



Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
of Ocala



May 13, 2018

This Morning's Sermon

“Decisions, Decisions...”

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160 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 15, 2018

8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

The Welcome and Announcements

The Scholarship Awards (11:00)

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

Nocturne No. 1, Op. 15

F. Chopin

The Introit

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

H. van Dyke, L. van Beethoven
Arr. Donald Moore

The Call to Worship

Psalms 1

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

Let us worship God!

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

*The Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

#839

*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

Glory to God

#583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

The Litany of Affirmation

The testimony of God is greater than human testimony. God's testimony has borne witness to Jesus, the Christ.

Whoever receives the Word of God has life.

Whoever believes in the One whom God sent has God's testimony.

Whoever receives the Word of God has life.

The testimony is this: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in Jesus Christ, God's Anointed One.

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I proclaim this to you who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Whoever receives the Word of God has life.

The Passing of the Peace

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

***If able, please stand**

The Anthem **All That I Am** W. Grant Still
All that I am, all I ever can be I owe to You, Lord, for You have molded me. All that I have all that I call mine I owe to You, Lord, for all things are Thine. You are the source of light: Light that's offered all men. In your wisdom You give to each his due. You are the source of love: Love that binds unity. In Your love and mercy I find lasting peace. All that I love, all that's dear to me, all of my blessings come, my Lord, from Thee. All that I own, all that belongs to me, all I surrender, my Lord to Thee.

The Prayers of the People

The Hymn **You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord** #43

The Call to Offering

The Offertory **Great is Thy Faithfulness** Chisolm, Runyan,
Arr. Greg Howlett

*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 Offertory Prayer

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

The First Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11 (N.T. Page 143)
The Second Scripture Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (N.T. Page 163)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon "Decisions, Decisions..." 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 **May the God of Hope Go with Us** #765

*The Charge and Benediction

The Response **Threefold Amen** Danish

The Postlude **The Heavens Declare His Glory** L. van Beethoven

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in Remembrance of Jim Straub by Sue Straub and
in Honor of all Moms on Mother's Day.*

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Serving Today at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

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| Ushers | 8:15 a.m. | Ann McCoy, Sandy Owens, H.J. and Mary Beth Rivers |
| Ushers | 9:30 a.m. | Scott and Sue Prosser |
| Greeters | 11:00 a.m. | Ken and Martha Petrey |
| Ushers | 11:00 a.m. | John Reiss, Captain, Dave Bice, Pat Bishop, Joe Dickmann, Ed Honkus, Ellen Matthews, Don McCormick, Roxanne Schwaller, and Joe Simmons |

IES / Allstate County-wide Can Food Drive – collection of canned goods and nonperishable foods - until May 12. A collection site is: 6041 SE Abshier Blvd. Belleview, FL 34420

Allstate agents and financial specialists in Marion County to support Interfaith Emergency Services in Marion County. You're invited to join in this effort by donating a few items for this great cause. You can drop off your donations at the Abshier agency until May 12. We will personally deliver all donated items to Interfaith Emergency Services and will volunteer our time onsite to help sort and organize all of the items collected in IES's food pantry. While we're not seeking additional volunteers for this project, I want you to know how important your donations are to me, Interfaith Emergency Services and the community. For more information about Interfaith Emergency Services visit iesmarion.org.

Hello! Is God calling you? The Membership Committee is also calling you to serve. Please answer! Inviting, engaging and growing members is what we do. With summer upon us, and many of our friends heading north, we pause to reflect and plan for the fall. Our committee needs your creative ideas and energy for welcoming visitors, reaching out to inactive members, and nurturing the faithful. Engaging families is a high priority. We have been meeting on a Tuesday each month at 2:30, but the committee sets its own meeting schedule based on the needs of the members. For more information, or to offer ideas to the Committee, email Nancy Livesay at nlivesay@cox.net

Remember This Week in Prayer

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), **Ellen Drummond** (Brookdale), **Ruth Fraser**, **Jamii Fuseler** (the Pickards' niece), **Joyce Heenie** (Oakhurst), **Mitch and Jazmin Herbert** and **Jackson Herbert**, **Charles Hutcheson** (Hawthorne), **Richard Jensen** (son of Bettie and Paul Haupt), **Wells Kilgore** (Dr. Watson's friend), **Biddie Kirk** (The Windsor), **Lois Lance**, **David Lossing** (friend of Mary Kauffman), **Ron McMillin**, **Celine Mack** (Oakhurst), **Anna Marie Miller**, **Maria Myers** (Hampton Manor), **Charlene Preston**, **Dave Proctor** (missionary and Sue Straub's son-in-law), **Norma Rivera** (Sarah Overfelt's friend), **Janice Schafer** (Palm Garden), **Martha Sevilla** (Danny Arango's mother-in-law), **Vincent Devlan Shotwell**, **Keith Shotwell**, and **Steve Shotwell**, **Betty Jeanne Spencer** (Lady Lake Specialty Care), **Doris Tyler**, **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.

