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**Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala**

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**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 8, 2020

**This Morning's Sermon  
"Reconciliation"**

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Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.**  
*(time for silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Amen. "For the sake of the joy that was set before him Jesus endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Our faith depends on him from start to finish, and he unceasingly intercedes on our behalf. Therein abides our hope and our assurance.

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

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m.)      "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"      Charles Gabriel  
Kristy Nolasko, Celloist  
"Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. 'Let not your heart be troubled,' His tender words I hear; and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He leads me, one step is all, all I can see. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Prayers of the People

Hymn      There Is Now a New Creation      #774

Offertory      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee      arr. Steve Dunn  
Strings

\*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      2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (N.T. Page 221)

Second Scripture Reading      Luke 15:11-31 (N.T. Page 95)

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

Sermon      "Reconciliation"      Rev. Robert Shettler, D.Min

**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

More Love to Thee, O Christ

#828

\*Charge and Benediction

Response (11:00 a.m.)

"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

Marty Haugen

Postlude

Trust and Obey

Daniel Towner  
arr. by Sharon Wilson



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God*

**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**  
**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**

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Life-Giving Word of Love</i>			Wednesday	March 11	Psalm 28
Sunday	March 8	Psalm 25	Thursday	March 12	Psalm 30
Monday	March 9	Psalm 26	Friday	March 13	Psalm 31
Tuesday	March 10	Psalm 27	Saturday	March 14	Psalm 32

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala	
<b>Elder of the Day</b>	Todd Carstenn
<b>Ushers 9:30</b>	Joey and Steffany Gladdin
<b>Acolyte 9:30</b>	Judson Baker
<b>Ushers 11:00</b>	Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss, Bob Timmer.

Calendar March 8 – March 15, 2020		
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>March 8</b> 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.	<b>Worship Services</b> <b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Contemporary Worship</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)  <b>Children and Youth Ministries</b> <b>Nursery:</b> <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery) <b>Children's Church:</b> <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26)  <b>Adult Sunday School Class</b> <b>The Blakely Class</b> (The Parlor)
<b>MON.</b>	<b>March 9</b> 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Art with a Heart</b> (Conference Room) <b>Worship Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>March 10</b> 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>Finance Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room) <b>Faith Sisters</b> (Parlor) <b>PW Circle 7</b> (Choir Room) <b>PW Circle 1</b> (Conference Room) <b>PW Circle 8</b> (Room 1) <b>Cross and Crown Band Rehearsal</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>PW Circle 4</b> (Conference Room)
<b>WED.</b>	<b>March 11</b> 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>Disciple XV</b> (Room 1) <b>Disciple Group</b> Jesus in the Gospels (Conference Room) <b>Children's Choir rehearsal</b> (Choir Room) <b>Choir rehearsal</b> (Choir Room) <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>March 13</b> 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Griefshare</b> (Conference Room) <b>Faith Friends</b> (Fellowship Hall)



We welcome the return of Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler as today's guest minister. Dr. Shettler recently retired from Gainesville's First Presbyterian Church. He also has served churches in Orlando, Ocala, and Longwood, Florida. A graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky, he also holds degrees from Eastern Kentucky University, Reformed Seminary and Drew University. He and his wife, Connie, have two married daughters, Beth and Kelly. Bob has conducted mission trips to Russia, England, France, Belgium, Panama, Trinidad, Nicaragua, Brazil and Guatemala. He has studied at Princeton Seminary, Wycliffe Hall in Oxford, England, Cambridge and Fuller Seminary in California. Bob also has taught at Reformed Seminary, Eastern Kentucky and at the Russian American Christian University. We welcome Dr. Shettler today!

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We had wonderful attendance** and great fellowship at our Valentine's Dinner. Join the fun at our next Fellowship Dinner, this Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. After dinner we'll be celebrating with The Sky, the Celtic music and dance group from Prince Edward Island, so wear your green!! The cost of the dinner is \$6 each or a maximum of \$15 for families. Please make your reservations through the church office (629-7561) by March 9 or on the Friendship Pad today.

**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.

**The Out-to-Dinner Group** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19 at Amrit Palace, 3415 SW College Rd, Ocala. RSVP to Cathy Taylor, 353-671-3730 by Monday, March 16. Everyone is welcome!

**Lyra Vocal Ensemble** from St. Petersburg, Russia will be performing at FPC 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.

# THE Sky Family



On the cold, wind-lashed coastlands of Prince Edward Island a family gathered close around the woodstove, fiddles and guitars in hand. As the snow piled high on wild winter nights inside hearts were warmed by rhythmical reels and soaring melodies. As the chill gave way to the intoxicating sweetness of summer, visitors from around the world gathered to hear the SKY Family perform their own particular blend of fast-paced Celtic music and Irish dance.

*The SKY Family's production Celtic Revival! brings world-class Irish dance to lively Celtic/pop-rock music and songs rich in harmonies. Woven throughout are humorous stories and inspirational testimonies. Each member performs on several instruments and all contribute to the rich vocal harmonies and dance. The program is engaging for the whole family.*

**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.

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