



# *Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala*

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## **Our Vision**

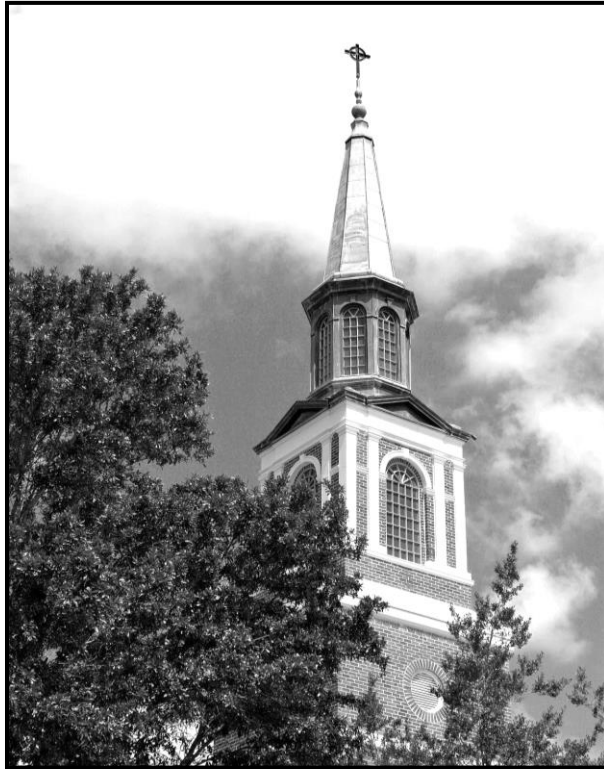
To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

## **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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**166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

September 22, 2024

Today's Sermon  
"The Message from the Beginning"  
Rev. John Huff

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 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Ken MacKay, Stewardship

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Angels Among Us"

Flugelhorn solo by Michael Jennings, John Leschak, pianist

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship

Jo Ann Brandt, Liturgist

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the healer of all that is wounded.**

Leader: Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

**People: the one we gather to worship and praise.**

\*Hymn

"O Word of God Incarnate"

\*Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, forgive us when we reduce you to fit our lives. Forgive us when we ignore parts of your teachings that are uncomfortable for us. We confess we fill our lives with so much noise, we no longer hear your still quiet voice. Lord Jesus, pull us up to You, instead of our tendency to drag You down to us. Expand our sight to grasp more of who you are. Hear our silent prayers. (silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

**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.**

First Reading

Psalm 32:1-7

Children's Sermon

Dr. Jones

\*Songs

"Seek Ye First"

Leslie Athanason

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

3 You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

“Way Maker”

Osinachi Okoro, Leeland

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You

*chorus:*  
*Way maker, miracle worker,*  
*promise keeper*  
*Light in the darkness, my God*  
*That is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart  
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, I worship You

*(chorus 2x)*  
Even when I don't see it,  
You're working  
Even when I don't feel it,  
You're working  
You never stop,  
You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop,  
You are

*(chorus 2x)*  
You are here,  
touching every  
life  
I worship You,  
I worship You  
You are here  
meeting every  
need  
I worship You,  
I worship You

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

“The Lord is My Shepherd”  
FPC Chancel Choir

Jill Gallina

Second Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Sermon

“The Message from the Beginning”

Rev. John Huff

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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

\*Hymn

“Christ Be Beside Me”

\*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“Let Us Celebrate the Glories of Our God”  
Trumpet solo by Michael Jennings, John Leschak, pianist

*Our special horn player is Mr. Michael Jennings. He is the current band director at Lake Weir High School. He also performs with the Southern Express Big Band and serves as an official adjudicator for the Florida Bandmasters Assn.*



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

\*If Able Please Stand

Our preacher is Rev John Huff. He graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and did post graduate studies at Louisville Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Romeoville, Illinois for 53 years and served in many roles in his presbytery. John currently lives in Palm Coast, Florida where he serves our presbytery and is Parish Associate at Trinity Presbyterian Church Palm Coast. He was married to Catherine for 58 years until her death a year ago. He is the proud father of three children and five grandchildren.

## 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.

**Adult Sunday School** meets each Sunday at 8:50 a.m. in Room 1. All are welcome in the class.

**GriefShare continues** at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1. Please go to [www.griefshare.org/findagroup](http://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](http://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 Worino)

**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**

**Judy Weese** (chemo treatments)