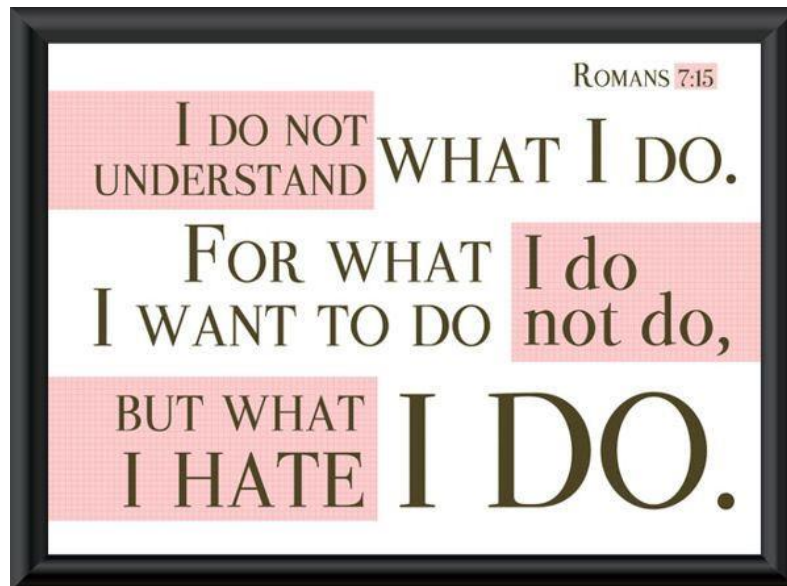




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Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Ocala

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July 9, 2017

**This Morning's Sermon**

***We Are Captives***

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2017

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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## We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

The Chiming of the Hour

*To meditate upon today during the prelude...*

*Sin has affected all parts of humankind – the heart, emotions, will, mind, and body. We are not as sinful as we could be, but still completely affected by sin. Scripture confirms this about our human nature over and over. Even so, we cannot lose our salvation because God is the one who has perfected us through the Son's redemption, and we are eternally secure in him.*

The Prelude

**Largo**

G. F. Handel

## 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: Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.  
Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

**Ministers: God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.  
All creation joins us in giving thanks.**

Leader: Give ear, all people, to the law of God.  
Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

**Ministers: God upholds all who are falling.  
God raises us up when we are bowed down.**

Leader: We have come with joy and gladness today to praise, honor, and worship God.

## We Give Praise and Adoration to God

\*The Hymn of Praise

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

#366

\*The Call to Confession

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Therefore let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

\*The Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**God of mystery and wisdom beyond human reasoning, help us understand our own actions – for we do not do the things we want to do, but the very things we hate. We observe our weakness, and we rebuke ourselves for our lack of will and resolve, yet we succumb to our destructive habits again and again. Free us from feelings of self-loathing, and bless us with the strength and courage to embrace your ways, that we may know the gentleness of your love, and depth of your mercy. Amen.**

*(Moments of silence for personal reflection.)*

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let all who feel lost and enslaved by self-destructive ways, turn to Christ Jesus, who is gentle of spirit and humble of heart. For all who turn to Christ and accept his ways find peace and fullness of grace.

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

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

\*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 Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 3:1-12 (O.T. Page 585)

The New Testament Scripture Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a (N.T. Page 157)

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

***We Are Captives***

Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

\*The Hymn of Dedication

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

#735

We Respond to God's Word

\*The Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

***Blessed Jesus, We Are Here***

J. S. Bach

\*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 Jesus, I Have Promised***

#724

\*The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

***Austrian Hymn***

F. J. Haydn  
Arr. by Don Hustad

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God!*  
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## 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 Jason Joseph's first Sunday as our organist.** Jason is a student at the University of Florida. He is a native of Danville, Pennsylvania, and relocated to Ocala, Florida, in 2009. He has worked for two Lutheran Churches, an Anglican Church, a Roman Catholic Church and gives organ and piano lessons. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists and has attended one Pipe Organ Encounter in Gainesville, Florida, in July of 2012. His interest in music began as a young child, listening to music at church, attending concerts, and singing in school choirs, church choirs, and community chorales. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and gardening.



**Pastor Darren's last day with us will be next Sunday, July 16.** We will have only one service at 11:00. Darren will be preaching. 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!!

**Our Out-to-Dinner Group** will meet at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, **July 20, 2017**, at ***Latinos y Mas*** (2030 S. Pine Avenue). Plan to attend! Please make your reservations by noon 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.

### Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

<b>Ushers</b>	8:15 a.m.	Paul Haupt, Ann O'Hart, Sandy Owens, and Howell Winfree, III
<b>Ushers</b>	9:30 a.m.	Kent and Dana Adams
<b>Greeters</b>	11:00 a.m.	Jerry and Elaine Rost
<b>Ushers</b>	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Ed Honkus, Mikey Kelly, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller

## This Week's Calendar July 9 – July 15, 2017

<b>SUN.</b>	<u><b>July 9</b></u> 4:00 a.m.  8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 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.	<b>High School Montreat Trip</b> (July 9- 15 - meet in parking lot) <u><b>Worship Services</b></u> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary <u><b>Children and Youth Ministries</b></u> <b>Nursery:</b> ( <i>Newborns – 3 year olds</i> ) – Nursery <b>Children's Church:</b> ( <i>3 years – 5th Grade</i> ) – Room 26 <b>Kaleo Youth:</b> ( <i>6th – 12th Grade</i> ) – Youth Rooms, 20-22 – <b>No Kaleo this week</b> <u><b>Adult Christian Education</b></u> <b>The Old Testament</b> by Professor Amy-Jill Levine – Conference Room <i>(Nita Williams, 237-6789)</i> <b>The Blakely Class</b> and <b>Christians Through the Ages</b> classes will resume in September.
<b>MON.</b>	<u><b>July 10</b></u> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b> – Conference Room
<b>TUE.</b>	<u><b>July 11</b></u> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Cross &amp; Crowns Rehearsal</b> – Fellowship Hall
<b>WED.</b>	<u><b>July 12</b></u> 2:30 p.m.	<b>PNC</b> – Conference Room

**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.

## Remember This Week in Prayer

**Bill Blackwell** (*Mary Kauffman's brother*), **Bill Cochran**, **Jamii Fuseler** (*the Pickards' niece*), the friends and family of **Grace Gorham**, the friends and family of **Charlotte Hafner**, the friends and family of **Barbara Karlosky**, **Walter Laseter**, **Helen Lawton** (*Life Care – 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**, **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 12	Exodus 12:37-51
Sunday	July 9	Exodus 5:22-6:13	Thursday	July 13	Exodus 13:1-10
Monday	July 10	Exodus 12:1-20	Friday	July 14	Exodus 13:11-22
Tuesday	July 11	Exodus 12:21-36	Saturday	July 15	Exodus 14:1-31

**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

