

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

Ist Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
November 27, 2016
Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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**Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service*

WELCOME — Please date, fill out, and pass the red Friendship Register to your neighbor.

PRELUDE – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Rebecca Johnson

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* # 9

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (in unison) St. Anselm, 1033-1109

Our God, we pray that we may so know you and love you that we may rejoice in you. And if we may not do so fully in this life, forgive us, and let us go steadily on to the day when we come to fullness of life. Meanwhile let our minds meditate on your eternal goodness, let our tongues speak of it, let our hearts live it, let our mouths speak it, let our souls hunger for it, and our whole being desire it, until we enter into your joy. In the name of Jesus, who loved us first, we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Glory Be to the Father (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

A Time with the Children

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

One: Advent is the time for waiting. Waiting for the Messiah; waiting for hope.

Many: **We wait for the Lord; our souls wait.**

One: With the birth of the Christ Child comes the rebirth of hope for all the world.

Many: **Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.**

One: O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly;

Many: **Come and teach us to live in hope.**

(Singing)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please, no applause.

ANTHEM - A Prayer for Advent Joseph Martin and Douglas Nolan

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS – 2 Corinthians 8:8-15, 9:6-12 (New Testament, **page 183** in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

The Dynamic of Grace Filled Generosity
The Power of Generosity

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) Luke 6:38, *The Message*

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Come Ye Thankful People Come** #551

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Debtors version) (front of Hymnal, pg. 16)

**Response - Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

*(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card.
Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)*

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem - Arise! Shine! Joseph Martin

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – ADVENT DOXOLOGY (#593)**

**Praise Christ, the child of Bethlehem, Whom all the world did once condemn;
May our remembrance of His birth Bring peace again to all the earth. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison) Adapted from Brother Roger of Taizé**

Centering our life on you, Christ Jesus, means daring to choose, leaving ourselves behind so as no longer to walk on two roads at the same time; saying no to all that keeps us from following you, and yes to all that brings us closer to you, and through you to those whom you entrust to us. Lead us always to choose the way of your love, and to trust that as we rest in you who are the Way, you will work in us and in our world in ways we could never imagine or dream, even in these gifts we return to you today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CONCLUDING HYMN – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus # 2**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Congregational Response: God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE - Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" James Denton**

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Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee.

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LAY READER — Darlene Zackson

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Carol Vogt in memory of loved ones.

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We extend our love and prayers to Joan Hester and her family following the sudden passing on November 20th of Joan's son, Mark.

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PRAYER FAMILIES — Each Sunday, we include several of our First Church families in our daily prayers to sustain them in Christian love and support. We will gladly add friends of the church to this. To be included, please call Lynn in the church office. This week, please pray for: **the Cohen family, the Cottingham family, the Cronin family, Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, Helen Brown, Linda Cady, Barbara Crockett, Paula Cronin, Ed & Henrietta Curtis, Philip Fuller, Mary Humiston, Ann & Dick Hunter, Jayne Huston, Bill Huston, Jennifer Huston, Marge Karbacz, Stephanie Kunz, Argentina Mackway, Merle Mikesell, Earl Mohan, Pat Noga, Wilma Paquette, Ed & Kay Rasor, Rennie Rhodes, Norman Schoel, Bobby Snatchko, Garnet Snyder, Bonnie Springer, Robert Walker, Sr., Daniel Williams**

OPPORTUNITIES

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

Please check our website: firstpreshlwdfl.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org >

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BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — December 3rd, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

Deacons Fund offering — December 4th

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Senior High Youth Group — TODAY, 5:00 p.m., Starbuck's on Young Circle

The Good News Kidz (GNK), our Sunday educational program for children ages 4-10, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 420, November 29th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — November 30th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — November 30th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — December 2nd, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel – A study focusing
on the scripture of the day.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, November 28th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 2nd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting — November 28th, Noon, church office

Bold Justice Team — November 28th, 7:30 p.m., chapel

WORSHIP —

The Westminster Choir will present the Christmas cantata *Invitation to a Miracle* by Joseph M. Martin at the 10 AM service on **Sunday, December 11th**. Joyful sounds abound in this beautifully written cantata.

The Westminster Ringers Bell Choir will present a concert at the 10 A. M. service on Sunday, **December 18th**.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27 - Advent 1

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Senior High Youth Group — Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 28

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff Meeting - Church Office Noon
- Bold Justice Team - Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Early Learning Center Chapel - West Wing 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 1

- Westminster Choir 5:15 p.m.
- Westminster Ringers Bell Choir 6:30 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 2

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Presbytery of Tropical Florida meeting - 1st Presbyterian Church of Miami TBA
- Share-A-Meal - Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 4 - Advent 2

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Communion - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.