

**Welcome!**  
**We are so glad you are here.**

**January 7, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.**

**The church is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners.**

*Morton Kelsey*

**It is often said that the Church is a crutch.  
Of course, it's a crutch. What make you think you don't limp?**

*William Sloan Coffin*

**Since the church finds its life in Christ,  
he is at its center, and a church defined by its center  
doesn't have to worry about the boundaries.**

*M. Craig Barnes, Searching For Home*

**The church is God saying: "I'm throwing a banquet,  
and all those mismatched, messed up people are invited.**

**Here, have some wine."**

*Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday*

**Bringing It to Completion**  
***Moving Toward a Complete Life***

**Philippians 1:1-11**

**The First Presbyterian Church**

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**Baptism of the Lord**

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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** - *A Christmas Medley* . . . . . arr. Charity Book Putnam

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – Arise, Your Light Is Come!** . . . . . # 411

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)** . . Adapted from Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 1834-92

To come to you is to come home from exile, to come to land out of the raging storm, to come to rest after long labor, to come to the goal of our desires and the summit of our wishes. But Lord, how can a stone rise, how can a lump of clay come away? O raise us, draw us. Your grace can do it. Forgive us for the time when we miss the wonder of who you are. Send forth your Holy Spirit to kindle sacred flames of love in our hearts, and we will continue to rise until we leave life and time behind us, and indeed come away. In the name of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life 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.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ANTHEM –** *Your Light Has Come* ..... Jon Paige/arr. Joseph Martin

**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 READING –** **Philippians 1:1-11** (New Testament, **Page 196** in pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

**Bringing It to Completion  
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**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** ..... Philippians 2:5-11

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Help Us Accept Each Other** ..... # 358

**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.)*

*The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.*

**Offertory Anthem –** *Would I Miss the Miracle?* ..... Douglas Nolan/arr. Joseph Martin

**\*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.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** ..... Adapted from Columbanus, 543-615

**Lord, we pray that you may be a lamp for us in the darkness. Touch our souls and kindle a fire within them, that they may burn brightly and give light to our life. And may the light shining within us shine on our sisters and brothers that it may drive away the darkness that draws them away from you. Thus together let us and these tithes and gifts we return to you be lights to the world, manifesting the bright beauty of your gospel to all around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*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 - *March of the Kings*** ..... Carl Simone

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

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**LAY READER – David Lindstrom**

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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 send our love, thoughts, and prayers to Virginia Schoel and her family,  
following the passing on December 24th of Virginia's husband, Norman.**

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

It is our hope that you will encounter God as you worship with us. First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. There are educational offerings for all ages, as well as fellowship groups for members and friends of the church. All are welcome. (For information, visit us at our web site at: **fpcoh.org**)

**CHILD CARE for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the Narthex/ Lobby of the church. Children's worship kits** are also available for younger children. Please ask an usher for assistance. Our **children's Sunday school, Good News Kidz (GNK)** gathers at 10am in the sanctuary (September through May,)

**FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, in the narthex we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

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

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## **BOARD OF DEACONS —**

**A Deacons Fund offering will be received today.**

These gifts will go to help members of our church and community when they face financial distress, or to help folks in need who God places in our path. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin.

Just a reminder, **we continue to collect non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies and gently used or new sneakers and blue jeans** for the Jubilee Center. You may place these items in the narthex area.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary**

**Boy Scout Troop 420, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building**

**Learning Center chapel — January 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**Early Learning Center chapel — January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., West Wing**

**After Care Center chapel — January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**GNK Teacher Bible study — January 14<sup>th</sup>, following worship, church office**

**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, January 8<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**MEETINGS —**

**Staff meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, Noon, church office**

**Worship Committee – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p.m., Chapel**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —**

**Deborah Circle, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., Chapel**

**Circle 1, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Patron Azteca, 5181 Sheridan Street**

**Koinonia Circle, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., at Kathy Meyer's**

**LOOKING AHEAD.....**

**Annual Congregation meeting, January 28th**

**Hollywood Healing Haiti Concert, January 28th.**

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## **DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK**

Here are the unscheduled times this week where  
I am available for y'all to come by for a visit!

### **Sunday – 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

(Bible study, worship and lunch take up the rest of the day.)

### **Monday – 10:30 to 11:30 and 2:00 to 6:00**

(staff mtg., and Session take up the rest of the day)

### **Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 to 3 PM**

(Preschool walk-around, and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

### **Wednesday – 10:30 AM to 1 PM and 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**

(lunch. and mtg. w. James Potts take up the remaining time)

### **Friday – 10:30 to 11:30**

(sermon preparation and chapel take up the rest of the day)

Please try to call beforehand so I can put the kettle on, and to make sure that the schedule hasn't unexpectedly changed for a hospital visit or some other concern.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 7 – 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
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel . . . . . 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, January 8**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel . . . . . 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Deborah Circle – Chapel . . . . . 11:30 a.m.
- Staff meeting – Church office . . . . . Noon
- Worship Committee – Chapel . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, January 9 – school resumes**

- Circle 1 – 5181 Sheridan Street . . . . . 5:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, January 10**

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

### **Thursday, January 11**

- 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 12**

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

### **Saturday, January 13**

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel . . . . . 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Koinonia Circle – at Kathy Meyer’s . . . . . 10:30 a.m.
- Our Lady of Hope Orthodox Catholic Church – Chapel . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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



## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

### **THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, WE BLEW AWAY THE CHRISTMAS GOAL!**

Over the course of this Advent and Christmas season, not only did y'all meet the challenge match of \$5,000.00, but you exceeded it by over a thousand dollars! You gave over \$11,000.00 to this year's annual Christmas campaign, which makes this the largest Christmas offering in our church's recent history! Thank you so much!

Your gifts will provide close to \$3,000.00 to people and churches devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. You have enabled our largest church commitment since we became a part of Bold Justice, becoming partners with 20 other Broward County churches! Your gifts there will move forward desperately needed change on how seniors are cared for in our community, driving forward the movement for the development of a new model of assisted living facilities in our county that treats seniors with the dignity and attention that they deserve and need, with our largest church commitment ever to our partnership with Bold Justice as we work with our sister churches in seeing that happen. And finally, and most crucially, you have provided almost \$6,000.00 to help ensure that this church community continues to be a faithful and sustaining witness to God's love in this city, even as our own Hollywood Gazette (see below) just put part of that witness on its front page with our partnership with Temple Beth El in our work in Haiti through Hollywood CARES. Thanks for your gifts that will help this community of faith to be a strong witness to God's love in Hollywood and beyond.

### **WE MADE THE FRONT PAGE AGAIN!**

Less than a month ago, our church landed on the Sun Sentinel's front page due to our hosting of the memorial service for Ollie, the dog tragically killed in our community late last year. And now this month, we have landed on the front page again, now of the Hollywood Gazette. For the January issue, this local community paper made our partnership in Haiti with Temple Beth El their main story - a great promotion for our annual Hollywood CARES concert for Haiti in Young Circle Arts Park on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you don't get the physical version of the paper, here is the link address to see it on the internet: <https://www.hollywoodgazette.com/2017/12/29/hollywoods-god-squad-creates-daily-miracles-for-kids-in-haiti/>