



## *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*



### **Our Vision**

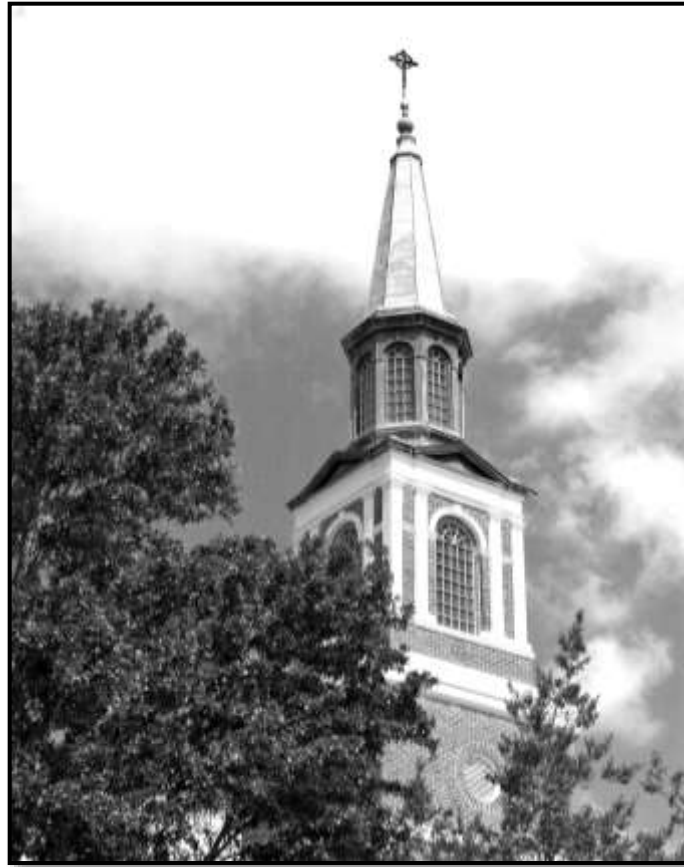
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

### **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.

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Today's Sermon  
**“Running the Holy Race”**  
Elizabeth Turk  
Missionary Speaker

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Transitional Pastor  
Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director  
Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist  
Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## THE LORD'S DAY

September 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

### We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome, Announcements

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "Old French Melody" arr. Cesar Franck

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship, taken from Psalm 95 Dr. Jones

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

**People: Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving;**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: O Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God,

**People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

\*Hymn "This is My Father's World" #370

Silent Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

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.**

First Readings Isaiah 40:31 (OT Page 818), Hebrews 12:1-2 (NT Pg. 275)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Dr. Jones

**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**

Praise songs "Sinking Deep" Aodhan King/Joel Davies

Standing here in Your presence  
In a grace so relentless  
I am won  
By perfect love

Wrapped within the arms of heaven  
In a peace that lasts forever  
Sinking deep  
In mercy's sea

*Chorus:  
I'm wide awake  
Drawing close  
Stirred by grace  
And all my heart is Yours  
All fear removed  
I breathe You in  
I lean into Your love  
Oh, Your love*

When I'm lost You pursue me  
Lift my head to see Your glory  
Lord of all  
So beautiful  
Here in You I find shelter  
Captivated by the splendor  
Of Your face  
My secret place

*(Chorus)*

Bridge:  
Your love so deep  
Is washing over me  
Your face is all I seek  
You are my everything  
Jesus Christ  
You are my one desire  
Lord hear my only cry  
To know You all my life

*(Chorus)*

“Thy Word”

Amy Grant and Michael Smith

*Chorus:  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path*

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right  
beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to  
the end

*(chorus)*

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to your side  
I will love you to the end

*(chorus)*

And a light unto my path  
You're the light unto my path

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“O Come And Sing Unto the Lord”  
Chancel Choir, Jo Ann Brandt, hand bells

David Bridges

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:16 (NT Pg. 236)

Sermon

“Running the Holy Race”

Elizabeth Turk

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

\*\*From the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

### **We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples**

\*Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

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\*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

arr. Carol Tornquist



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Tom Weaver's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

Elizabeth Turk is our guest preacher today. She and her husband Dan (who is not with us today) serve with the PC(USA)'s partner church in Madagascar, FJKM, as it ministers to the population in the areas of health, environment, agriculture, and safe drinking water. FJKM believes that Christian witness should include ministry both to the physical and spiritual needs of God's people and care for all of God's creation. Dan and Elizabeth work as advisors to FJKM in the fields of environment and health, respectively. Dan and Elizabeth are members of Decatur Presbyterian Church in Georgia. They have a son, Robert, and a daughter, Frances.

## 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.

**Hymn Sing TODAY!** Join us today at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon for an old fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social.

**Men's Breakfast** This Tuesday, September 12 will be the monthly men's breakfast at Wolfy's Restaurant on 2159 E. Silver Springs Blvd in Ocala. Please join us at 7:30 a.m.

**Griefshare** will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room One.

**Middle and High School** Youth Group will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**Adult Bible School** has started at 9:00 a.m. in Room One. Please join us.

**We need iPads or Tablets** Several ministries around our church need gently-used electronics. If you have an old iPad or other tablet device you are not using and haven't yet recycled, please donate it to our church. You may bring it by the church office on Sunday mornings or Monday to Thursday from 9-4.

## PRAYER LIST

**The Arango family** (on the death of their mother)

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)

**Tania Blackwell**

**Andy Carlisle**

**Ella Charnley**

**Shirley Cochran**

**Mina DiGeronimo**

**Ruth Fraser**

**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**Sharon Grier** (mother of Lee Anne Drake)

**Bill and Barbara Harrel**

**Tola Hass**

**Mark and Melanie Heuer**

**Andrea Mogg Jacque** (recent surgery)

**Victoria Johnson** (great-granddaughter of Christine)

**Jolene Kai** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

**Jimmy Kelly** (son of Janice)

**Penny Kramer** (Evelyn Longo's sister)

**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Evelyn Longo** (recent surgery)

**Celine Mack**

**Judith Martin**

**Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown**

**Ron McMillin**

**Gloria Miller**

**Albert Peek**

**Annette and Joseph Pickard**

**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)

**Erik Reiss**

**Frank Roberts**

**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

**Tania Sayre** (daughter of Mary Kauffman)

**Renee Timmer** (new diagnosis)

**Ann VanDenburgh** (new concerns)

**William Wright**

**Jeffrey Yawn** (grandson of Betty Williams)