



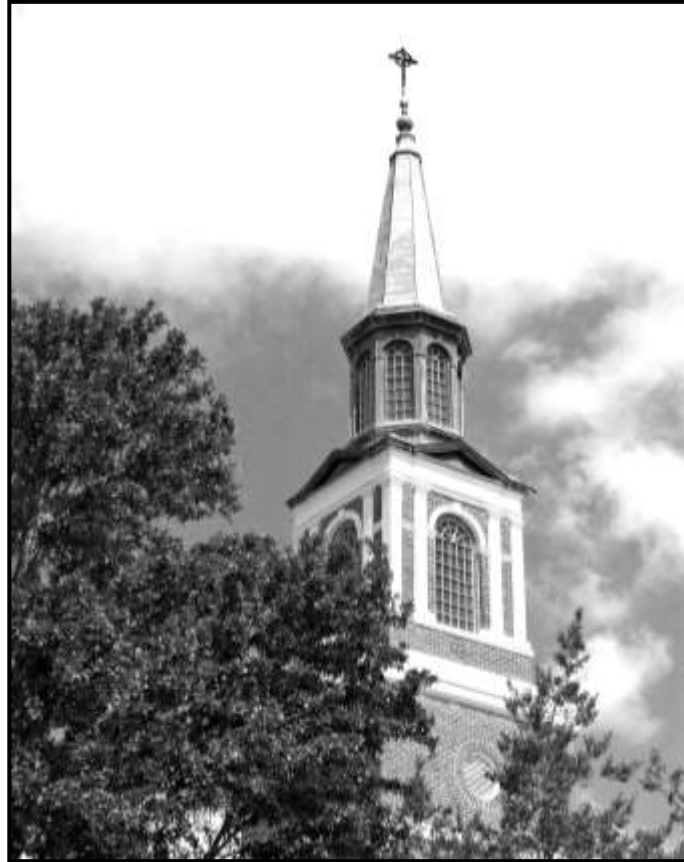
Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



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.



165 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

March 19, 2023

Today's Sermon
“Playing the Waiting Game”
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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome, Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship from Psalm 130
Jo Ann Brandt, Liturgist

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

People: and in his word I hope;

Leader: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O people, hope in the Lord!

People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #275

*Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way like lost sheep. We are misled by pride and see ourselves as greater than we are. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (silent prayer).

*Passing the Peace

*Doxology #606

First Reading Psalm 43 (OT Page 634)

Song "Goodness of God" Bethel Music

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me
through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like
no other
I've known You as
a Father
I've known You as
a Friend
And I have lived in
the goodness of God

(chorus)

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

(chorus)

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Chancel Choir

arr. Joel Raney

Prayer with 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

Second Reading

Matthew 25: 1-13 (NT Page 34)

Song

"How Deep the Father's Love for us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love
for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His
only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of
searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar
the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my
mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held
Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought
me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power,
no wisdom
But I will boast in
Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from
His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Sermon

"Playing the Waiting Game"

Dr. Jones

Affirmation

From A Declaration of Faith of the PCUS

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

#744

*Benediction and Offering

(At the end of the service ushers will be standing by the doors
with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings.)

Postlude

"Postlude in C Major"

by Christian Heinrich Rinck

**Please stand if you are able*



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

Our church administrator, Andrea Mogg Jacque, is receiving cancer treatment and working from home. Please pray for her. You may send a card to 16859 SW 22nd Court, Ocala, FL 34473.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 FPC will have a flower cross. Please bring flowers to add to the cross on Easter morning.

Confirmation class 2023 We are planning a confirmation class this spring for our 7th and 8th grade youth. If you have a child or grandchild who is interested in joining the church please let Rev. Jones or a member of the CE committee know. If you would like to teach or mentor please do the same.

Middle School Youth Group is held 5:00 p.m., Sundays, in the Youth Room. **Children's Church/ Sunday School** meets in Room 26 during the 2nd half of worship.

Lenten Bible Study Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1 or on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Books are available in the office or you may buy it online or kindle. The book is entitled, *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. Call or email the church for a zoom link.

Griefshare will meet at 3:30 in Room 1.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. Rev. Jones and Mike Morehouse are leading the classes. Please feel free to join us each Sunday.

Post-Secondary School Education Scholarship applications for the fall 2023 term are available in the church office or you may download and print them from our website under the Education tab. Don't miss the deadline to submit applications, the end of the workday on **Monday, April 3rd**.

PRAYER LIST

Rusty Belote (friend of Kay Yancey)
Cede Blackwell (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Mina DiGeronimo
Bill Dolin (West Marion Rehab)
Beth and Sharon Follmer (daughter and
Granddaughter of Dorothy Siemons)
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Griefshare members
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Jimmy Hankinson (brother of Mary Dingman)
Barbara Harrel
John Hagood
Ginnie Hisey (on the death of her husband Alan))
Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)
Mark and Melanie Heuer
Nadene Howard (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Andrea Mogg Jacque
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of

Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)
Scott Kinnaugh
(son of Dorothy Siemons)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Celine Mack
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Albert Peek
Annette and Joseph Pickard
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Erik Reiss
Bobbie Ripple (sister of Mike Poteet)
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Janie Scott
Bob Timmer
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Ann VanDenburgh (new treatments)
Bo Williams
William Wright
Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

Christine Johnson)