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**Welcome to  
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.



**162 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA**

September 29, 2019

This Morning's Sermon

**“Commitment”**

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 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	Figurierter Choral	Robert Schumann
Introit	Father, in Heav'n	F. N. Squire (1871)

Call to Worship

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say, "My God, in whom I trust."

**People: No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge, the Most High their dwelling place.**

Leader: God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

**People: When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble, and show them salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### We Give Praise and Adoration to God

\*Hymn of Praise                      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!                      #1

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.**

\*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)

**God of grace, we stand in need of your forgiveness. Desiring to be rich, we fall into temptation. Love of money ensnares us. Enough does not satisfy. The more we acquire, the greater our greed becomes. We become prosperous in our own eyes, and poor in your sight. Through Christ the Giver of life, rescue us from self-destruction.**

(time for silent confession)

\*If able please stand

## Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Amen. Brothers and sisters, fight the good fight of faith. Aim at righteousness, godliness, love, and gentleness. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. And Christ, who alone can keep you from falling, will deliver you blameless before the throne of God. In Christ, you are forgiven.

## Passing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m)

Now Everybody Sing  
Children's Choir

Robert Leaf

Now everybody sing: Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Let happy voices ring: Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now make a joyful sound, Alleluia, Praise the Lord. Praise the Almighty King: Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Praise him for everything. Alleluia, Praise the Lord! Now make a joyful sound, Alleluia, Praise the Lord!

## Prayers of the People

Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#753

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius, 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

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:18-31 (NT page 97)

Second Scripture

Hebrews 10:26-39 (NT page 272)

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

Sermon

"Commitment"

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	O Jesus, I Have Promised	#724
*Charge and Benediction		
Response	Go Now in Peace	Natalie Sleeth
Postlude	My Lord, What a Morning!	Spiritual, arr. by Cindy Berry

♦  
*Today's flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.*

## PRAYER LIST

<b>Jeanette Bryant</b>	<b>Ray Newhouse</b> (Pat Bishop's brother)
<b>Randall &amp; Linda Deyton</b> (Pickard family prayer concerns)	<b>Raul Nieves</b> (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)
<b>Stewart Edwards</b>	<b>Charlene Preston</b>
<b>Hank Fleming</b>	<b>John Reynolds</b> (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)
<b>Maranell Fleming</b>	<b>Tania Sayre</b> (Mary Kauffman's daughter)
<b>Barbara Gowie</b>	<b>Janice Schafer</b> (Palm Garden)
<b>Darrel Hudson</b> (death of her mother, Betty Jeanne Spencer)	<b>Wes Schultz</b>
<b>Kathy Lance</b> (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)	<b>Delores Shotwell</b>
<b>Grietje Lewis</b>	<b>Steve and Keith Shotwell</b>
<b>Celine Mack</b>	<b>Jill Hester Whitaker</b>
<b>Earl McNeel</b> (Pat Greaves' brother)	<b>Bo and Sally Williams</b>
	<b>Diane Wirono</b>

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

**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.

**Calendar**  
**September 29 – October 6, 2019**

<b>SUN.</b>	<u><b>September 29</b></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><b>Worship Services</b></u> <b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Contemporary Worship</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Traditional Worship</b> (Sanctuary)  <u><b>Children and Youth Ministries</b></u> <b>Nursery: Newborns – 3 year olds</b> (Nursery) <b>Children's Church: 4 years – 5th Grade</b> (Room 26)  <u><b>Education</b></u> <b>The Blakely Class</b> (Parlor)
<b>MON.</b>	<u><b>September 30</b></u> 9:30 a.m.	<b>PW WeCare</b> (Room 1)
<b>TUES.</b>	<u><b>October 1</b></u> 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Faith Sisters Disciples Group</b> (Parlor) <b>PW Bible Mentoring</b> (Room 1) <b>Cross and Crown Praise Band Rehearsal</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>PW Co-ordinating Team meeting</b> (Room 1)
<b>WED.</b>	<u><b>October 2</b></u> 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples XV</b> (Room 1) <b>Children's Choir</b> (Choir Room) <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room) <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Handbells Rehearsal</b> (Bell Room)
<b>THURS.</b>	<u><b>October 3</b></u> 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	<b>Nominating Committee meeting</b> (Conference Room) <b>Christian Women United</b> (Conference Room)
<b>SUN.</b>	<u><b>October 6</b></u>	<b>Communion at all services</b>

**This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

<i>Sustained by God's Word of Peace and Justice</i>			Wednesday	October 2	Leviticus 25:1-22
Sunday	September 29	Psalms 119:145-160	Thursday	October 3	Leviticus 25:23-38
Monday	September 30	Psalms 119:161-176	Friday	October 4	Leviticus 25:39-55
Tuesday	October 1	Exodus 20:1-17	Saturday	October 5	Leviticus 26:1-13

**Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala**

<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>	Carrie Waldren

# Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m.



## Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

**Praise Music**                      Our God      Cry of My Heart      Heart of Worship

## 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**    Good Good Father

**First Scripture Lesson**    Luke 16:18-31

**Second Scripture Lesson**    Hebrews 10:26-39

**Sermon**    "Commitment"    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**    Forever

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

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat** FPC's biggest festival is here again for all ages! Come out on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hbatten@fpcocala.org) or call (352)629-7561).**

**Save the Date – Jazz Vespers will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**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.

**The weekly fellowship dinner** meets at 6:00 p.m. this Wednesday, October 2! and will include a visit from Karla Grimsley, director of Interfaith, who will share all we need to know about this special mission that we support. Each week a meat dish 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 to make some new friends! All ages are encouraged to attend!

**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.

**Join the Choirs!** Our three choirs meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays: **Chancel Choir** (5 p.m.), **Handbell Choir** (6:30 p.m.) and **Children's Choir** (4 p.m.). No previous experience is necessary. If you have not yet joined us, then come on in! Bring a friend! We are in need of tenors and basses. Contact the Church Office or you can email me at [piatnekc@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## **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.

**Mission Trip to Puerto Rico with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** Hurricane Maria was a deadly Category 5 hurricane that devastated Dominica, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico in September 2017. It is regarded as the worst natural disaster in recorded history to affect those islands. FPC is in the planning stages of a mission trip to Puerto Rico from (tentatively) May 26-June 3, 2020. We will provide non-skilled and semi-skilled labor (though skilled is great too!) and work out of El Guacio, a Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. If you are interested in taking this journey, email the pastor or call the church office. We hope to have up to 15 workers and may partner with other local PCUSA congregations to achieve this. The minimum age to take the trip is 15. There is no maximum age! We need people to sign up by calling the church office. We also need a lay leader who will make the journey.

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