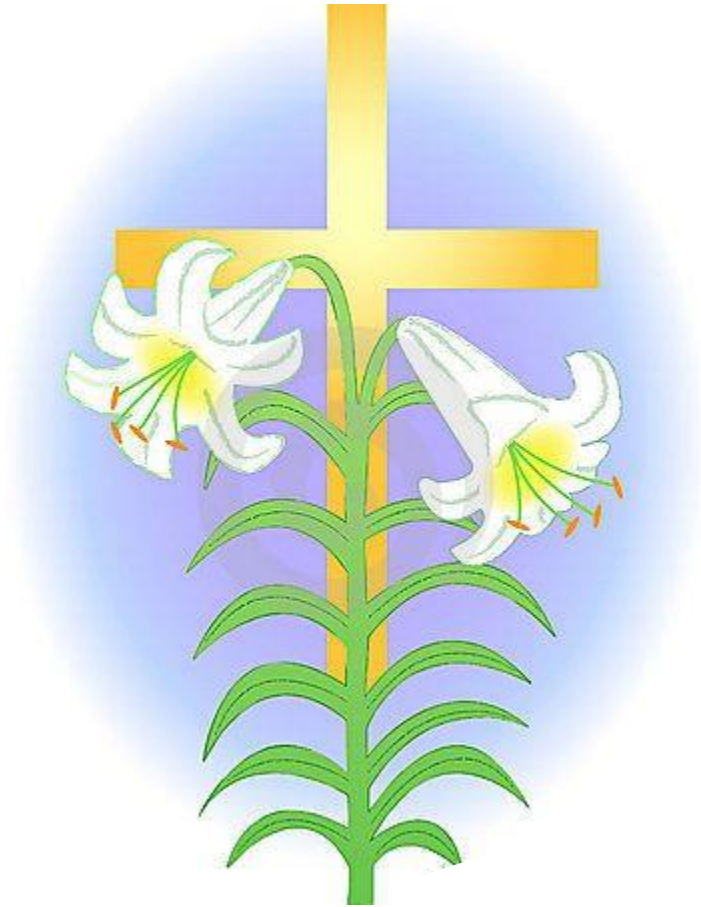




**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala**



April 1, 2018

This Morning's Sermon

“A Witness for the Faith”

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160 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

EASTER

April 1, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

The Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

Praise God with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert

The Introit

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (Marion)

Arthur Messiter

The Call to Worship

Psalm 118

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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*Prayer of Praise 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 Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

#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.

The Litany of Affirmation

Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest to those God chose, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

God commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that Christ is the one ordained by the Lord to be judge of the living and the dead.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

People: **By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.**

***If able, please stand.**

The Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*The Anthem

Crown Him, the Risen King!

arr. Lloyd Larson

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen!" O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing who died on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. All creatures of our God and King, Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers of the People

The Hymn

The Strife Is O'er

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The Call to Offering

The Offertory

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

R. Lau

*The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43 (N.T. Page 157)

The Second Reading

John 20:1-18 (N.T. Page 140)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

"A Witness for the Faith"

Dr. Ron Watson

We Respond to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith

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.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*The Hymn of Parting

Thine is the Glory

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*The Charge and Benediction

The Response

Up from the Grave He Arose

Robert Lowry

Congregation joins in refrain:

**Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

The Postlude

Toccata (from Symphony V)

C. M Widor

The following musicians are provided by the Bill & Shirley Cochran Music Fund:

Trumpet Players from Stetson: Carlos Huertas and Kaleb Dubose.

Choir Interns from UF: Wildlin Pierrevil, Loren Stone, Cali Newman, and Sophia Young.

Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala		
Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Nancy and Garris Graham, Debbie Koch, and Joyce Williamson.
Ushers	9:30 a.m.	Steve and Jeanne Vincent
Greeters	11:00 a.m.	Michelle Burgess and Kathryn McCormick
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	John Reiss, Captain, Dave Bice, Pat Bishop, Bill Bowen, Ed Honkus, Ellen Matthews, Don McCormick, Roxanne Schwaller, Joe Simmons and Bob Timmer.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Growing with God's Word in Hope</i>			Wednesday	April 4	John 21:15-25
Sunday	April 1	Mark 16:1-20	Thursday	April 5	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Monday	April 2	John 20:19-31	Friday	April 6	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
Tuesday	April 3	John 21:1-14	Saturday	April 7	1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Remember This Week in Prayer
<p>Ruth Albright (Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting), Harriet Berman (Brookdale), Andy Boyer (Fran Gilchrist's son-in-law), Martha Caro (friend of Mary Beth Olson), Elinor Carr (Dr. Watson's mother, in Hospice), Renie Clark, Ellen Drummond (Brookdale), Jamii Fuseler (the Pickards' niece), Danny and Jennifer Gilman in the death of Danny's father Steve Gilman, Bettie and Paul Haupt, Joyce Heenie (Oakhurst), Mitch and Jazmin Herbert and Jackson Herbert, Charles Hutcheson (Hawthorne), Trent Hutcheson, Wells Kilgore (Dr. Watson's friend), Biddie Kirk (The Windsor), Helen Lawton (Ocala Oaks Rehab, receiving visitors), David Lossing (friend of Mary Kauffman), Kyle McElhaney (Afghanistan), Ron McMillin, Anna Marie Miller (Ocala Regional), Maria Myers (Hampton Manor), John Peterson (please no visitors) Charlene Preston, Dave Proctor (missionary and Sue and Jim Straub's son-in-law), Norma Rivera (Sarah Overfelt's friend), Janice Schafer (Palm Garden), Martha Sevilla (Danny Arango's mother-in-law), Betty Jeanne Spencer (Lady Lake Specialty Care), Jim Straub, (Brookdale), Ken Tipper, Gene and Leslie Wiechens in the death of Gene's mother Rosella Marie Wiechens, Sally Williams, Bob Wilton, HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, those in the US and other countries recovering from recent natural disasters, first responders and their families, our men and women serving in the armed forces and their families.</p>

