



**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

August 25, 2019

This Morning's Sermon

“God’s Great Sabbath Gift”

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

August 25, 2019

Guest Pianist John Leschak

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Jesus Loves Me/Claire de Lune William Bradbury/Claude Debussy
arr. Fred Bock

Introit O Come, Let us worship Anonymous

Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: For you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust. My praise is continually of you.

Leader: Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*Hymn of Praise For the Beauty of the Earth #14

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)

With Christ as our hope, O God, we stand at the gates of your sanctuary seeking your pardon. We confess that we have not worshipped you alone. Life makes its demands and we push you to the margins. You are for leisure moments, when our own work is done. Forgive us for our small minds and mistaken priorities. Restore in us the sense of your greatness and your ultimate claim upon our lives. (time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Hear with grateful hearts that Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, ushers us into the gates of God's eternal dominion. By his own blood he healed the estrangement between God, and us and by his sacrifice offers reconciliation to all who believe. In this Christ we have assurance that we are forgiven, and truly citizens of the heavenly city.

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m) Be Strong in the Lord Thomas Matthews
Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be dismayed; For the Lord God will be with Thee; Be strong! He will not fail thee nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be dismayed; for the Lord God will be with thee; be strong!

Prayers of the People

Responsorial Hymn Break Thou the Bread of Life #460

Offertory Wonderful Words of Life arr. by J. W. Kerr

*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 Lesson Nehemiah 13:15-22 (OT Page 548)

Second Scripture Luke 13:10-17 (NT Page 92)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon "God's Great Sabbath Gift" 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

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle's Wings)

#43

*Charge and Benediction

Response

The Blessing Riddle

Traditional folk melody

Postlude

Credo

by J. Haydn



Today's flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of the Glory of God

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers 11:00

Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sustained by God's Word of Promise

<i>Sustained by God's Word of Promise</i>			Wednesday	August 28	2 Samuel 9:1-13
Sunday	August 25	Leviticus 16:1-19	Thursday	August 29	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Monday	August 26	Leviticus 16:20-34	Friday	August 30	2 Samuel 12:1-25
Tuesday	August 27	Numbers 14:1-25	Saturday	August 31	Psalms 51

PRAYER LIST

Brent Barber (Gera Fleming's son-in-law)

Bill Blackwell (Mary Kauffman's brother)

Jeanette Bryant

Randall & Linda Deyton (Pickard family prayer concerns)

Noemi DiGeronimo (granddaughter of Mina)

Kathy and Terry Donovan (Nita Williams' friends)

Stewart Edwards

Debbie Fenner (Chris and Evelyn Longo's daughter)

Hank Fleming

Maranell Fleming

John Gilkes

Jennifer and Danny Gilman and family

(death of Jennifer's father, Jim Stoneman)

Barbara Gowie

Richard Grosso

Bill Harrel and family (death of his sister, Nancy)

Gary Harward

Betty Ann Jones (Margaret Trump's sister)

Brian Kuhn (Rusty Juergens' friend)

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

Gisela Lehner

Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack

Anna Marie Miller (Hawthorne)

Gloria Miller

Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)

Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)

Charlene Preston

Dave Proctor (Sue Straub's son-in-law)

Richard and Fritz Rain

(Mary Beth Olson's friends)

John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)

Tania Sayre (Mary Kauffman's daughter)

Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)

Wes Schultz

Delores Shotwell

Steve and Keith Shotwell

Betty Jeanne Spencer

(Lady Lake Specialty Care)

Shirley Wells

Jill Hester Whitaker

Bo and Sally Williams

Diane Wirono

Please also remember in prayer all our church leaders and the missions we support.

Calendar August 25– August 31, 2019		
SUN.	<p><u>August 25</u></p> <p>8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Worship Services</u></p> <p>Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u></p> <p>Nursery: <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> (Nursery) Children's Church: <i>4 years – 5th Grade</i> (Room 26)</p>
MON.	<p><u>August 26</u></p> <p>2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Art Class (Conference Room)</p>
TUES.	<p><u>August 27</u></p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Security Team meeting (Conference Room)</p>
WED.	<p><u>August 28</u></p> <p>5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Handbells Rehearsal (Bell Room)</p>
THURS.	<p><u>August 29</u></p> <p>8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Nominating Committee meeting (Conference Room) PW Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)</p>

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Choirs! Welcome to a new church year! I am looking forward to ringing and singing with you as we live our faith through worship together. Three choirs are starting up in the next few weeks: **Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir and Children's Choir**. No previous experience is necessary. If you have not yet joined us, then come on in! If you are returning, welcome back and bring a friend! Contact the Church Office or you can email me at piatnekc@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners begin September 4th at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! Each week a meat will be provided, and church members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. If that is not convenient, a small donation would be appreciated. It's a great time to catch up with friends and make some new ones! All ages are encouraged to come!

Donate Flowers for a Sunday Service! You can donate a lovely flower arrangement for many different occasions—birthdays, anniversaries, births, memorials, to the Glory of God, special events—or almost anything! Complete an envelope located in the narthex or Fellowship Hall and put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office. You also can make arrangements by calling the church office at 629-7561 to arrange details and dates.

Interfaith's needs this month are peanut butter, canned soups, macaroni and cheese, canned meats 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.

***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 currently are seeking members who are able to assist with serving Communion (when needed), and not currently an elder or a deacon.

Communion is usually on the first Sunday of the month.

If you would like to assist, please fill out and return this form in the offering plate or drop it in the office!

Thank you, The Worship Committee

Name

Contact Info

Service You Attend

Congregational Nominating Committee

I would like to suggest the following person(s) to be considered as an elder or deacon:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deacon
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deacon
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deacon

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun meeting and praying to discern a slate of names to serve First Presbyterian Church as elders and deacons. If you would like to suggest a name for one of these offices, please fill out the form above and either drop it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please ensure you have a discussion with the individual regarding their willingness to serve prior to submitting their name.

Please check with the individual regarding their willingness to serve before suggesting their name. Each year, we ask the congregation to suggest names for possible nomination to the office of elder and deacon. We are looking for individuals who attend worship regularly and are involved in the life of our church as well as the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Other considerations for potential nominees include evidence of grace and compassion, a cooperative spirit, an openness to new ideas, a willingness to learn, leadership skills, and being willing to both share ideas with and learn from the ideas of others.

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