



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



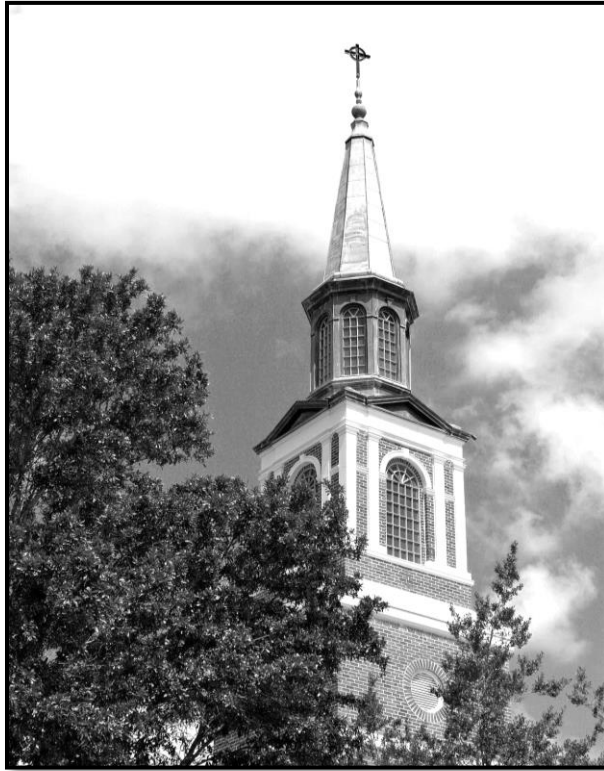
Our Vision

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

April 28, 2024

Today's Sermon
"The Good News is Spreading!"

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

Special Announcement

Caroline Ullman, Vacation Bible School

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"Andante"

Ignace Joseph Leybach

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Opening Prayer

Lannie Mercer, Liturgist

We thank you Lord, for our Savior Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate this Easter season. We are challenged by his words: that we should lay down our lives for one another. Help us to be a church of deep love abiding forever through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Hymn

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

#624

*Confession of Sin

O God, you have called us to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another.

Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and Prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of independence. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Doxology

#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.

First Reading

Acts 17:1-9 (NT Pg167)

Children's Sermon

Song	“Mighty to Save”	Hillsong Worship
Verse 1 Ev’ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev’ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations	Verse 2 So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Ev’rything I believe in Now I surrender	Bridge Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Chorus Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave	Chorus	Chorus Bridge

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	“Holy Manna” Chancel Choir	Setting by Joel Raney
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Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NT Pg. 251)

Song	“Seek Ye First”	#175
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Sermon	“The Good News is Spreading!”	Dr. Jones
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Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith part 3

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”	#542
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*Benediction and Offering

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

Postlude

“Moderato”

Ignace Joseph Leybach



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God

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.

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.

Children's Sunday School meets in Room 26 during church, after the Children's Sermon.

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

Life Line Screening will be at FPC tomorrow, Monday, April 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information visit their website: www.lifelinescreening.com

Operation Love Your Neighbor- May 4 - 8:30 a.m. We will be serving our neighbors by performing yardwork and light landscaping for foster families around Ocala. If you would like to participate or would like to contribute yard tools, please reach out to Carter Ullman. carter.ullman@comcast.net or call (863)651-4863.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)

Andy Carlisle

Ella and Ray Charnley

Shirley Cochran

Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)

Linda Deyton (sister 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

Chris Hasselkus

Andrea Mogg Jacque

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)

CJ Jones (nephew of Margaret Trump)

Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

John Koch (brother in law of Debbie Koch)

Gloria Miller

Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Bruce Moore (hip surgery recovery)

Annette Morris (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Bo Rainbow (injury from a fall)

Ruthanne and John Reiss

Vicki Roberts (on the death of her husband, Frank)

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

Becky Schatt (on the death of her brother)

Shelly (cancer diagnosis, friend of Evelyn Longo)

Rev. Ed Tenhor

Bob and Renee Timmer

Ann VanDenburgh

Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)

William Wright