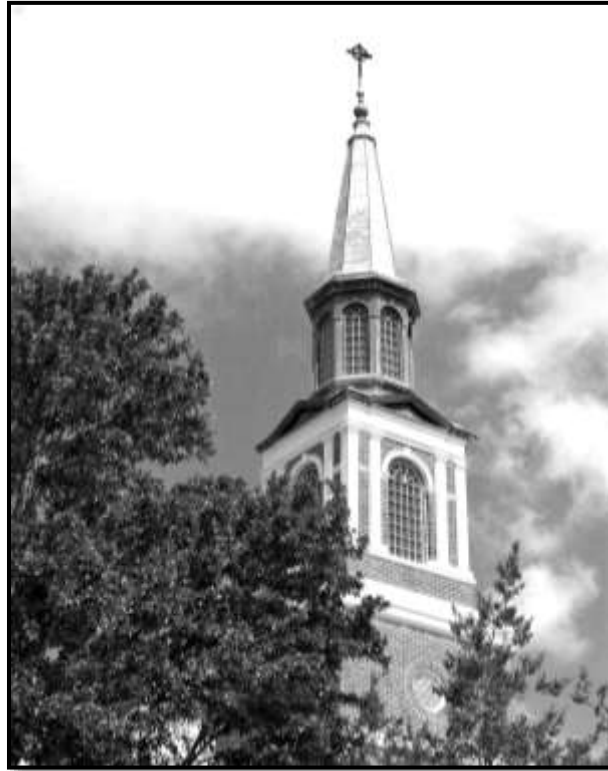
Our Vision

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

February 11, 2024

Today's Sermon
"In the Presence of God"

Rev. 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

TRANSFIGURATION

February 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

GriefShare, Kathy Kuhns

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Adagio from Voluntary I"

John Stanley

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Prayer

Mike Morehouse, Liturgist

Lord of light, as you were transfigured on the mountain, your followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Shine your light in our lives so that we will know how truly marvelous you are and share your good news with our world. We all need to hear your Good News. Amen.

*Hymn

"God is Here!" verses 1, 2, &4

#409

*Confession of Sin

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! Amen.

*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

Mark 8:27-30 (NT Pg. 53)

Children's Sermon

Praise Song	“Down in the River to Pray”	Carolyn Omine
Leslie only: As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!	Men only: O sisters let's go down Let's go down, come on down Come on sisters let's go down Down in the river to pray	All sing: As I went down in the river to pray river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!
Women only: O brothers let's go down Let's go down, come on down Come on brothers let's go down Down in the river to pray	All sing: As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!	All sing: Good Lord, show me the way! Good Lord, show me the way!
All sing: As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!	All sing: O sinners let's go down Let's go down, come on down Come on sinners let's go down Down in the river to pray	

Pastoral Prayer and 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

Anthem	“My Heart is Ready to Sing” Chancel Choir	Robert Leaf
Second Reading		Mark 9:2-8 (NT Pg. 54)
Song	“Open the Eyes of My Heart”	#452
Sermon	“In the Presence of God”	Dr. Jones
Affirmation of Faith		A Brief Statement of Faith part 1

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn	“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”	#353
*Benediction and Offering	(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings)	
Postlude	“Postlude”	Stephen Otis



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.

Service for Celine Mack today at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday always begins our Lenten journey towards Jesus' Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. We will have a service in our sanctuary on February 14 at noon to begin our Lenten journey with prayer and reflection.

Youth Group is having a Super Bowl Party tonight at Casey Miller's house from 6:15 until halftime.

Save the Date: Lenten Study begins February 20 and is about Jesus' Parables using a book called *Short Stories by Jesus* and will be in Room 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Books may be picked up in the church office.

Monday, April 1st is the deadline to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education scholarships! Applications for the fall 2024 term are available in the church office or print from our website. The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Monday, April 1st. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Direct questions to Scholarship Committee members-Chair Kay Yancey, Cindy Andrews, Todd Carstenn or Tom Weaver.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop
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)
Lois Dolin (on the death of her brother Ellis Wagner)
Ruth Fraser
Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)
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
Andrea Mogg Jacque
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
The family of Mary Kells (on her death)

John Koch (brother in law of Debbie Koch)
The Mack family (on the death of Celine)
The Martin family (Judith, Jason, Nadia,
Lisa and Lukas)
Cordelia Bree McCully (granddaughter of
Mike and Teresa Poteet)
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Bruce and Wendie Moore
Annette Morris (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Ruthanne and John Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Janie Scott
Bob and Renee Timmer
Barbara Tomyn (on the death of her mother)
Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family
Ann VanDenburgh
Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)
William Wright