



**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

February 23, 2020

This Morning's Sermon

“Forgiveness Series III: Forgiving Yourself”

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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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#835

*Charge and Benediction

Response (11:00 a.m.)

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

Postlude

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Hyfrydol, arr. by Gail Smith



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Jane Cameron, on the anniversary of her birthday, John and Jarl Hagood

PRAYER LIST

Thomas and Debbie Ault

Pam Butcher

Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family

Shirley Cochran

Randall & Linda Deyton

(Pickard family prayer concerns)

Stewart and Diane Edwards

Hank and Maranell Fleming

Bill Green (Richard Grosso's friend)

Richard Grosso

Barbara Gowie

Dick Hancock

Joyce Heenie (Ocala RMC)

Jordan Kaufman (applying for medical school)

Ken Kramer (Evelyn Longo's brother-in-law)

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

Lois Lance

Grietje Lewis

Renate Lipp (Nita William's friend)

Kevin Lloyd (Lee Ann Drake's cousin)

Celine Mack

Skip McDonald

Jerry Murphy

Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)

Greg Robinson

(Carolyn Varner's brother)

Michael Rou (Dr. David Albright's cousin)

Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)

Tom Schurlnigh (Ellen Matthews' cousin)

Deloris, Steve and Keith Shotwell

Marty Smith

Howard Tucker

Nancy Wells (Daughter of Shirley Wells)

Shirley Wells (The Lodge)

Jill Hester Whitaker

Bo and Sally Williams

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
Elder of the Day	Peggy Wiechmann
Ushers 9:30	Dave and Amy Schlenker
Acolyte 9:30	Lillian Baker
Ushers 11:00	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss, Bob Timmer.

Calendar February 23 – February 29, 2020		
SUN.	<u>February 23</u> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	<u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) 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) <u>Adult Sunday School Class</u> The Blakely Class (The Parlor)
MON.	<u>February 24</u> 2:00 p.m.	* PW WeCare (change - will not meet this month) Art with a Heart (Confrencece Room)
TUES.	<u>February 25</u> 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Faith Sisters (Parlor) Security meeting (Conference Room) Cross and Crown Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	<u>February 26</u> 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> Disciple XV (Room 1) Disciple Group Jesus in the Gospels (Conference Room) Service and Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary) Children's Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Handbell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
THURS.	<u>February 27</u> 1:30 p.m.	PW Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)
FRI.	<u>February 28</u> 10:30 a.m.	Griefshare (Conference Room)

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. this Wednesday, February 26. The brief service will conclude with the imposition of ashes. The sanctuary will be open for silent reflection from 12:00 noon.

Scholarships! Wednesday, April 1, 2020 is the DEADLINE to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education SCHOLARSHIPS! Applications for the fall 2020 term are available in the church office. The absolute final deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Wednesday, April 1st. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Elaine Cox, Nancy Livesay, Paul Vowinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 15-19 this summer! We're already looking forward to a week of fun while spreading the Word to the children of our community.

This year's Montreat Youth Conference is scheduled for July 19-25. The conference is designed for high school students—from entering freshmen through graduated seniors. Please contact the church office for details.

Interfaith's needs this month are jelly or jam, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned spaghetti sauce 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.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God's Life-Giving Word of Love</i>					
			Wednesday	February 26	Matthew 6:1-18
Sunday	February 23	Psalm 17	Thursday	February 27	Psalm 50
Monday	February 24	Psalm 33	Friday	February 28	Psalm 51
Tuesday	February 25	Psalm 36	Saturday	February 29	Psalm 57

***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.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. For Christians, Lent is a 40-day season of fasting, reflection, and penance culminating in Holy Week and the Easter Sunday commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection.

The Rev. Arne Panula, director of the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C., said his experience is that more people go to church on Ash Wednesday than any other holiday, including Christmas and Easter.

Here are a few basics on the Ash Wednesday tradition:

When was the first Ash Wednesday celebrated?

Early Christians celebrated the first Ash Wednesday sometime around the Early Middle Ages, Panula said. Monsignor Kevin Irwin, a liturgy specialist at Catholic University, said the practice started in the 10th century and became an official liturgy in the 13th century.

Is Ash Wednesday a Roman Catholic observance?

Catholics are not the only group observing Ash Wednesday. Anglicans/Episcopalians, Lutherans, United Methodists, and other liturgical Protestants partake in receiving ashes. Historically, the practice has not been common among evangelicals.

In a typical Ash Wednesday service, a minister recites Genesis 3:19 — “For dust you are and to dust you shall return” — while applying the ashes in the shape of a cross on the recipient's forehead.

Does the service have to be performed in a church?

No. While Catholics almost always receive the ashes inside a church, people in other religious traditions now celebrate the ritual without necessarily having to step foot inside a church. Some churches offer “ashes to go,” which gives busy participants the option of receiving ashes on a street corner, at a train station, or in some other public venue. A state-by-state list of churches in the U.S. that administer on-the-go ashes can be found at Ashestogo.org. A pastor, deacon, or lay person can administer the ashes. For Catholics, Ash Wednesday rites usually (but not always) consist of Mass.

Where do the ashes come from?

Typically, the ashes that are placed on the forehead of the individual come from branches used in the previous year's Palm Sunday services, which falls one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

The palms themselves don't necessarily come from the Holy Land, but instead from various religious suppliers around the country.

What do the ashes on the forehead represent?

The ashes are a profound symbolism for observers. Ash Wednesday is not an official “holy day of obligation” for Catholics, but it is a deeply ingrained tradition, even for people who may not be particularly observant. The ashes — a traditional sign of mourning and repentance — are meant to remind people that life is short.

“It is a time for Christians to carry the cross,” Panula said. “The observance is a symbol of our Lord emblazoned on the forehead of Christians.”

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