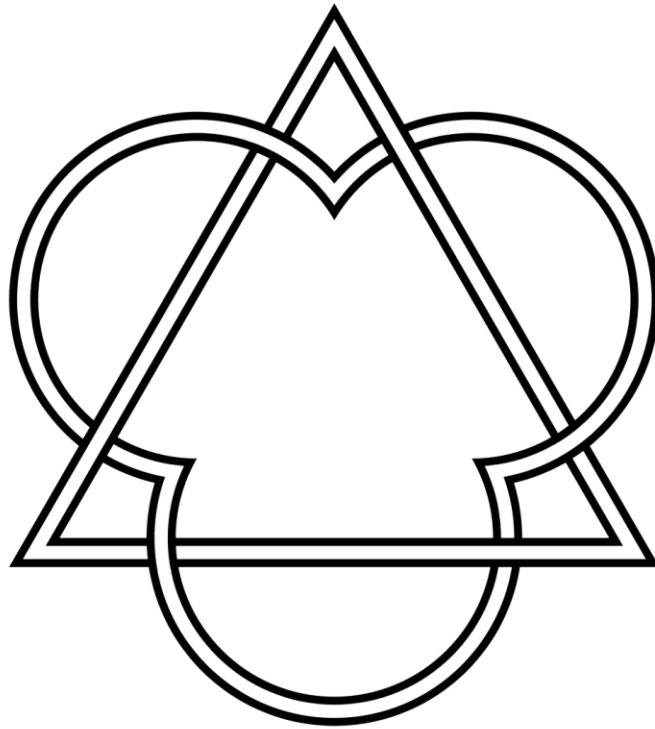




Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



June 11, 2017

This Morning's Sermon

Who God Is

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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 11, 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...

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity. There is mystery as well as reality in our belief in the Trinity: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are always limited by the powers of human perception in our encounters with the ineffable mystery of God. We know God through the wonders of creation, in the person and work of Jesus Christ, and through our personal encounter with the Spirit. But our belief in the Trinity is more than a record of our experience that we know God in different ways. It also points to a reality in which we believe. What in human terms we recognize as personality and community are both to be found in God.

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

O Worship the Lord

Robert McCutchan
arr. Donald Moore

The Call to Worship

J.J. Albright, Liturgist

Leader: God, who created all things and named them "good," has shaped us in the divine image.

Ministers: We come, with grace-filled hearts, into the presence of our Creator.

Leader: Jesus, who led the way by carrying a cross, has brought us into the kingdom of God.

Ministers: We come, our brokenness made whole, into the presence of our Redeemer.

Leader: The Holy Spirit, who brings us together from many places, calls us to be the household of God.

**Ministers: We come, all walls broken down, into the presence of our Sustainer.
Let us worship Father, Son, and Spirit together!**

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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The Call to Confession

When God looks at us, the One who created us sees love. But all too often, others see us as we are – broken, hurtful, sinful. Let us confess our deeds and words to the One who loves us, and longs to recreate us in the image of true life.

*The Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Almighty God, we are aware that we fall short and we fail. Sometimes we allow our failures and shortcomings to overwhelm us. We feel we are not good enough and that we cannot live up to the standards of the world around us. Forgive us for our shortcomings, and help us to know your free gifts of grace and peace. Help us to know your love more deeply, to

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

acknowledge your grace, and to lift up one another. We confess we are an imperfect people, but ask that you help perfect our ability to love and forgive. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who gave himself for us because he loves us, we pray all things. Amen.

(Observe moments of silence for personal confession.)

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May you know that God loves you, madly and deeply. May you know the surpassing abundance of grace in Christ Jesus. And may you know that you are part the Church Universal, part of the great communion with Father, Son, and Spirit. You are never alone. You are never abandoned. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are renewed. Believe and share this Good News.

Ministers: 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

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady, Rob Roy Peery

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill the law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die! While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to realms unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, thy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself, myself in thee, let me hide myself in thee! Amen.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

The Old Testament Scripture Lessons

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8 (O.T. Pages 1; 492)

The New Testament Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20 (N.T. Page 34)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Who God Is

Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

*The Hymn of Dedication

O Lord, Our Lord (2x through)

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We Respond to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Lisa Frenz/Cindy Benz

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see, who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us, who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

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 Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*The Hymn of Parting

We Are One in the Spirit

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*The Charge and Benediction

The Response

God Be With You

Jeremiah Rankin, Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Postlude

♦
The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Lois Lance in honor of the 51st wedding anniversary of son Jerry and his wife Kathy, the 37st anniversary of daughter Spring and her husband Roger Patton, and Spring's birthday.
♦

Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Paul Haupt, Paralee Johnson, Blue Montsdeoca, and Sandy Owens
Ushers	9:30 a.m.	Steve Vincent
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Ruthanne Reiss and Mary Jean Ruelf
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Ed Honkus, Mikey Kelly, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller

Remember This Week in Prayer

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**, **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**, **Norma Rivera** (Sarah Overfelt's friend), **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.

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.

Next Sunday, June 18, all three services will be held in the sanctuary. Our 2017 Vacation Bible School will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Please pray for all who are involved with VBS! The June 25, 9:30 service will be back in the Fellowship Hall as usual.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, **June 25**, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing three members from the congregation to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Please consider whether God may be calling you to serve in this way, and plan to be with us for this important meeting.

Thanks and congratulations for a job well done! The FPC Youth raised \$470 for summer missions from their car clean-out event, Wednesday, May 31. Thank you to all who participated!

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., this Thursday, **June 15, 2017**, at ***The Braised Onion*** (754 NE 25th Ave.). Plan to attend! Please make your reservations by noon tomorrow, 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!

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.

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.

The next Communion Sunday is July 2, 2017, at all three services. We serve only gluten-free elements.

The next Hymn-Sing service (which is every 5th Sunday) will be Sunday, **July 30, 2017**, in the sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.** There will be only one service this day.

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.

This Week's Calendar June 11 – June 17, 2017

SUN.	<p>June 11 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>Worship Services Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary</p> <p>Children and Youth Ministries 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>Adult Christian Education 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>June 12 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREP WEEK- Fellowship Hall is closed to other activities Long Range Planning Committee meeting – Conference Room</p>
TUE.	<p>June 13 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Building and Grounds meeting – Conference Room Cross and Crowns – Fellowship Hall</p>
WED.	<p>June 14 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PNC – Conference Room</p>
THU.	<p>June 15 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Out to Dinner Group – Braised Onion (754 NE 25th Ave.) RSVP by Monday, June 12 by calling Susie and Tom Marta (304-5416.)</p>

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

God's Faithful Word of Promise			Wednesday	June 14	Acts 11:19-30
Sunday	June 11	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	Thursday	June 15	Acts 14-20
Monday	June 12	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	Friday	June 16	Acts 14:21-28
Tuesday	June 13	Acts 11:1-18	Saturday	June 17	Acts 15:1-21



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!** – Please turn in supplies by Wednesday, June 14.

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

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 for another exciting VBS here at FPC Ocala.

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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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