



**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

September 22, 2019

This Morning's Sermon

“Seekers of the Unknown God”

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Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Amen. God our Savior desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. There is one God, and one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all. With assurance and conviction I say to you: God in Christ forgives us our sins.

Passing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m)

Oh Be Joyful to the Lord

by Richard Peek

O be joyful to the Lord! Sing before him, all the earth! Praise him with a glad accord and with lives of noblest worth. Sons of every land, humbly now before him stand! Raise your voice and rejoice in the bounty of his hand. Know ye that the Lord is King! All his works his wisdom proves! By his might the heavens ring: In his love we live and move. By him we are made, so we trust him unafraid. Standing fast to the last, by his hand our lives are stayed. Enter now his holy gate, let our burdened hearts be still. In the sacred silence wait, as we seek to know his will. Let our lives express our abundant thankfulness all our days, all our ways, shall our Father's love confess. For the Lord our God is kind and his love shall constant be. In his will our peace we find; in his service, liberty. Yea, his law is sure. In his light we walk secure evermore as of yore shall his changeless truth endure. Amen.

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (OT Page 868)

Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

#792

Offertory

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

Foundry Collection, 1742
arr. by Cindy Berry

*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

Second Scripture

Acts 17:22-31 (NT Page 168)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Seekers of the Unknown God"

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

I Love to Tell the Story

#462

*Charge and Benediction

Response

God Be with You Till We Meet Again by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Postlude

Acclamation for Bells

Douglas E. Wagner



Today's flowers in the sanctuary are given by Lois Lance to the glory of God and in memory of her late husband, Harry Lance.

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
Hank Fleming
Maranell Fleming
John Gilkes
Barbara Gowie
Richard Grosso
Darrel Hudson (death of her mother, Betty Jeanne Spencer)
Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)
Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack
Earl McNeel (Pat Greaves' brother)
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
Shirley Wells
Jill Hester Whitaker
Bo and Sally Williams
Diane Wirono

Please also remember in prayer all the people affected by natural disasters.

Calendar
September 22 – September 28, 2019

SUN.	<u>September 22</u> 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.	<u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) <u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds (Nursery) Children’s Church: 4 years – 5th Grade (Room 26) <u>Education</u> The Blakely Class (Parlor)
MON.	<u>September 23</u> 2:00 p.m.	Art Class (Conference Room)
TUES.	<u>September 24</u> 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Faith Sisters Disciples Group (Parlor) Security Team meeting (Conference Room) Cross and Crown Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	<u>September 25</u> 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Disciples XV (Room 1) Children’s Choir (Choir Room) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall) Handbells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
THURS.	<u>September 26</u> 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee meeting (Conference Room) PW Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room)

This Week’s Daily Bible Readings

<i>Sustained by God’s Word of Promise</i>			Wednesday	September 25	Psalm 119:81-96
Sunday	September 22	Psalm 119:25-48	Thursday	September 26	Psalm 119:97-112
Monday	September 23	Psalm 119:49-64	Friday	September 27	Psalm 119:113-128
Tuesday	September 24	Psalm 119:65-80	Saturday	September 28	Psalm 119:129-144

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.
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TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC Scholarship applications for the January 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 **Friday, November 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 Vonwinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.

Christian Education is Back! - Please join **Jean Morse** as she leads the **Blakely Adult Sunday School Class** each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. "Bread of Angels," the study topic focuses on Exodus 16. **Barbara Parks** and **Tom Weaver** lead Disciples XV's study of the Book of Mark each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon in Room 1. **The Faith Sisters class** meets in the Parlor each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Dinners This Wednesday, September 25th 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!

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat FPC's biggest festival is here again for all ages! Come out on Sunday, October 27th from 4 – 6 p.m. in the FPC Athletic Field to enjoy our big Trunk or Treat, a free bluegrass concert featuring Pasture Prime Bluegrass, delicious BBQ, bounce houses, candy, games, and prizes! If you would like to sign up to have your car in the Trunk or Treat line-up, please contact Hannah Batten (email hbatten@fpcocala.org or call (352)629-7561).

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 for more information.

The Grief Group The Grief Group is currently **on** hiatus. If you wish to join or rejoin the group, please call the church office at 629-7561. The office will contact those who sign up regarding a meeting time and place.

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.

Save the Date – Jazz Vespers will be on October 30th. Come for an evening worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the reflective music that is jazz, America's unique musical form. Many sacred pieces will be presented as well as a few instrumental standards to the glory of God. The FPC Jazz Trio will perform.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

The needs for the response will be God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"— Give. Act. Pray.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organized to provide aid to survivors of Hurricane Dorian in both the Bahamas and the U.S. Money is the major need at this time rather than shipping goods and supplies. To make a financial contribution please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. In the memo section of the check write: "Hurricane Dorian Relief." You may specify US or Bahamas.

***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.

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