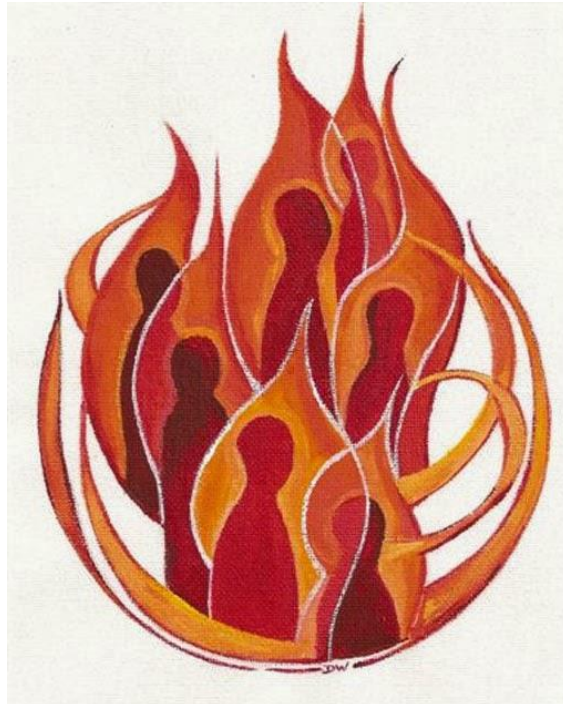




Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



June 4, 2017

This Morning's Sermon

The Spirit Is Blowing!

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FAITHFULLY SERVING JESUS CHRIST IN MARION COUNTY AND THE WORLD SINCE 1857 AND STILL GROWING!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DAY OF PENTECOST

June 4, 2017

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

The Chiming of the Hour

To meditate upon today during the prelude...

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prelude

We Gather with Others in God's House

The Welcome and Announcements

The Ritual of Friendship

(Thank you for standing if able and greeting your neighbors in worship today with the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

The Introit

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing Edward Plumptre, Arthur Messiter
Arr. Donald Moore

The Call to Worship

Thomas Drake, Liturgist

Leader: On this first day, the Lord's Day, we gather in this place, with this people:

Ministers: Though we have different gifts, we are blessed by the same God.

Leader: On that great day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered together:

Ministers: Though uncertain, they trusted God's future, though many, they were one in Christ.

Leader: On the last day of all time, God's daughters and sons will be together, in one place:

Ministers: Until then, we will talk of God's dreams, with every breath we take, with every moment we live. Let us worship Father, Son, and Spirit together.

The Minute for Mission

Camp Montgomery

Molly Dent

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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The Call to Confession

Called to be one body, we live as fragmented members. Our selfish desires, our lust for more, our belief we have no need of others, leads not to unity, but to division. Let us confess our brokenness to the God who saves us.

*The Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, in the arguments which divide us, we cannot hear your voice calling us to be one. In the rush to judge others who speak, dress, or look different from us, we cannot stop to experience your grace. In our devotion to ourselves and our needs, we cannot open our hearts to receive your gifts. Silence our babeling lives, so we might hear the clear, sweet voice of the Spirit, announcing that we are forgiven, calling us to proclaim the good news to all the world, baptizing us into the Body of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

****If able, please stand.***

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: On this day, as on every day, God stands, arms wide open to embrace us; heart wide open to forgive us. Friends, this is the good news.

Ministers: God's glory is forever; God's grace will never end. We will rejoice in God's healing hope, as long as we have breath. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

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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.

The Anthem

Father Almighty

Ellen Jane Lorenz, Cesar Franck

Father almighty, Lord God most holy, Thee would we worship as before thy throne we bow; touch thou our lowly hearts, heal thou our wounded hearts; Father, bless us, send down thy light from above! Father, bless us, grant us thy merciful love! Father almighty Lord God most holy, Thee would we worship, as before thy throne we bow; touch thou our lowly hearts, heal thou our wounded hearts; Father, bless us, send down thy light from above! Father, bless us, grant us thy mercy, thy truth, and thy love!

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:1-21(N.T. page 119)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon

The Spirit Is Blowing!

Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

*The Hymn of Dedication

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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We Respond to God's Word

The 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.

The Call to Offering

The Offertory

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.**

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*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Welcome

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Lord's Supper **(all communion elements are gluten free)**

All who profess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are always welcome and encouraged to partake of Holy Communion in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

*As a symbol of our unity with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world,
we will hold the bread and partake together.*

*As a symbol of our personal walk with our Lord,
we will drink the juice as the Holy Spirit leads us.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*The Hymn of Parting ***Go to the World!***

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*The Charge and Benediction

The Response ***Three Fold Amen***

Danish

The Postlude

*As we depart to live and love as Christian disciples,
let us recall the words of the Halverson Benediction:*

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go, God is sending us there. Wherever we are, God has put us there. God has a purpose in our being there. Christ, who indwells us, has something He wants to do through us, wherever we are. Believe this, and go in His grace, and love, and power. Amen!

