



Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



August 6, 2017

God's Enduring Mercy

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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 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...

We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. The earth is full of your provisions. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

The Prelude

This is My Father's World

Addison Burgess, soloist

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock

Music: Trad. English melody;
adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard

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

Fran Gilchrist

Leader: Come into the presence of God to be fed.
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

**Ministers: We gather to seek God's face.
Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

Leader: Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**Ministers: We are here to receive God's blessing.
God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

Leader: God is near to all who call and seek.
Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

**Ministers: Let us open all our senses and pay close attention to God.
We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#509

*The Call to Confession

All of us need times of wrestling with God over issues in our lives. These moments of confession offer us one such opportunity. Let us come together to this time of confessing the sin in which all of us have a part.

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

*The Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall. Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray.

(Moments of silence for personal reflection.)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is merciful, patient, kind, and loving. All creation is subject to God's care and concern. God attends to our cries and frees our lips from deceit. In Christ, our brokenness finds healing, and relationships are mended and strengthened. God feeds us in ways beyond our knowing and prompts our generosity. Know the glory of God surrounding us here as we worship, celebrate the refreshment God offers, and know that in the life, death, and resurrection of 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 Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31 (O.T. Page 30)

The New Testament Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21 (N.T. Page 16)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

God's Enduring Mercy

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*The Hymn of Dedication

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

#517

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

Just As I Am

R. Lau

*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 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

The God of Abraham Praise

#49

*The Charge and Benediction

The Postlude

A Charge to Keep I Have

G. Young

♦
*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Ella Charnley's 90th birthday*
♦

Serving at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Chris Bishop, Paul Haupt, Mary Kaufman, and Margaret Trump
Ushers	9:30 a.m.	Mary Dingman and Patti Sheiffer
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Pat Greaves and Mary Jean Ruelf
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Hank Fleming, Ed Honkus, Don McCormick, and Roxanne Schwaller
Communion Servers	8:15 a.m.	Brenda Dauner, Jeff Dauner, Sandy Owens, and Van Akin
	9:30 a.m.	Harry Batten, Janie Scott, Kent Adams, and Susan Raffa
	11:00 a.m.	Nita Williams, Jerry Rost, Esther Arango-Palencia, Martha Petrey, Ted Waln, B.J. Hafner, Kerwin Hafner, 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** (Avante), **Jamii Fuseler** (the Pickards' niece), **Helen Lawton** (Brentwood Assisted Living - call Helen's daughter-in-law, Ann 209-6594, for information about visiting), **Ted and Sunny Low and family**, **Joyce Luffman** (Ellen Laseter's mother in Estelle House), **Amy Mumford** (friend of Marilyn Tucker), **Gene Owen**, **Wendy Owens** (Debbie Koch's friend), **Charlene Preston**, **Norma Rivera** (Sarah Overfelt's friend), **Linda Sanchez** (Eileen Demarest's sister), **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**, **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 next 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.

Today we 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 ages 3 years old to 5th grade come to experience the beginning of something exciting!

The next Communion service is Sunday, September 4, 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 Susan Raffa (620-8087). 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 August are **hand soap, razors, shampoo, conditioners, 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 Encouragement</i>					
			Wednesday	August 9	Colossians 4:2-18
Sunday	August 6	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Thursday	August 10	I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Monday	August 7	Colossians 2:6-19	Friday	August 11	I Thessalonians 2:1-16
Tuesday	August 8	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Saturday	August 12	I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

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 August 6-12, 2017

SUN.	<p><u>August 6</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.</p> <p>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: (<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>
MON.	<p><u>August 7</u> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Fellowship Committee meeting – Parlor Art Class (Supplies are provided) – Conference Room (Phyllis Craggs 816-1030) Worship Committee meeting - Conference Room Building and Grounds meeting – Library PNC (Conference Room)</p>
TUE.	<p><u>August 8</u> 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cross & Crowns Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall</p>

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 Sprowles 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