



Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



July 30, 2017

Hymn Sing

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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

The Chiming of the Hour

To meditate upon today during the prelude...

Psalm 96:1-6

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

The Prelude

Glory Bound

Jo Ann Brandt, handbells
Jason Joseph, percussion

Jean Anne Shafferman
Arr. Carol Smith and Jane Patty

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

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Ministers: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Ministers: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. Let us praise and worship God together.

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

#1

*The Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in every generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others.

We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.

Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield judgments to you and we trust in your love and mercy.

(Moments of silence for personal reflection.)

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

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Know that, in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Ministers: Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri

#581

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.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

THE HYMN SING

*The Hymn of Dedication

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (twice)

#654

The Reception of New Members

Debbie Atchison
Laura Fowler

We Respond to God's Word

The Affirmation of Faith

from *Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada

**We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy,
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

**Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.**

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

Jo Ann Brandt - Senior Services, Meals on Wheels

The Offertory

If With All Your Hearts

Watson Joseph, soloist

From Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

*The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#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.

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*The Hymn of Parting

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#610

*The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

Praise God with Drums and Cymbals

S. K. Karg - Elert

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

Nancy Livesay

in loving memory of her mother Wilma McClain

and by

Jo Ann Brandt

in loving memory of her son

Lucas Mobley Evans
♦

Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Greeters	10:00 a.m.	Vicky Honkus and Kathryn McCormick
Ushers	10:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Ed Honkus, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller

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.), **Voncile Dudley**, **Jamii Fuseler** (the Pickards' niece), **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), **Gene Owen**, **Wendy Owens** (Debbie Koch's friend), **Charlene Preston**, **Norma Rivera** (Sarah Overfelt's friend), **Linda and Broward Sanchez** (Eileen Demarest's sister and brother-in-law), **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.

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 our pastor today if you have pastoral concerns, desire prayer, or would like to know more about getting involved in our church family!

With Sunday, August 20, being Cindy's last day with us, we will hold a farewell reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. Please plan to join us to say thanks, give hugs, tell her goodbye, share prayers, etc., as we send her to serve God and God's people in another place.

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, August 13, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of 1) officially dissolving Pastor Darren's call at First Presbyterian Church, and 2) to adjust the quorum for a congregational meeting.

August 6 we will relaunch the children's ministry! We will be giving a special gift to the children during the 9:30 service, and will be celebrating with the kids and their families after the service! Please make sure all your children 3 years old to 5th grade come to experience the beginning of something exciting!

The next Communion service is next Sunday, August 6, at all three services. We serve only gluten-free elements.



Our Out-to-Dinner Group will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 17, at Carrabba's Italian Grill (2370 SW College Rd.). Plan to attend! Please make your reservations by noon Monday, August 14, by calling SusanRaffa620-8087). . 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 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 5th Sunday) will be Sunday, October 29, 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.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

<i>God's Faithful Word of Promise</i>			Wednesday	May 3	Philippians 2:1-30
Sunday	April 30	Psalm 103	Thursday	May 4	Philippians 3:1-21
Monday	May 1	Psalm 113	Friday	May 5	Philippians 4:1-23
Tuesday	May 2	Philippians 1:1-30	Saturday	May 6	Colossians 1:1-23

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 July 30 – August 5, 2017

SUN.	<u>July 30</u> 10:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. – Noon 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	<p><u>Worship Services</u> Hymn Sing – Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: (<i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i>) – Nursery Children's Church: (<i>3 years – 5th Grade</i>) – Room 26 – No Children's service this Sunday Kaleo Youth: (<i>6th – 12th Grade</i>) – Youth Rooms, 20-22</p> <p><u>Adult Christian Education</u> The Old Testament by Professor Amy-Jill Levine – Conference Room (<i>Nita Williams, 237-6789</i>) The Blakely Class and Christians Through the Ages classes will resume in September.</p>
TUE.	<u>August 1</u> 5:30 p.m.	Cross & Crowns Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
WED.	<u>August 2</u> 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Membership Committee meeting (Conference Room) PNC (Conference Room)

CHANGE IN PLANS for our Church Pictorial Directory PLEASE HOLD YOUR PICTURES

Our Dave Schlenker has volunteered to take pictures for the new directory!!! THANK YOU Dave! To include everyone, we have decided to wait until our snowbirds come back, so the directory process will not start until October.

Pictures will be taken between services the first four Sundays in October, and there will be a make-up date scheduled if you miss those four Sundays. In August we will ask you to sign up for a photo session time-slot. Dave assures us the photo shoot will not take long, and you will be able to view your photo on his camera and the church's website before it's placed in the online directory.

For those who have expressed concern about the safety of their information being stored online Vicky Honkus, the contact person, has provided the following information: our pictorial directory will be hosted by instantchurchdirectory.com. Data will be stored on the company's server which is backed up and accessible only to our church. The information cannot be shared with any other company.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala Cindy Benz, Moderator 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 Diaconate of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala Lannie Mercer, Chair Vicky Honkus, Secretary		
Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Esther Arango-Palencia Nancy Drum Vicky Honkus Ellen Matthews	Pat Bishop Lannie Mercer Marty Smith	Ella Charnley Grietje Lewis Roxanne Schwaller Elaine Spowles Julia Wirono

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 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 Rodgers - Nursery Dana Rodgers - Nursery Evelyn Yorlano – Nursery