

# The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

## I<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

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January 1, 2017

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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, All Ye Faithful* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP** - (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**) Adapted from 2 Corinthians 3:13 & Ecclesiastes 3

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*For everything there is a season*

**and a time for every matter under heaven.**

*God has made everything suitable for its time.*

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

*God has done this so that all should stand in awe before God.*

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION** - (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**)

Adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual 2017

God of new beginnings and faithful endings,  
walk with us into this new year.  
Open our eyes to see you  
in everyone we meet.  
Open our hearts to welcome others  
with the same love we would greet Jesus.  
Live in us,  
that we might shine light  
into shadows of sorrow,  
that we might offer hope  
to those hungering for mercy and joy,  
through Jesus Christ,  
whose coming offers a new beginning to us all  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** - (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**) . . . Liturgy Alive: Models of Celebration

**All: For all the things we have done wrong in the past  
against God and against people,  
we now ask the Lord and one another to forgive us.**

(PAUSE)

Leader: Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages.  
Give us a new heart and a new spirit;  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end  
of all that is, including our lives.  
Make a new beginning with all of us;  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation.  
Make our old world new again;  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and let your forgiveness and love  
come down on us day after day.  
Lead us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS-** (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**)-Book of Common Worship

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**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.**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Please, no applause.*

**ANTHEM - A Carol of Hope** ..... Don Besig

**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.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Elder Carlos R. Fernandez

**SCRIPTURE READINGS - Matthew 25:31-46 (New Testament, Page 29 in pew Bible)  
Revelation of John 21:1-6a (New Testament, Page 259 in pew Bible)**

**\*HYMN – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** ..... # 38

**THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison)** ..... Adapted from the Belhar Confession

**That God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells....For God's life giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity. And God's life giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

*Give as you have made up your mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*(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 - Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow** ..... arr. Tom Scott

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**)

Leader: *Blessed are you, God of all creation;*

*through your goodness we have these gifts to share.*

*Accept and use our offerings for your glory*

*and for the service of your kingdom.*

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**)

Adapted from Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,  
and with the whole earth tell of the greatness of your name,  
for you are the God who makes all things new.

The moon and the stars are your handiwork,  
and the earth and its inhabitants reflect your glory.  
You have created us, dressing us in glory undeserved,  
and entrusted the charge of the earth to our hands.

You have created a time for everything under heaven:  
a time for remembering,  
.....and a time to set plans for the future;  
a time for prayer  
.....and a time to act with courage and compassion;  
a time for sacrifice  
.....and a time to enjoy the fruits of our toil.  
In Jesus Christ, you have made your home among us,  
and gathered our times into your time,  
so that we might live the life of the kingdom  
which you prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,  
we offer you all that we have

and all that we are  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**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)**

*And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:*

**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.**

**\*HYMN – O for a World . . . . . # 386**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING** (Congregation reads words in **BOLD**) . . . . . Inspired by Revelation 21:1-5

*God says: "Behold, I am making everything new!"*

*In this new year, let us move forward*

*with a new song in our hearts and on our lips,*

*with the new way before us,*

*and with our eyes fixed on the horizon*

*when Christ will return*

*and make a new heaven and a new earth.*

**May this be the year.**

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

**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 - Tidings of Comfort and Joy . . . . . Ellen Jane Lorenz**  
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**Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee.**  
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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Polly Jenness  
in honor of her children and grandchildren.**  
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**We welcome to the pulpit today Carlos Fernández. Carlos is an ordained ruling elder and  
deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, FL., as well as an inquirer for ordination.  
He is a faculty librarian at Florida International University where he manages the university's  
United Nations and European Union's depositories. He has master degrees in theology and  
library science and anticipates completing his Master of Divinity by 2020.**

**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 **Gray** family, the **Hanna** family, the **Hardenburg** family, **Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Tom Backus, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, Helen Brown, Barbara Crockett, Paula Cronin, Ed & Henrietta Curtis, 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 Razor, Bobby Snatchko, Garnet Snyder, Bonnie Springer, Daniel Williams**

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**The Church and Learning Center offices  
will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the New Year holiday.**

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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

**Please check our website: [firstpreshlwdfl.org](http://firstpreshlwdfl.org)  
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org) >**

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### **BOARD OF DEACONS —**

**Deacons Fund offering — TODAY**

**Share-A-Meal — January 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen**

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES —**

**Senior High Youth Group — January 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m., Starbucks on Young Circle**

### **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**

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

### **MEETING —**

**Nominating Committee — January 8<sup>th</sup>, following worship, in the church office.**

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**Looking Ahead . . . . .**

**January 8** - Worship - 10:00 a.m. — Communion  
Take down Christmas decorations

**January 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - Justice Weekend**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** - Wine & Cheese Justice party

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Bold Justice Network

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** - First Communion Orientation

**January 29<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Congregational Meeting

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

Worship – Sanctuary . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel . . . . . 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 2**

Church and Learning Centers' office closed

**Thursday, January 5**

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, January 6 - Epiphany**

A Time of Prayer – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Saturday, January 7**

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel . . . . . 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Share-A-Meal - Church Kitchen . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, January 8 - Baptism of the Lord**

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

Worship – Communion - Sanctuary . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Decoration take-down . . . . . Following worship

Nominating Committee - Church Office . . . . . Following worship

Senior High Youth Group - Starbucks on Young Circle . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

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