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Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala

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July 16, 2017

**This Morning's Sermon**

***The Time Has Come***

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

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 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...*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)*

*A Time for Everything*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

The Prelude

**Amazing Grace**

H. Hopson

## 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 Call to Worship

Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

**Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.**

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

**For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.**

## We Give Praise and Adoration to God

\*The Hymn of Praise

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**

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\*The Call to Confession

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

\*The Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Psalm 51 David's Confession (*The Message*)

**Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down. You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.**

**I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life. Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life. Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing. Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.**

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

**God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash or fail to breathe holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways. Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise.**

*(Moment of silence.)*

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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

**Grace**

Carolyn Hamlin

*Lord, as I seek Your guidance for the day, I find my thoughts unyielding; confusion crowds my way. But then when I bow to You, the challenges You guide me through; Your promises are very new, I claim them for today. Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me. Your hand will protect me. I rest in Your care. Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me. And when I am faltering, I still will find You there. Each new day's design is charted by Your hand and graciously revealed as I seek Your master plan. Keep my footsteps faithful. When from You I go, return me to the joy that Your blessings can bestow. Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me. Your hand will protect me, I rest in Your care. Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me, and when I am faltering, I still will find You there.*

### **We Hear God's Word Proclaimed**

The Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Psalm 116 (O.T. Page 564)

The New Testament Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:14-20 (N.T. Page 34)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

***The Time Has Come***

Dr. W. Darren Bess

\*The Hymn of Dedication

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

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### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*The Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

*Adapted from the Belhar Confession*

**It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are light in the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.**

**We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered sin and death. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in obedience, as God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**With God's help, we are ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation as servants of the God who wish to bring about justice and true peace among people.**

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

***I Want to Believe***  
Cross & Crowns

Darren Bess

\*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 Litany of Departure

Cynthia M. Benz, Pastor  
Elaine Cox, Clerk,  
*representing the Session*  
Andrea Mogg Jacque, Council member,  
*representing the Presbytery*

\*The Hymn of Parting

***You Shall Go Out with Joy*** (2x)

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\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Response

***The Lord Bless You and Keep You***

*Peter C. Lutkin*

The Postlude

***Psalm 19***

B. Marcello

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in honor of Darren Bess's faithful service,  
and Steve Benz's birthday.*  
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***Celebrate!***

**Today is Pastor Darren's last day with us.** In honor of his many years of faithful service, we will have a celebratory reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please come and help us send Darren and his family off in style!!

## 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.

**Our Out-to-Dinner Group** will meet at 5:30 p.m., this Thursday, **July 20, 2017**, at ***Latinos y Mas*** (2030 S. Pine Avenue). Plan to attend! Please make your reservations by noon tomorrow, Monday, **July 17**, by calling **Ella Charnley (694-3810)**. Everyone is invited to participate in this evening of fine food and superb Christian fellowship! Come on, newcomers and long-time members, join us!

**CHURCH OFFICE RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you have a few hours now and then when you could help in the office (we will train you!), please call the church (629-7561) and let us know you are interested. Thank you for considering serving our church in this vital role.

**Interfaith needs for July** are **peanut butter and jelly, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste**. 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 Hymn-Sing service (which is every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)** will be Sunday, **July 30, 2017**, in the sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.** There will be only one service this day. Please come and join us in proclaiming the Word of the Lord as we unite our voices in song.

### Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

<b>Greeters</b>	11:00 a.m.	B.J. Hafner and Ann McCoy
<b>Ushers</b>	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Bill Bowen, Joe Dickmann, Hank Fleming, Paul Haupt, Ed Honkus, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller

