



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



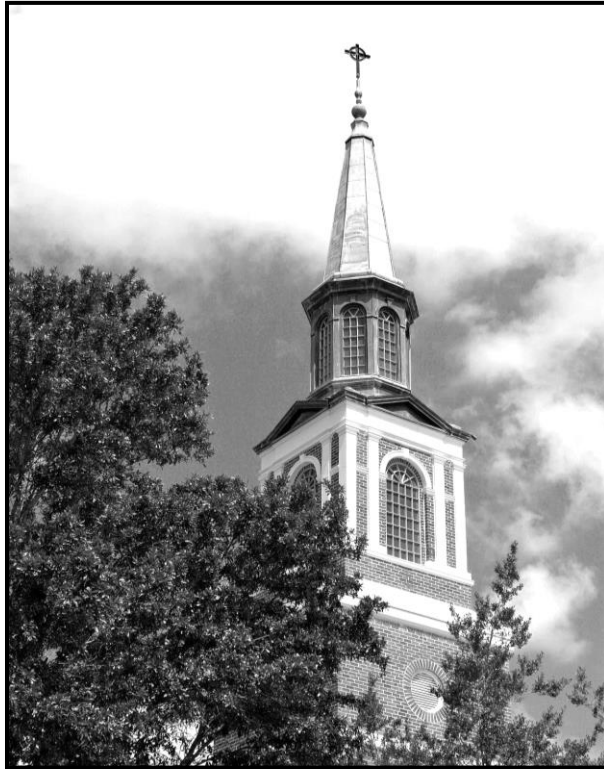
Our Vision

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.



166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

September 15, 2024

Today's Sermon
"It Is So Easy To Be Tempted"

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

THE LORD'S DAY

September 15, 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

"Claire de Lune"
John Leschak, pianist

Claude Debussy

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship from Psalm 105

Marcia Dove, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

All: his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Confession of Sin

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Doxology

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.

Children's Sermon

Songs

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Leslie Athanason, vocalist

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
 Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see you;
 I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up,
 shining in the light of your glory.
 Pour out your power and love
 as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”
 Holy, holy, holy.
 Holy, holy, holy.
 Holy, holy, holy,
 I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
 Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see you;
 I want to see you;

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Dawn Rodgers / Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior
 Precious Redeemer and Friend
 Who would have thought that a Lamb
 Could rescue the souls of men
 Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Chorus:
You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

(chorus 2x)
 Oh, our
 hearts always
 hunger for

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
 Spirit we long to embrace
 You offer hope when our hearts have
 Hopelessly lost our way
 Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

Almighty, infinite Father
 Faithfully loving Your own
 Here in our weakness You find us
 Falling before Your throne
 Oh, we're falling before Your throne

Oh, our
 hearts always
 hunger for

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

“Lonesome Valley”
 FPC Chancel Choir

Gilbert M. Martin

Second Reading

Genesis 3:1-8

Sermon

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Affirmation of Faith

from the Declaration of Faith of the PCUS (1977)

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

Postlude "Gavotte" Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)
John Leschak, pianist



Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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.

Today is the Food Drive for Interfaith! Please bring by your donations today from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Food or hygiene items will be accepted as well as monetary donations.

Adult Sunday School started today at 8:50 a.m. in Room 1. All are welcome to join the class.

GriefShare continues at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1. Please go to www.griefshare.org/findagroup to register or call Raul Roman at 727-389-6072.

Middle and High School Youth Group will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9

PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Kyle Brawner

Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)

Linda and Randall Deyton

(sister and brother-in-law 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

Betty Hamilton (neighbor of Evelyn Yorlano)

CJ Jones (nephew of Margaret Trump)

Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)

Jose Kornmann (cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

Gloria Miller

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

Bruce Moore (hip surgery)

Susan Mulligan (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Barbara Parks

Anna Phelan (granddaughter of
Dude and Stephanie Phelan)

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Ruthanne and John Reiss

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

Rosalie Scettini (sister of Chris Longo)

Debra Tomkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)

Ann VanDenburgh

Jeanne Vincent

Thomas Yorlano

(brother-in-law of Evelyn Yorlano)