



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



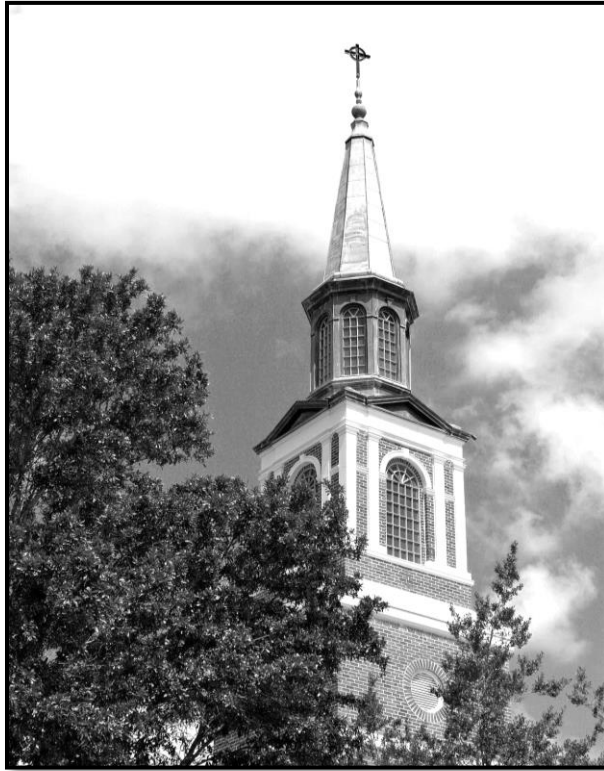
Our Vision

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 29, 2024

Today's Sermon "God Takes Care of His People"

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 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Elizabeth Goodman from SOZO, Stewardship

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Something Good Is About to Happen"

William Gaither

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

Bill Tucker, Liturgist

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

People: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

*Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*Confession of Sin

Lord God of grace and liberty, On the night of the Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In Jesus, you sacrificed your son as a gift, thereby freeing all humanity from sin and death. Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us. Hear us as we silently confess our sins and forgive us for all we have done. (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.**

First Reading

Exodus 3: 1-6

Children's Sermon

Dr. Jones

*Songs

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Leslie Athanason, vocalist

1 There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
(Refrain)

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (Refrain)

*Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived*

“How Great is Our God”

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

*chorus:
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

(chorus)

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

*bridge:
Name above all names
You are worthy of our
praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God*

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

(chorus)

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

“Thanks Be to Thee”
FPC Chancel Choir

arr. Anna Mae Nichols

Second Reading

Exodus 3: 7-15

Sermon

“God Takes Care of His People”

Dr. Jones

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

”Let All Things Now Living”

traditional Welsh Melody



*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Rev. Joseph Pickard's
60th Anniversary of his Ordination into Ministry*

*If Able Please Stand

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.

We need help with our sound board and video this October when Ron Mosby is away. Wander back and talk with Ron about it, he will train you.

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.

Children's Sunday School Students kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to join our weekly lessons where we will travel through the stories of the Bible! A nursery is available for infants – 4 year olds. Class starts after the children's sermon.

Middle and High School Youth Group will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. The youth are not meeting next Sunday, October 6th. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: www.mealtrain.com/09nwe9.

World Communion Sunday is next Sunday, October 6th

SAVE THE DATE: Trunk or Treat, October 27, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Athletic Field. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for decorating your trunk!

PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Kyle Brawner

Martin Cook

Patty Cook

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 (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)