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First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala**

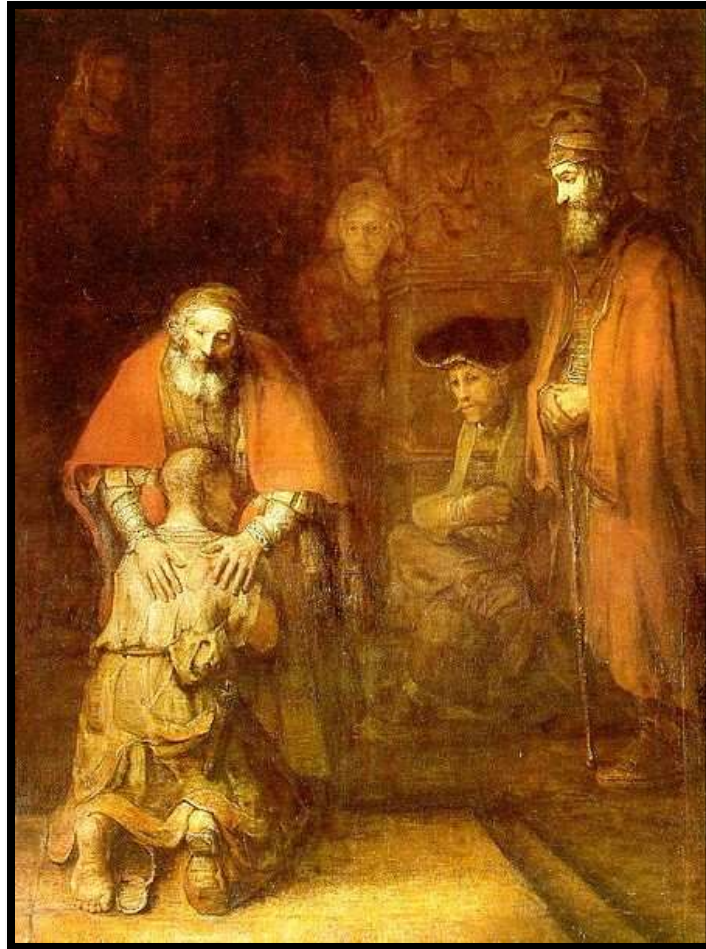
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**Our Vision – Our Mission**

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.



*The Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt  
Circa 1668*

**162 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

September 15, 2019

This Morning's Sermon  
**“The Other Prodigal Son”**

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## THE LORD'S DAY

September 15, 2019

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

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

Welcome and Announcements

|         |                        |                      |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Prelude | Amazing Grace          | arr. by Greg Howlett |
| Introit | Hear Our Prayer O Lord | George Whelpton      |

Call to Worship

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt and do abominable deeds.

**People: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

|                 |                    |      |
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| *Hymn of Praise | How Great Thou Art | #625 |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|

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.**

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| *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.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Praise be unto you, God of mercy and might, and to your only begotten, our Savior Christ Jesus. In spite of our sin, Christ calls us to ministry. Christ is patient and loving, reflecting your nature. We dishonor your name and persecute our neighbors; we are not deserving of the trust you place in us. We confess our wrongdoing and plead your forgiveness. Through Christ accept us and cleanse us of all sin.**

(time for silent confession)

\*If able please stand

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” By Christ’s mercy we have been born anew into a life of hope, becoming, for those who would follow, an example of God’s patience and trust. To the God of ages, “immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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)              If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee              Georg Neumark, 1640  
*Wer nur den lieben*    Setting by Jody W. Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, And hope in Him through all thy ways, He’ll give thee strength, whate’er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days; Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope with heart content to take whate’er thy father’s pleasure, And all discerning love hath sent; Nor doubt our inmost wants are known. To Him who chose us for His own. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving; In all thy labor faithful be, And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need, The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

Prayers of the People

Hymn                                      Hear the Good News of Salvation                                      #441

Offertory                                      Have Thine Own Way Lord                                      George Stebbins  
arr. by Greg Howlett

