



Dear First Presbyterian Church members and friends,

*****PLEASE REMEMBER - ONLY ONE SERVICE @ 11:00 A.M. THIS SUNDAY*****

This Sunday, July 16, will be Pastor Darren's last day with us. Don't miss this opportunity to be with us as we rejoice in worshipping God together!! Darren will be proclaiming God's word for us, and we will have a "Litany of Departure" towards the end of our service, a time when we will give thanks for his service here at First Presbyterian Church, and bless him as we send him to serve God and God's people in another place. Following worship, there is a nice reception planned in the Fellowship Hall where we can say our good-byes, hug necks, and pray Godspeed for Darren and his family.

Blessings on your week and we look forward to seeing you whenever we worship, but this Sunday in particular!!!

Greetings All,

I want to thank each of you for all the well wishes, blessings and prayers. I confess that in many ways—after eleven years of serving among you—this is surreal, making it “bitter-sweet” as we take the next step along our journey. We know this to be true: change and the ebb and flow of friends and family amid life’s travels—seemingly never ends. As there are seasons, so it goes with each of us. I will miss you all, and will always remain a friend of FPC Ocala.

I pray for each of you, during these days of transition, and in the life of this congregation, that you will always remember God’s faithfulness in the past, how He hovers over each of us in this very moment, and that He will reconcile all things in His time and manner. I pray you will remain vigilant in the pursuit of justice for others, hopeful in the promises of God and steadfast in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is about Him that the sweetest words in history were written,

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but experience the life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn us, but rather that the world would be saved through Him.”

Until we meet again...Grace, Mercy, Peace,
Your friend always, -Darren

Reminder:
The memorial service for **Elizabeth von Tesmar** will be at the church on **Saturday, July 15, at 1: 00 pm.** in our sanctuary with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Next week’s daily Bible readings:
July 16 —Exodus 15:19-27
July 17 —Exodus 16:1-21
July 18—Exodus 16:22-36
July 19—Exodus 17:1-16
July 20—Leviticus 16:1-19
July 21—Leviticus 16:20-34
July 22— 2 Samuel 9:1-13

A note from David B

My office hours next week will be: Monday: 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

A note from Sarah O....

New and exciting news!!!! The children's ministry will be relaunching with a new name on August 6th!! We welcome all the kids and families to celebrate with us! We will have food and fun for all, and a special surprise for the kids!

Next week I will be in Montreat, North Carolina.

Thomas D....

Friends at FPC! The last camp of the summer is happening at Montreat— and its going to be one to remember! We are leaving on Sunday, at four in the morning. So please pray for our safety and that we all sleep well the night before. Our high school youth will be going to North Carolina for a week of growing with God and making friends that will last a lifetime. There will be no Kaleo Youth Group this Sunday, but don't worry! Youth will continue as normal the rest of the month of July with a new theme that focuses on 'the power our words have'.

As always thank you for your support and prayers for the youth of First Presbyterian Church!

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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.