♦
The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.
♦

Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala		
Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Paul and Bettie Haupt, Paralee Johnson, and Debbie Koch
Ushers	9:30 a.m.	Bryan and Felicia Runyon
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Ken and Martha Petrey
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Ed Honkus, Mikey Kelly, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller
Communion Servers	8:15 a.m.	Brenda and Jeff Dauner, Howell Winfree, III, and Paul Haupt
	9:30 a.m.	John Arline, Pat Brown, John Brawner, and Harry Batten
	11:00 a.m.	Vicki Roberts, Jim Butscher, Mina DiGeronimo, Larry Sprowles, Becky Schatt, Ellen Matthews, Don McCormick, Pat Bishop, and Roxanne Schwaller

Remember This Week in Prayer
<p>Bill Blackwell (Mary Kauffman's brother), Bill Cochran, Jamii Fuseler (the Pickards' niece), Grace Gorham (Ocala Regional), Nancy and Garris Graham, Mikey Kelly, Walter Laseter (Shands - Gainesville), Helen Lawton (Life Care – no visitors and no calls please), Ted Low, Gary Marshall (former Associate Pastor), Brooke Mumford and Amy Mumford (daughter and mother), Mary Olson (Grietje Lewis' friend), Wendy Owens (Debbie Koch's friend), J.J. Peterson, Charlene Preston, Janice Schafer (Palm Garden), Betty Jeanne Spencer (Lady Lake Specialty Care), Dawn Sterken (Bob and Renee Timmer's daughter), Grant Stoner (friend of Cindy Benz's daughter), Doris Tyler (former member of the choir and music teacher), Bill Wiechmann, Bob Wilton, Jon Wirono, HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, first responders and their families, our men and women serving in the armed forces and their families.</p>

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Godspeed; 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. Speak with one of our pastors today if you have pastoral concerns, desire prayer, or would like to know more about getting involved in our church family!

Parents, please be sure to get today's worship bulletin for your children with activities for your child on the ushers' table in the Narthex. Ask an usher for information.

Today is Pentecost! In the second chapter of Acts we are reminded that 40 days after the resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven. But before he ascended, Jesus promised that he would not leave us "comfortless," but would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide us. Ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the people gathered, so we now celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the church age and we wear red to signify the work and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Montgomery Day – TODAY!– Today, a staff member from Montgomery Presbyterian Center, will speak briefly at all three services about Montgomery Day. It is a day to celebrate and help support a place where children and youth grow in their faith the fun way. **Montgomery and the Presbytery of St. Augustine are asking you to donate \$5 as a love offering, to help Montgomery continue to change the lives of others.** What Montgomery Does: Play—Montgomery runs a summer camp program, and hosts retreats and activities that everyone is sure to love. Come zip line, rock climb, swim, tube, archery, and so much more; Grow—Could a group you manage use a boost? Montgomery has the resources to help your group with team building, event management, program development and so much more; Explore—Come spend time in creation! Explore God's beauty up close and personal and you may learn something. Invest some time in yourself, your faith, or nature and we're sure it will be worth the journey! Montgomery Presbyterian Center, 352-473-4516, info@montgomerycenter.org.

Who are our High School Graduates of 2017? We are planning our annual *Spire* newsletter issue featuring the FPC high school graduates. Please contact Heather Roberts at the church office (629-7561 or hroberts@fpcocala.org) and give her the name of your 2017 high school graduate. The graduates will receive an information form to complete. A senior photo and childhood photo will be requested. Also, please notify Heather of the FPC college graduates you would like to recognize. Include the graduate's name, parent's name, school, and degree earned.

We are collecting: T-shirts, flip flops and travel-sized toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) for the 2017 FPC Mission in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Please bring your donations (with receipts if you have them) to the church office. Thank you! *This summer's trip is July 22-29.*

Our Out-to-Dinner Group will meet at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, **June 15, 2017**, at ***The Braised Onion*** (754 NE 25th Ave.). Plan to attend! Please make your reservations by noon Monday, **June 12**, by **calling Susie and Tom Marta (304-5416)**. Everyone is invited to participate in this evening of fine food and superb Christian fellowship! Come on, newcomers and long-time members, join us!