\*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                                      1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NT Page 253)

Second Scripture                                      Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 (NT Page 95)

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

Sermon                                      “The Other Prodigal Son”                                      Dr. Watson

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from the Confession of 1967

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in all people. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which women and men are reconciled to God and to one another. The Holy Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another, to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ, of his gospel of reconciliation to all people. The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all, when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to women and men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

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

\*Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

#442

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

Lord, Now Let Us Depart in Peace

George Whelpton

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury  
arr. by Gail Smith



*Today's flowers in the sanctuary are given by Howard Behrens to the glory of God and in celebration of his and Dorothy Behrens' 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

| Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala |  |
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| <b>Ushers 11:00</b>                                 | Don McCormick, Dave Bice, Lamar Knepp, Don Hutto, Pat Bishop, Joe Simmons, Steve Vincent, Roxanne Schwaller, John Reiss. |
| <b>Elder of the Day</b>                             | Tom Weaver   |

| This Week's Daily Bible Readings          |              |                      |           |              |                |
|---|--------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Sustained by God's Word of Promise</i> |              |                      | Wednesday | September 18 | James 3:1-18   |
| Sunday                                    | September 15 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 | Thursday  | September 19 | James 4:1-17   |
| Monday                                    | September 16 | James 1:1-27         | Friday    | September 20 | James 5: 1-20  |
| Tuesday                                   | September 17 | James 2:1-26         | Saturday  | September 21 | Psalm 119:1-24 |

## PRAYER LIST

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| <p><b>Brent Barber</b> (Gera Fleming's son-in-law)<br/> <b>Bill Blackwell</b> (Mary Kauffman's brother)<br/> <b>Jeanette Bryant</b><br/> <b>Randall &amp; Linda Deyton</b> (Pickard family prayer concerns)<br/> <b>Noemi DiGeronimo</b> (granddaughter of Mina)<br/> <b>Kathy and Terry Donovan</b> (Nita Williams' friends)<br/> <b>Stewart Edwards</b><br/> <b>Debbie Fenner</b> (Chris and Evelyn Longo's daughter)<br/> <b>Hank Fleming</b><br/> <b>Maranell Fleming</b><br/> <b>John Gilkes</b><br/> <b>Jennifer and Danny Gilman and family</b> (death of Jennifer's father, Jim Stoneman)<br/> <b>Barbara Gowie</b><br/> <b>Pat Greaves</b><br/> <b>Richard Grosso</b><br/> <b>Bill Harrel and family</b> (death of his sister, Nancy)<br/> <b>Tola Hass</b><br/> <b>Darrel Hudson</b> (death of her mother, Betty Jeanne Spencer)<br/> <b>Betty Ann Jones</b> (Margaret Trump's sister)</p> | <p><b>Kathy Lance</b> (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)<br/> <b>Grietje Lewis</b><br/> <b>Celine Mack</b><br/> <b>Earl McNeel</b> (Pat Greaves' brother)<br/> <b>Gloria and Rita Miller</b> (death of their mother, Anna Marie Miller)<br/> <b>Ray Newhouse</b> (Pat Bishop's brother)<br/> <b>Raul Nieves</b> (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)<br/> <b>Charlene Preston</b><br/> <b>Dave Proctor</b> (Sue Straub's son-in-law)<br/> <b>Richard and Fritz Rain</b> (Mary Beth Olson's friends)<br/> <b>John Reynolds</b> (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)<br/> <b>Tania Sayre</b> (Mary Kauffman's daughter)<br/> <b>Janice Schafer</b> (Palm Garden)<br/> <b>Wes Schultz</b><br/> <b>Delores Shotwell</b><br/> <b>Steve and Keith Shotwell</b><br/> <b>Shirley Wells</b><br/> <b>Jill Hester Whitaker</b><br/> <b>Bo and Sally Williams</b><br/> <b>Diane Wirono</b></p> |
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*Please also remember in prayer all the people effected by natural disasters.*

