



**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

March 15, 2020

This Morning's Sermon

“What It Takes to Be a Christian”

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2020

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" arr. Joanne Jansen
Jo Ann Brandt, Hand Bells

Introit (11:00 a.m.) "O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord" Donald Moore

Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

People: For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! #839

*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 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.

*If able please stand

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.
(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Amen. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m) "It Is Well With My Soul" Philip P Bliss

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say. It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well, it is well, it is well with my soul. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, 'Even so' it is well with my soul! It is well, it is well with my soul."

Prayers of the People

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me #726

Offertory Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me with He Leadeth Me William Bradbury
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 Psalm 121 (O.T. Page 702)

Second Scripture Reading John 3:1-17 (N.T. Page 114)

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

Sermon "What It Takes to Be a Christian" 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	God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand	#331
*Charge and Benediction		
Response (11:00 a.m.)	"Threefold Amen"	Danish
Postlude	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Lizzie Tourjee Arr.by Gail Smith



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

PRAYER LIST

Thomas and Debbie Ault
Pam Butcher
Andy Carlisle
Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family
Shirley Cochran
Stewart and Diane Edwards
Hank and Maranell Fleming
Bill Green (Richard Grosso's friend)
Richard Grosso
Barbara Gowie
Dick Hancock
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)
Deloris, Steve and Keith Shotwell
Brian Switzer (on deployment with the Navy)
Howard Tucker
Nancy Wells (Daughter of Shirley Wells)
Shirley Wells (on the death of her brother, Fred Austin)
Jill Hester Whitaker
Bo and Sally Williams

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
Elder of the Day	George Tomyon
Ushers 9:30	Wayne and Pat Curtis
Ushers 11:00	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss, Bob Timmer.

Calendar March 15 – March 21, 2020		
SUN.	<u>March 15</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>March 16</u> 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	PW Circle 3 (Sharon Shirley's home) Deacons' meeting (Conference Room) Christian Education meeting (Conference Room)
TUES.	<u>March 17</u> 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Faith Sisters (Parlor) Cross and Crown Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	<u>March 18</u> 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Disciple XV (Room 1) Disciple Group Jesus in the Gospels (Conference Room) Children's Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) Handbell rehearsal (Bell Room)
THURS.	<u>March 19</u> 5:30 p.m.	Out to Dinner Group (Amrit Palace, 3415 SW College Rd)
FRI.	<u>March 20</u> 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Griefshare (Conference Room) Faith Friends (Fellowship Hall)

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Out-to-Dinner Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 19, at Amrit Palace, 3415 SW College Road. RSVP to Cathy Taylor (351-671-3730) by tomorrow, March 16. Everyone is welcome!

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Envelopes will be distributed and collected on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m. service is looking for young people to bring the Palms to the Communion Table. We will be meeting in the church library at 10:50 a.m. and after presenting the palms will return to their families. Please call the church office (629-7561) if your child can participate.

Lyra Vocal Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia will be performing at FPC on April 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. LYRA, an a cappella group of four professional singers from St. Petersburg, Russia, will present a concert of Russian choral music. This is a unique opportunity to share the enormous Russian musical heritage. Come and enjoy the sounds of Russia as interpreted by real Russians.

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 (629-7561) for details.

Interfaith's needs this month are macaroni and cheese, canned meat, pasta, 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.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Life-Giving Word of Love</i>			Wednesday	March 18	Psalm 71
Sunday	March 15	Psalm 46	Thursday	March 19	Psalm 75
Monday	March 16	Psalm 28	Friday	March 20	Psalm 77
Tuesday	March 17	Psalm 69	Saturday	March 21	Psalm 84



Please Join Us on
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020
for Music and Song

A Selection of Songs

11:00 a.m. Service

(one service on Palm Sunday)

*Featuring FPC's Chancel
Choir and Strings Ensemble*