## This Week's Calendar

### July 16 – July 22, 2017

<b>SUN.</b>	<p><b>July 16</b> 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>12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Worship Services</b> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Children and Youth Ministries</b> <b>Nursery:</b> (Newborns – 3 year olds) – Nursery <b>Children's Church:</b> (3 years – 5th Grade) – Room 26 <b>Kaleo Youth:</b> (6th – 12th Grade) – Youth Rooms, 20-22</p> <p><b>Adult Christian Education</b> <b>The Old Testament</b> by Professor Amy-Jill Levine – Conference Room (Nita Williams, 237-6789) <b>The Blakely Class</b> and <b>Christians Through the Ages</b> classes will resume in September. <b>Reception for Pastor Darren</b> – Fellowship Hall</p>
<b>MON.</b>	<p><b>July 17</b> 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Deacons' meeting</b> – Conference Room <b>PNC</b> – Conference Room</p>
<b>TUE.</b>	<p><b>July 18</b> 7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Finance Committee</b> – Conference Room <b>Cross &amp; Crowns Rehearsal</b> – Fellowship Hall</p>
<b>WED.</b>	<p><b>July 19</b></p>	
<b>THUR.</b>	<p><b>July 20</b> 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Out to Dinner Group</b> – Latinos y Mas (call Ella Charnley, 694-3810) by Monday, July 12.</p>

## Remember This Week in Prayer

**Bill Blackwell** (Mary Kauffman's brother), **Bill Cochran**, **Steve Cummings** (son of Alan Cummings, Pastor at Silver Springs Shores P.C.), **Jamii Fuseler** (the Pickards' niece), the friends and family of **Charlotte Hafner**, **Walter Laseter**, **Helen Lawton** (Brentwood Assisted Living - call Helen's daughter-in-law, Ann 209-6594, for information about visiting), **Ted Low**, **Amy Mumford** (friend of Marilyn Tucker), the friends and family of **Lillian Olds**, **Gene Owen**, **Wendy Owens** (Debbie Koch's friend), **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), **Howard VanDenburgh**, the friends and family of **Elizabeth von Tesmar**, **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.

## 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.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE!!!

We have begun the planning and creation of our new pictorial directory. We have listened to your comments from past directories, so let us assure you, there is nothing to buy, nor do you have to experience a pressured sales pitch. We want the directory to accurately reflect the membership of our church, so we're making this as simple as possible.

All you need to do is send a picture of you and/or your family to the church. It can be taken with your own camera, phone, etc. If you do not have a recent photo on your phone or computer or do not have the ability to take one, we will have someone take the photo of you and your family.

Once the directory is complete, we will have printed copies available for pick-up at the church office, or for those who prefer viewing online, you will have access by password to a safe website.

More information will be coming soon... stay tuned. If you have questions contact the church office (629-7561).

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>God's Faithful Word of Mercy and Forgiveness</i>			Wednesday	July 19	Exodus 17:1-16
Sunday	July 16	Exodus 15:19-27	Thursday	July 20	Leviticus 16:1-19
Monday	July 17	Exodus 16:1-21	Friday	July 21	Leviticus 16:20-34
Tuesday	July 18	Exodus 16:22-36	Saturday	July 22	2 Samuel 9:1-13

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala**

Cindy Benz, Moderator  
Darren Bess, Associate Pastor  
Elaine Cox, Clerk of Session

**Class of 2017**

Steffany Gladdin	Children and Youth -Chair
Mike Kaufman	
Tom Michael	Christian Outreach
Ann O'Hart	Worship - Chair
Becky Schatt	Christian Outreach, Foundation
Don Slone	Personnel - Chair

**Class of 2018**

Pat Brown	Nominating – Chair, Scholarship
Jeff Dauner	Building and Grounds – Chair, Nominating
Bill Dolin	Finance, Nominating
Sheryll Goedert	Finance - Chair
John Hagood	Worship
Nancy Livesay	Membership – Chair, Scholarship
Jim Yancey	Personnel

**Class of 2019**

John Brawner	Long Range Planning, Stewardship
Fran Gilchrist	Fellowship - Chair
Walter Laseter	Christian Education - Chair
John Reiss	Worship
Alexandra Sexton	Christian Education
Tom Weaver	Personnel, Scholarship

**The Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala**

Colin Andrews – Assistant to Sound Tech  
Daniel Adkins – Custodian  
Danny Arango – Sexton  
David Bedenbaugh – Director of Music Ministries  
Cindy Benz – Interim Pastor/Head of Staff  
Darren Bess – Associate Pastor  
Thomas Drake – Interim Youth Ministry Director  
Brodie Hutcheson – Sound Tech

Andrea Mogg Jacque – Finance/Business Administrator  
Jason Joseph – Organist  
Sarah Overfelt – Interim Children’s Ministry Director  
Heather Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
Kaylin Rogers - Nursery  
Dana Rogers - Nursery  
Evelyn Yorlano – Nursery