



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



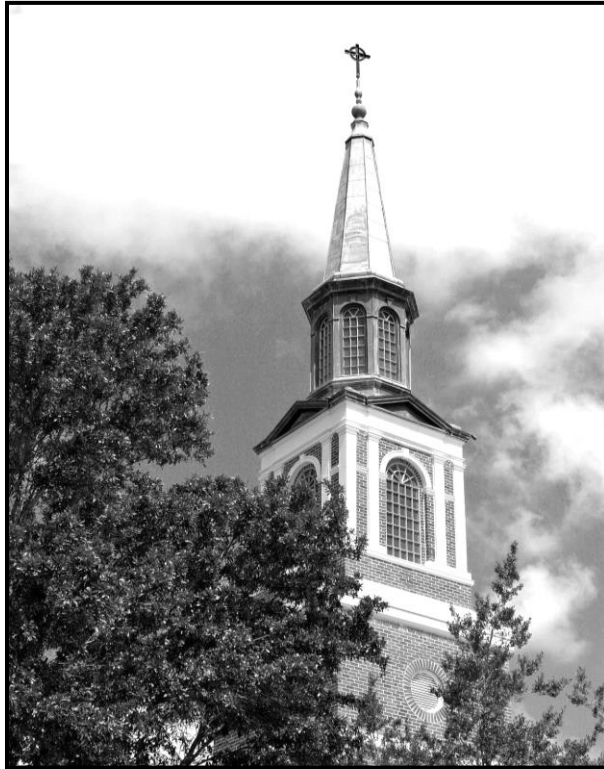
Our Vision

To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

Our Mission

We are an inclusive historic downtown community of Christian faith.

We seek to welcome all people through prayer, meaningful worship, and supportive groups while sharing our talents and resources with those in need.



166 YEARS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OCALA

June 23, 2024

Today's Sermon
"Our Journey"
Valerie Young, Synod Executive

Rev. Dr. Walk Jones, Transitional Pastor
Phyllis Von Ebers, Choir Director
Dr. Kosumo Morishita, Organist
Leslie Athanason, Vocalist

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE LORD'S DAY

June 23, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"It is Well with My Soul"
FPC Strings

arr. John A Dempsey

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Call to Worship, Psalm 100

Elaine Cox, Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West"

#318

*Confession of Sin

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You lead us towards green pastures but we wander in dark valleys. You call us by name but we pretend not to hear. Return us to your flock and fold that we may have abundant life, the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Doxology

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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.

First Reading Psalm 122 (OT pg 702)

Children's Sermon

Songs "Thy Word" #458

"We Believe" Newsboys
Leslie Athanason

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Adaptation of the Lord's Prayer by Anglican Priest, Josephine McDonnell Inkpin
Breath of our every fiber, flowing in and beyond the stars, May we rejoice in you ever-renewing life. May your love flourish, May your peace be known, in all beings and becomings. Sustain us in what we need. Transform the suffering we endure. Free us from all that crushes joy, and keep us from unbearable pain. Let your way be our journey, your truth our story, and your life our coming home, now and always, Amen.

Anthem "Blessed Assurance" arr. Abraham Maduro
FPC Strings

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21 (NT pg 197)

Sermon "Our Journey" Valerie Young

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal pg. 35

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" #463

*Benediction and Offering
(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings)

Postlude "Hornpipe in D" G.F. Handel
FPC Strings



*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Burt and Hazel Perinchief's 64th wedding anniversary.*

The entire church is invited to a baby shower for Kosumo Morishita Athanason on
Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
If you are coming, please email number of guests to rsvpfpc@gmail.com.
Kosumo is having a boy and is registered at Amazon and Target under the name Kosumo Athanason.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our guest preacher today is Valerie Young who has served at the synod level in multiple positions since 2004. Most recently accepting the call as Synod Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of South Atlantic. Valerie is a Ruling Elder who has actively served the denomination in multiple Cursillo communities, on the Ruling Elder Advisory Team to the Office of the General Assembly, and the NEXT Church Strategy. Valerie is married to avid disc golfer, John Young, is a proud mother of Tasha and BGE (Best Grandma Ever) to two grandsons.

We Welcome Visitors - Thanks for worshiping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

Adult Sunday School has taken a break for the summer. See you in September.

Children's Sunday School will not be held during June and July. We will pick back up August 18 the Sunday after school starts.

Middle and High School Youth Group will be meeting on selected dates during the summer. Please check bulletin and Inspire.

Rev. Jones will be away for the next two weeks as he attends the Worship and Music Conference in Montreat then conducts his niece's wedding. If you have need of a pastor please call the church office or your Deacon. We have two great preachers coming while he is away.

The Spire newsletter will not be published in July. Watch for it in August; articles will be due July 17, 2024. Please email to: hquinlan@fpcocala.org

Vacation Bible School will start tomorrow, Monday, June 24th and go through Friday, June 28th. Please keep all children and leaders in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)

Linda Blount (cousin of Janice Kelly, broken hip)

Andy Carlisle

Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)

Linda and Randall Deyton

(sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)

Mina DiGeronimo

Ruth Fraser (broken hip)

Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)

Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

Bill and Barbara Harrel

Andrea Mogg Jacque

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)

CJ Jones (nephew of Margaret Trump)

Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)

Janice Kelly

Kim and Kyle (on mission service, Kim is the daughter of Doug and Paula Brown)

Jose Kornmann (cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

Judith Martin

Ellen Merg (friend of Nita Williams)

Gloria Miller

Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Bruce Moore

Barbara Parks

Theresa Poteet (broken hip)

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Ruthanne and John Reiss

Ann Richardson (on the death of her son Chris)

Vicki Roberts (broken femur)

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

Shelly (cancer diagnosis, friend of Evelyn Longo)

Ann VanDenburgh

Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)

William Wright