Lost book – Have you seen a paperback book called ***Miracles from the Vault?*** Nita Williams misplaced it two weeks ago in Fellowship Hall. Please call Nita (237-6789) if you have found it.

Interfaith needs for June are **canned fruit, cereal, and peanut butter and jelly**. Thank you for placing your donations in the Narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall on Sundays or bringing them to the church office during the week.

Our Vision Statement

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.

Our Mission Statement

To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that seeks to embrace everyone in growing spiritually.

FPC's Hymn Sings are every fifth Sunday of the month. On these special Sundays we have one service at 10:00 in the sanctuary. The hymn sings are scheduled for July 30, October 29, and December 31.

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

"Christ's perfect sacrifice of love and service is not re-enacted or re-actualized at the Lord's Supper; rather, in the joyful feast of eucharistic celebration, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God for this amazing gift." At the 8:15 and 11:00 worship services a Holy Meal is served. At the 9:30 service we are served by intinction.

Please pray for the members of your PNC as they journey in search of our next pastor. The faithful servants who are on this committee are: David Albright, David Arango-Palencia, Pat Bishop, E.B. Gee, Jr., Ellen Matthews, Lannie Mercer, and Jim Yancey.

This Week's Calendar June 4 – June 10, 2017

SUN.	<p><u>June 4</u> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>9:30 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: (Newborns – 3 year olds) – Nursery Children's Church: (3 years – 5th Grade) – Room 26 Kaleo Youth: (6th – 12th Grade) – Youth Rooms, 20-22</p> <p><u>Adult Christian Education</u> The Old Testament by Professor Amy-Jill Levine – Conference Room (Nita Williams, 237-6789) The Blakely Class and Christian Through the Ages classes will resume in September.</p>
MON.	<p><u>June 5</u> 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Worship Committee meeting – Conference Room Building and Grounds Committee meeting – Conference Room</p>
TUE.	<p><u>June 6</u> 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cross and Crowns – Fellowship Hall</p>
WED.	<p><u>June 7</u> 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PNC – Conference Room</p>

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>God's Faithful Word of Promise</i>			Wednesday	June 7	Acts 5:12-26
Sunday	June 4	Acts 2:1-28	Thursday	June 8	Acts 5:27-42
Monday	June 5	Acts 2:29-47	Friday	June 9	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Tuesday	June 6	Acts 4:32-5:11	Saturday	June 10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31



FPC 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS will be June 19-23 (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Registration is now open for 4-year-olds (and potty trained) – 5th grade children and volunteers. The cost for each participant is \$20. Register online at fpcocala.org, the church's website. Follow the link. There are forms to register for both children and volunteers. The children's registration and full payment deadline is Friday, June 9, (or until full). Please join us each day as we work our way through God's Fun Factory with enjoyable characters, interactive learning, and fun for all. Prayerfully consider a few of the following options.....

- **Volunteer!** – Either the week prior for set-up, organization, take-home craft prep, etc. or during the week in which you choose a position that best suits your talents and abilities.
- **Decorating/Prep Team** in the weeks prior to Vacation Bible School. Volunteer time - help decorate classrooms, organize/sort supplies, take-home bags of craft items to prep, etc.
- **Leaders and Helpers** the week of VBS to walk children from class to class.
- **Teachers** for our Craft Rooms.
- **Donate! WEEKLY UPDATED LIST! –**

1. Legos / building blocks
2. Plastic Spoons
3. Clear plastic cups (8oz)
4. Poly-fil stuffing
5. Rubber bands
6. Duct tape, colored or patterned
7. Elmer's glue sticks
8. Straws
9. Tongue depressors/craft sticks
10. Hot glue sticks
11. Nuts and washers
12. Clorox wipes
13. Glow sticks and glow bracelets.
14. Slinkys, yo-yos, Rubik's cubes
15. Balls
16. Scissors (grown up)
17. LARGE Cardboard tubes / carpet tubes
18. Cardboard boxes – all sizes (including refrigerator, large moving boxes, etc.)
19. Christmas lights, strands of white or blue
20. Ziploc bags (snack and sandwich size)
21. Dryer hoses
22. Large old appliances—not to be returned
23. Lowes gift cards
24. Publix gift cards
25. Hobby Lobby gift cards
26. Walmart gift cards

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 629-7561. Sarah Overfelt, Interim Director of Children's Ministries (soverfelt@fpcocala.org). Please bring donations to the front office by June 1. We hope to see you there for another exciting VBS here at FPC Ocala.

----- (tear off) -----

Yes, I am interested in volunteering for VBS 2017.

Name: _____

Email / Phone Number: _____

I can help with: _____

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

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