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

Exciting News!

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The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 27th, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be at 10:45 a.m., and all members are encouraged to attend!

Exciting News!

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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 gift.

Congratulations to seven FPC youth who receive \$500 scholarships this morning from either the Edwin Albright or the Elton Veal scholarship funds. The church's Scholarship Committee presents awards to each of the following students: **Lisa Arango, Savannah Bennett, Ryleigh Gladdin, Caroline Kimball, Grant Grodi, Elizabeth Lee and Katie Schlenker.**

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

The Out to Dinner group will meet on this **Thursday, May 17**, at **Latinos y Mas** (2030 S Pine Ave.) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by tomorrow, May 14, to Susan Raffa (620-8087).

Holly Reimer is graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary! If you would like to celebrate Holly's graduation, she invites you to join her next **Saturday, May 19th at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA at 10:00 a.m.** Holly says, "This is not the end, but simply the beginning! The day and the hour are set, and with God's grace and mercy will be here sooner than I can imagine. God has been abundantly good to me and I thank God, especially for FPC supporting me emotionally, spiritually, psychologically, and financially. Friends, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ, thank you! May God bless you abundantly as you have been a blessing to me!" See Holly's complete letter in the June/July *Spire* newsletter.

Next Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday. Remember to wear red for Pentecost.

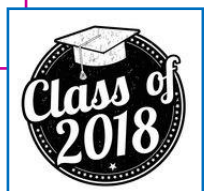
This Week's Calendar May 13-19, 2018

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| SUN. | <u>May 13</u> 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. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m. | Mother's Day.... Senior Sunday <u>Worship Services</u> Traditional Worship – Sanctuary Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall Traditional Worship – Sanctuary <u>Children and Youth Ministries</u> Nursery: (Newborns – 3 year olds) – Nursery Children's Church: (3 years – 5th Grade) – Room 26 Kaleo Youth (6 th – 12 th Grade) – Youth Rooms 20-22 <u>Adult Christian Education</u> God and Mankind: Comparative Religions – Conference Room. (Nita Williams, 237-6789) The Blakely Class uses the Uniform Bible Lessons – Room 2 (David Arango-Palencia 786-385-4980 and others as substitutes) Victoria Sexton presents 'Singing to Italy', a Mother's Day Concert! (Suggested donation of \$10) - Sanctuary |
| MON. | <u>May 14</u> 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Art class (supplies provided, Phyllis Craggs 816-1030) – Conference Room Long Range Planning Committee meeting – Conference Room PW Circle 9 (3515 SE 41 st Place, Kristen Crawford, 804-0247) |
| TUE. | <u>May 15</u> 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Finance Committee meeting – Conference Room Faith Sisters Class (Elaine Cox) – Parlor Security Team Meeting – Conference Room Cross & Crowns Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall |
| WED. | <u>May 16</u> 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Bible study class (Steve Vincent) – Conference Room APNC meeting – Conference Room String Ensemble – Choir Room |
| THUR. | <u>May 17</u> 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Youth Band Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall Out to Dinner Group - Latinos y Mas (2030 S Pine Ave.) RSVP by tomorrow, Monday, May 14, to Susan Raffa (620-8087). |
| SUN. | <u>May 20</u> | Pentecost Sunday |

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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| <i>Growing with God's Word & Being Renewed by the Holy Spirit</i> | | | Wednesday | May 16 | Ezekiel 37:1-28 |
| Sunday | May 13 | Ezekiel 10:1-22 | Thursday | May 17 | Ezekiel 43:1-12 |
| Monday | May 14 | Ezekiel 36:1-15 | Friday | May 18 | Ezekiel 43:13-27 |
| Tuesday | May 15 | Ezekiel 36:16-38 | Saturday | May 19 | Ezekiel 47:1-12 |

FPC 2018 Concert Series Continues.....



TODAY !! SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY

SENIOR SUNDAY

VICTORIA SEXTON in Concert 3:00 p.m.

\$10 suggested donation – see info below
(funds go to Victoria's educational trip to Italy)

Victoria Sexton presents 'Singing to Italy', a Mother's Day Concert! The University of South Florida has awarded Victoria the wonderful opportunity to sing at St. Francis Basilica in Assisi in Italy this July! In preparation for her performances abroad, Victoria would like everyone to come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful musical selections from artists such as Patsy Cline, Giacomo Puccini, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Wolfgang Mozart and More! The concert will be on **May 13th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door and all proceeds collected will be used to help purchase her airline ticket to Italy!



Spring String Fling
This annual tradition features
FPC String Orchestra
in our sanctuary
Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

The Steinway Fund to purchase a new Steinway for our sanctuary and a new upright piano for Fellowship Hall has already received \$44,378. towards our goal of \$88,000. The Session is asking the congregation if they would like to make gifts to the fund. Our current Steinway is nearly 100 years old and needs replacing. If you wish to help us improve our music sound, please mark your donation "piano." Thank you for your generosity.

