

## This week at FPC

December 20-26, 2023

### Merry Christmas

As I finish planning the three services we'll have on Sunday and pause to think about all that is going on in the world and at our church I want to wish you a very merry Christmas season and happy 2024. I am blessed to be here as your pastor. I've learned so much from church members and friends I've made in Ocala. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

Nothing is perfect, no one is perfect besides our Lord Jesus. But I feel blessed. If this is not a perfect sea-

son for you, because a loved one is not here or because your health is not what you wish it was, I understand. None of us are perfect. But Jesus, whose birth we celebrate, comforts us in many ways.

I hope to see you at one or two of our services Sunday. Bring your family and neighbors! We'll worship at 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (family service) and 7:00 p.m. (candlelighting and carols). The 10:00 a.m. service will be on YouTube and I hope to put the 7:00 p.m. service up by Monday evening.

Walk



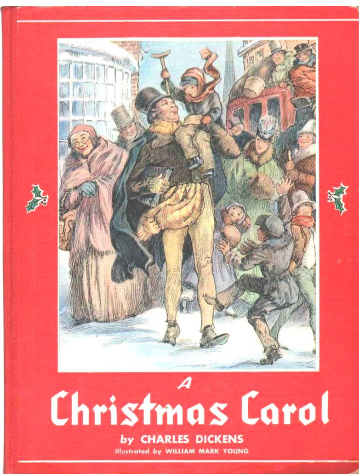
### Advent Season 2023

December 24, 2023—Christmas Eve Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday Service,  
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

5:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service



### A Christmas Carol Reading

Mike Morehouse will be doing a staged reading of Charles Dickens wonderful Victorian Christmas classic - A Christmas Carol - at the Ocala Preserve Club (off US Hwy. 27) at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 22. Come join us as we experience Christmas through the eyes of Scrooge, Marley, the Ghosts, the Cratchits and Tiny Tim! You will hear this timeless tale in Dickens own words as this was the condensed version he performed for audiences in Europe and America.



Free-Will Offering

### The King's Brass

Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. FPC

The King's Brass present you with a variety of music from Gabrieli to hymn classics, from Handel to jazz spirituals, to Patriotic marches. Their extraordinary shows feature inspirational tunes from the oldies, the popular and the classic while they use all corners of the church to lift hearts and inspire you!

We need nine Host Homes to house our musicians. Breakfast and return transportation to the church on Thursday morning. Contact Pat Greaves at 352-362-0013 if you can help. Thank you!



FPC's

### Kirkin' of the Tartans

January 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

### We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 as well as Monday, January 1, 2024



### PRAYER LIST

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Tania Blackwell**  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Bob Dillinger** (Uncle of Wendie Moore)  
**Ruth Fraser**  
**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)  
**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)  
**Sharon Grier** (mother of Lee Anne Drake)  
**Dorothy Halliwell** (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)  
**Bill and Barbara Harrel**  
**Robert Interdonato** (son of Pat, in the hospital)  
**Andrea Mogg Jacque**  
**Victoria Johnson** (great-granddaughter of Christine)  
**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)  
**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Jimmy Kelly** (broken hip, son of Janice)  
**Celine Mack**  
**The Martin family** (Judith, Jason, Nadia, Lisa and Lukas)  
**Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown**  
**Ron McMillin**  
**Gloria Miller**  
**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)  
**Bruce and Wendie Moore**  
**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)  
**Rod Reimer** (former member, recovering)  
**Frank Roberts**  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Janie Scott**  
**Bob and Renee Timmer**  
**Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family**  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Robert Webber** (brother of Ginny Miller)  
**William Wright**

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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God's Saving word: Joy			Saturday	Dec. 23	Luke 1:57-80
Wednesday	Dec. 20	Isaiah 66:1-24	Sunday	Dec. 24	Luke 2:1-20
Thursday	Dec. 21	Luke 1:1-25	Monday	Dec. 25	John 1:1-18
Friday	Dec. 22	Luke 1:26-56	Tuesday	Dec. 26	John 1:19-34