



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.



Today's Sermon
"Lots of Surprises for Jesus"
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

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" arr. Hal Leonard LLC

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Bill Tucker, Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

People: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #197

*Confession of Sin

O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Hear the prayers of our hearts as we confess our sins to you. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor" refrain, verse 1, refrain #196

First Reading Mark 11:1-11 (NY Pg. 57)

Baptism Hallie Lou Ullman, daughter of Caroline and Carter

Song "Jesus Loves Me" #188

Children's Sermon

Praise Song "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" Paul Baloché
Bentley Johnson, leader

Verse 1
Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Chorus
Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who
saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way
among us
We welcome You here
Lord Jesus

Verse 2
Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Pre-Chorus
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Ending
Hosanna hosanna

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 "Hosanna" Christian Gregor
Chancel Choir

Second Reading Mark 14:3-9 (NT Pg. 62)

Sermon "Lots of Surprises for Jesus" Dr. Jones

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 "My Song is Love Unknown" #209

*Benediction and Offering
(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings)

Postlude "Hosanna!" Noel Benson



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors - Thanks for worshiping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of this Offering, which started with a radio show in 1949. Typically received on or around Easter Sunday, the annual Offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. All three programs work to serve individuals and communities in need to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Envelopes are in the bulletin and available from ushers now and next Sunday. You may bring your gift back next Sunday.

Being baptized today is Hallie Ullman, daughter of Caroline and Carter Ullman and granddaughter of Sandra and Todd Dailey. She is a fourth-generation member of our church.

This Holy Week we will worship on Thursday evening with communion and Friday at noon with prayer and music.

The Christian Ed. committee is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 30th starting at 10:00 am. We are seeking filled eggs and bags of candy and treats. To donate, please drop off at the church office this week.

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Highland Memorial Park cemetery at 1515 NE Third St at 7:45 next Sunday. Rev Jones and Van Akin are leaders of this community service put on by several churches, you are invited to attend and worship there and in our sanctuary at 10.

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1 today, starts a six week series: **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**. This series will include a video presentation by Louie Giglio followed by a class discussion. Following is a brief description of the series: Our minds spinning seemingly out of control with thoughts that are not only unproductive, but potentially destructive and harmful. These thoughts are not of God. No, they're from the Enemy lurking, ready to seize any opportunity to lie his way into your mind and claim control over your life. But God has other plans for you.

On Easter Sunday we will have a flower cross - Please bring flowers for the cross.

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.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)

Andy Carlisle

Ella and Ray Charnley

Shirley Cochran

Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest,
cancer diagnosis)

Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard)

Mina DiGeronimo

Ruth Fraser

Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)

Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

Bill and Barbara Harrel

Chris Hasselkus (cancer)

Andrea Mogg Jacque

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)

Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

John Koch (brother in law of Debbie Koch)

Gloria Miller

Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Wendi Moore (on the death of her uncle
Bob Dillinger))

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)

Mike Scalf (loss of his mother, friend of Julia Wirono)

Kim Scalf (fighting cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)

Janie Scott

Rev. Ed Tenhor

Bob and Renee Timmer

Ann VanDenburgh

Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)

William Wright