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

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, welcome on your journey; 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!

1st Time Visitor. If this is your first time visiting with us today, we welcome you! Look for the yellow card, fill it out, and take it to the back of the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall to receive your first time visitor gift.

Please pray for our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC): Fran Akin, Scott Andrews, Harry Batten, Anna McCurry, Mary Moore and Becky Schatt.

There will be a Congregational meeting Sunday, April 15, at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing Jarl Hagood and Carrie Waldren as Elders to the class of 2019.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. See insert in this bulletin for more information. We are providing an envelope for donations today.

Please note: due to Easter being on the first Sunday, **communion is being moved to the second Sunday, April 8.**

V.I. P. Luncheon and Program set for this Thursday, April 5. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. Program: Entertainment by Happy Hearts. Don't miss it! The cost is \$6. Be sure to make your reservations on the Friendship Pad or call the church office (629-7561) on or before Monday, April 2. Please request GLUTEN FREE if needed. Remember to bring paper products for Interfaith (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

The Out to Dinner group will meet on Thursday, April 19, at Yummy House in the Lowe's Ctr.(3500 SW College Rd./200) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Monday, April 16 to Chuck Opitz (237-4749).

PW Spring Gathering is April 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will host an old fashioned "tea" with tea sandwiches and cake immediately following our business meeting. We are very excited and blessed to have our Parish Associate, Ruth Elswood, sharing some of her tea memories with her aunties. It is also rumored that some of the ladies will brush off their Easter hats to wear for our "tea". So, come and join us with or without a hat. If you are not part of a Circle, please be encouraged to join us by calling the church office to reserve a spot.

These Days Daily Devotions for Living by Faith are now available at the usher's table in the narthex and the church office.

This Week's Calendar
April 1-7, 2018

SUN.	<p><u>April 1</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. 5:30 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 Kaleo Youth (<i>6th – 12th Grade</i>) – Youth Rooms 20-22</p> <p><u>Adult Christian Education</u> The Dead Sea Scrolls by Prof. Gary A. Rendsburg – Conference Room (<i>Nita Williams, 237-6789</i>) The Blakely Class uses the Uniform Bible Lessons – Room 2 (<i>David Arango-Palencia 786-385-4980 and others as substitutes</i>)</p>
MON.	<p><u>April 2</u> 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Easter Monday – Holiday – Church office closed Building and Grounds Committee meeting – Room 1</p>
TUE.	<p><u>April 3</u> 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Sisters Class (<i>Elaine Cox</i>) – Parlor Cross & Crowns Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall PW Bible Mentoring (<i>Tom Weaver 622-6028</i>) – Room 1</p>
WED.	<p><u>April 4</u> 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bible study class (<i>Steve Vincent</i>) – Conference Room Disciple XIII class (<i>Barbara Parks</i>) – Room 1 Disciple Sisters class (<i>Jeanne Vincent</i>) – Room 2 Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room APNC meeting – Conference Room Hand Bell Choir Practice – Bell Tower String Ensemble – Choir Room</p>
THUR.	<p><u>April 5</u> 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>V.I.P. Luncheon and Program (<i>Chris Johnson 315-335-6462</i>) – Fellowship Hall Youth Band Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall</p>
FRI.	<p><u>April 7</u> 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PW Spring Gathering – Fellowship Hall</p>

Interfaith needs for April are toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap, razors). Thank you for placing your donations in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or by bringing them to the church office during the week.

Today is the deadline to apply for FPC book scholarships. FPC's Scholarship Committee provides some financial assistance to encourage Christian young adults...to attend post-secondary education; or who feel called by God to enter a church related vocation; and for Christian youth and children to be active in church sponsored events.

Diaconate Ruth Elswood, Moderator Lannie Mercer, Chair Vicky Honkus, Secretary			Session Ron Watson, Moderator Elaine Cox, Clerk		
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
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