

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
December 11, 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 – Sussex Carol arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice** # 28

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (in unison) Adapted from the Gelasian Sacramentary (c. 500)

Stir up your power, Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us: through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF Joy

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

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

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

Many: Arise, Jerusalem, rise clothed in light; your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines over you. Rejoice and shout for joy!

One: O Key of David, Door of the Kingdom, Gateway to Joy, free us from the prisons of our locked lives. Batter our hearts, three-personed God, until we hear your word and respond to the need openly, without reserve.

Many: Come, and free us from darkness, teach us to live in light and joy.

(Singing)

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

SPECIAL MUSIC –

Invitation to a Miracle: A Cantata for Christmas
by Joseph M. Martin

narrated by Zak Myers and Mary Silvestro

1. Invitation to a Miracle - Overture

2. A Processional of Hope

3. Joy Arising

4. Your Light Has Come

5. My Soul Rejoices in the Lord
Kay Hall, soprano

6. A Celtic Cradle Song

7. Alleluia! Christ Is Born!

8. Would I Miss the Miracle?

9. A Gloria Gathering
Kay Hall, soprano

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

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 - Carol of the Winter Wind arr. 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 Frank Colquhoun, 1909-2011**

**Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time
in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer; that we may reflect upon the
wonder of your love and allow the story of the Savior’s birth to penetrate our
hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives
worthier of all that you have for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing # 31**

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 - Trumpet Tune and Toccata on “Angels We Have Heard on High” Michael Helman**

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

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LAY READER — Leslie Young

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sally Southmayd in loving memory of her
daughter Susan, and in honor of the Westminster Choir.**

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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 Donnelly family, the Ellis family, the Fernandez family, Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Tom Backus, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, 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, 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 >**

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, December 13th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — December 14th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — December 14th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — December 16th, 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, December 12th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 16th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting — December 12th, Noon, church office

Worship Committee — December 12th, 6:30 p.m., chapel

Finance Committee — December 14th, 7pm, Church Office

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Deborah Circle — December 12th, 11:30 a.m., in the home of Marilyn McIntosh

Our Annual Holiday Fair and Cook Sale is December 18th - so start thinking about what you would like to bake! **PW is collecting quart-size jars** for a Holiday Fair project. Please contact Kathryn Tyahla for information.

WORSHIP —

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

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Looking Ahead

Justice Weekend - January 13th -15th

Wine & Cheese Justice party - January 13th

Bold Justice Network - January 15th

First Communion Orientation - January 18th

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11 - Advent 3

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Cantata - 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, December 12

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Deborah Circle - in the home of Marilyn McIntosh	11:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting - Church Office	Noon
Worship Committee - Chapel	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Learning Center Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

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 16

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Learning Center Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
After Care Chapel - Sanctuary	4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday, December 18 - Advent 4

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Bell Concert - Baptism - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building	10:00 a.m.
Holiday Fair & Bake Sale - Patio	following worship
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.