| Calendar                          |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| September 15 – September 21, 2019 |   |   |
| <b>SUN.</b>                       | <u><b>September 15</b></u><br>8:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br><br>8:15 a.m. – Noon<br>9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.<br><br>9:45 a.m. | <u><b>Worship Services</b></u><br><b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)<br><b>Contemporary Worship</b> (Fellowship Hall)<br><b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)<br><br><u><b>Children and Youth Ministries</b></u><br><b>Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds</b> (Nursery)<br><b>Children's Church: 4 years – 5th Grade</b> (Room 26)<br><br><u><b>Education</b></u><br><b>The Blakely Class</b> (Parlor) |
| <b>MON.</b>                       | <u><b>September 16</b></u><br>10:00 a.m.<br>4:30 p.m.   | <b>PW Circle 3</b> (Liz Dickmann's home)<br><b>Deacons' meeting</b> (Conference Room)   |
| <b>WED.</b>                       | <u><b>September 18</b></u><br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.                            | <b>Disciples XV</b> (Room 1)<br><b>Outreach Committee – Giving Tree meeting</b> (Conf. Room)<br><b>Children's Choir</b> (Choir Room)<br><b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room)<br><b>Fellowship Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall)<br><b>Handbells Rehearsal</b> (Bell Room)   |
| <b>THURS.</b>                     | <u><b>September 19</b></u><br>8:00 a.m.<br>5:30 p.m.  | <b>Nominating Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room)<br><b>Out to Dinner Group</b> (Ayuttaya)  |

# Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Leslie Athanson, Guest Musician



## Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

## Praise Music

With Every Act of Love Forever God of Wonders

## Passing of the Peace

## Children's Time

## Prayers of the People 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.

## Offertory

Indescribable

## First Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

## Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Sermon

"The Other Prodigal Son"

Dr. Watson

## Affirmation (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, that he appeared first to women, then Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

## Closing Song

Trading My Sorrows

***We follow the Light of Christ into the world***

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christian Education is Back!** Please join Jean Morse and she leads the **Blakely Class** on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. The topic is Bread of Angels and will be studying Exodus 16. Tom Weaver will also be leading **Disciples XV** in Room 1 on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Dinners** This Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Out to Dinner Group** will be having their monthly dinner at Ayuttaya Restaurant (2437 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shady Oaks Plaza, Ocala). At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. For information call Susan Raffa (352) 620-8087.

**Giving Tree Committee Meeting** It's already that time again! We will be meeting on Wed., September 18 at 11:00 AM at FPC If you are interested in joining the committee, we would love to have you! Please call Jarl Hagood, 352-867-9372 for any additional information.

**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: **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](mailto:piatnekc@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Grief Group** is currently in hiatus. If you would like to join or rejoin the group, please call the church office at 629-7561. We will contact those who sign up about a time and place to meet.

**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.

| Diaconate   |  |  | Session   |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| Class of 2019   | Class of 2020  | Class of 2021                                  | Class of 2019   | Class of 2020  | Class of 2021   |
| Grietje Lewis<br>Roxanne Schwaller<br>Elaine Sprowles<br>Julia Wirono | Debbie Atchison<br>Sue Brawner<br>Michelle Burgess<br>Carol Carpenter<br>Cathy Edwards<br>Laura Fowler<br>Vicki Hutto<br>Trish Mosby<br>Barbara Tomy | Evelyn Longo<br>Alice Russell<br>Donna Winfree | Van Akin<br>John Brawner<br>Jarl Hagood<br>Walter Laseter<br>John Reiss<br>Carrie Waldren<br>Tom Weaver | David Albright<br>J.J. Albright (Youth)<br>Mary Dingman<br>Bill Futch<br>E.B. Gee, Jr.<br>John Heinbockel<br>Rusty Juergens<br>Karen Schmidt | Jeff Baker<br>Cindy MacKay<br>Mary Moore<br>George Tomy<br>Joe Vorwerk<br>Peggy Wiechmann,<br>Clerk |
|   |  |  |   | Ron Watson, Moderator  |   |

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