



**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala**

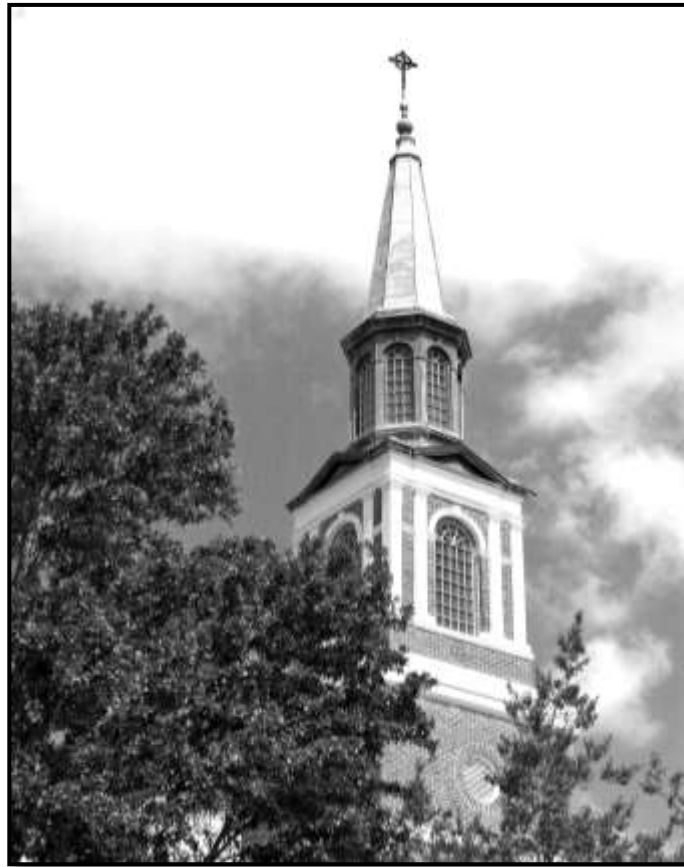


Our Vision

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.



165 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

September 3, 2023

**Today's Communion Sermon
"A Day for Rest"
Dr. 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 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Welcome, Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude "Blessing" by Ellen Jane Lorenz

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship Mike Morehouse, Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" #385

*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)

*Passing the Peace

Special Song "Soon and Very Soon" #384

First Reading Genesis 2:1-3 and Duet. 5:12-15 (OT Page 2 and Page 203)

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Jones

Praise songs "Step by Step" #743

“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Clothed in rainbows
of living color
Flashes of lightning
rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
strength and
glory and power be
To You the only
wise King

Filled with wonder
awestruck wonder
At the mention of
Your name
Jesus Your name is
power, breath and
living water
Such a marvelous
mystery

Chorus:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise
to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

(chorus)

(chorus)

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“O come and Sing Unto the Lord”
Chancel Choir

David Bridges

Second Reading

Matthew 11:28-30 (NT Page 14)

Sermon

“A Day for Rest”

Dr. Jones

Lord's Supper 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

Prayer after Communion

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#804

*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“Moderato Maestoso”

by Reginald Martin



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

511 SE 3rd Street, Ocala, FL 34491 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - 3:00 P.M.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors - Thanks for worshipping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

GRIEFSHARE will not meet today. They will meet next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Room One.

YOUTH NEWS Middle and High School Youth Group will not meet today.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Adult Bible School will start next Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Room One.
- Prime Timers' Luncheon Is Back! September 24th. Single (including widowed), 65 and older please join us after worship. Lovingly sponsored by the deacons

We need iPads or Tablets Several ministries around our church need gently-used electronics. If you have an old iPad or other tablet device you are not using and haven't yet recycled, please donate it to our church. You may bring it by the church office on Sunday mornings or Monday to Thursday from 9-4.

Church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH

Sunday, September 17th, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Bring your donation to the church parking lot and help us provide food and other necessities for Interfaith to distribute to families in the community. If you are unable to participate on that day, you may bring your donations to the church office. We also accept monetary donations.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Tania Blackwell

Andy Carlisle

Ella Charnley

Shirley Cochran

The family of Tom Cooley

(following his recent, untimely death)

Mina DiGeronimo

Ruth Fraser

Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)

Bill and Barbara Harrel

Tola Hass

Mark and Melanie Heuer

Andrea Mogg Jacque (recent surgery)

Victoria Johnson

(great-granddaughter of Christine)

Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)

Penny Kramer (Evelyn Longo's sister)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

Evelyn Longo (recent surgery)

Celine Mack

Judith Martin

Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown

Ron McMillin

Gloria Miller

Albert Peek

Annette and Joseph Pickard

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Erik Reiss

Frank Roberts

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

Bob Timmer

Richard and Sandy Valvo

Ann VanDenburgh (new concerns)

William Wright

Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)