

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday

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.
Multicultural Food Pot Luck Luncheon – Patio following worship
GNK Teachers – Church Office following the luncheon
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 2

A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff meeting – Church office Noon

Tuesday, October 3

Circle 1 – Chapel 5:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 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, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.
PW Luncheon – Orangebrook Country Club 11:45 a.m.
Pumpkins arrive!!!! – Pumpkin Patch 4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Hope Orthodox Catholic Church – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8 – Sign-Up Sunday

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.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Youth Group – at Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

October 1, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Who has not found the heaven below

Will fail of it above.

God's residence is next to mine,

His furniture is love.

Emily Dickinson

The two longings deepest in your heart – the longing to love and to be loved –
are not merely psychological needs; at a more profound level, they are the
stirring of God within you.

John O'Donohue

We are not saved by the love we exercise but by the love we trust.

Richard Lovelace, Theologian

How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved.

Sigmund Freud

You are loved, someone said. Take that and eat it.

Mary Karr, Writer

**Living into the Joy of Being a Child of God
Beholding the Love**

1 John 3:1-3

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

World Communion Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
Remek October 1, 2017
923-8209
Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

Director of Music: Dr. Robert
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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 – *The Love of Jesus Medley*. arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – *In Christ There Is No East or West* # 439

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from St. Gertrude the Great,
1256-1302

O Love, O God, who created us, in your love recreate us. O Love, who redeemed us, fill up in us whatever part of our love has fallen into neglect within us. O Love, O God, who first loved us, grant that within our whole hearts, and with our whole souls, and with our whole strength, we may love you. In the name of the One who out of love gave everything for us. 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

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Fall Festival – Friday, October 20th, Pumpkin Patch

Scout Sunday – Sunday, October 29th, 10:00 a.m.

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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 PM to 4:00 PM (Bible study, worship, take up the rest of the day.)

Monday – 2 PM to 5:00 PM (worship preparation, and staff take up the remaining time.)

Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (Preschool walk-around, Rotary and Urban League meeting take up the remaining time.)

Wednesday – 3 PM to 6:00 PM (chapels, lunch and mtg. w. James Potts take up the remaining time)

Friday – 9:30 AM to 12 PM (Aftercare chapel and sermon finalization take up the remaining time.)

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

GNK TEACHERS Bible Study and Training — TODAY, church office, following worship and the Multicultural Pot Luck Lunch

Boy Scout Troop 420, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — October 4th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — October 4th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — October 6th, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

Senior High Youth Group — October 8th, 5:00 p.m. at 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

Monday, October 2nd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, October 6th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Staff meeting, October 2nd, Noon, church office

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)—

Circle 1, October 3rd, Chapel

PW Fall Luncheon, Saturday, October 7th at Orangebrook Country Club at 11:45 am. All ladies are welcome. The **cost is \$20** with a choice of Chicken Marsala or Fish with a dill sauce. Payment is needed prior to the luncheon, with **payment deadline of Monday, October 3rd.** Please see Kathryn after church in the narthex to sign up.

PUMPKIN PATCH —

The pumpkins arrive at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday (October 7th). To learn how you can help or receive a copy of the events calendar, please call 954-922-8558.

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ANTHEM — *A Hymn of Praise to the Creator* Eric Thiman

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 – I John 3:1-3 (New Testament, Page 240 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Living into the Joy of Being a Child of God

Beholding the Love

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) I John 4:16b-18

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Jesus Loves Me! . . #304**

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 – Cradle Me, Lord Berta and Sonja Poorman

***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) St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
1091-1153**

**Jesus, how sweet is the very thought of you! The sweetness of your love
surpasses the sweetness of honey. Nothing sweeter than you can be described;
no words can express the joy of your love. Only those who have tasted your
love for themselves can comprehend it. Thank you for giving yourself to us. In
Jesus' names we pray. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Communion Anthem – We Remember You.....Lloyd Larson
Mary Silvestro, Flute**

***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 for a Festive Day Emma Lou Diemer
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**Visitors, following worship please join us on the patio for coffee and juice,
And our annual Multicultural Potluck Luncheon.**

**LAY READER – James Potts
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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Susie & Robert McCarthy
in memory of Wensel & Sue Ann Estess.**

**The flowers in the narthex/lobby are given by
Susie & Robert McCarthy in honor of the Estess family**

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 October 1st.

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 next week's 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.

Share-A-Meal — October 7th, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

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A WORD FROM KENNEDY

A SPECIAL SORT OF SPECIAL OFFERING

Traditionally on this Sunday, we take up an offering for Peacemaking, both locally and globally. Now, this sort of offering can be confusing because what most folks mean by peace and what the Bible means are two somewhat different things. When people think about peace, they usually think about an absence of something as in an absence of conflict. But the Biblical word for peace, shalom, describes instead a fullness. It envisions a world full of justice, full of enough food and shelter for all, full of people with a sense of fulfillment and gratitude. It envisions a world full of the things that truly make for peace.

So, when Christians give an offering for making peace or making shalom in the world, it can go in a lot of directions. This year, this offering goes in the direction of family peace, and since peace means far more to Christians than an absence of conflict, it will go to bringing greater fulfillment to the families under our care in all our ministries from the children's ministries on Sunday morning to the ministries of our Learning Centers to the work of our Cub and Boy Scouts. As we bring greater inner fulfillment to these families, out of that abundance, peace will come in all its forms to these households.

As part of that vision of bringing greater fulfillment to our community's families, the church has made a sacrificial commitment to fund out of the church's reserves a new position, our Director of Family Ministries. And we are so grateful that God has led us to a terrific person to take on this role in James Potts.

If you haven't met James yet, here are a few facts about him. James grew up in an independent Baptist congregation in Danville, Illinois, but later joined the Presbyterian church there. Prior to becoming a student at McCormick Seminary in Chicago, where he excelled in his studies, James worked in retail management. James plays the piano, and is a highly talented musician. From working in a child-care center to serving as a Presbyterian mission worker in an after-school ministry in Chicago, James has had extensive experience working with children and their families. His references described him as, "easy to like, fearless, passionate, gifted, a live wire, sensitive and strong, well organized, and with a great sense of joy." And we have certainly found those things to be true in his first months on our team. And next week, while I am away for a few days, you will even get to have a chance to hear James preach!

Now for James to grow in his work, we need to make sure that he has opportunities to grow and learn, so we have set up a special education fund to enable him to go to training conferences where he can become more effective in his work of bringing fulfillment to the families in our midst. So, this year, we will focus our offering around this need. And as someone who knows the value of such development, I am personally making a challenge

gift where I will match every gift dollar for dollar up to a combined total of 1200.00, which will almost cover the ultimate goal of \$1250.00 for this need.

That means a five-dollar gift becomes ten dollars; a twenty dollar one become forty; you get the idea. So, this Sunday if you would like to make an investment in our vision of bringing fulfillment and shalom to families in our community by investing in the growth of James, then you can take the small white envelope (some will be marked special offering and others will be simply be blank), and make a special gift for this cause. Let's do our part to bring fulfillment to families by equipping James as he leads us in this effort.

THANKS TO THE WINDHOVER FOUNDATION!

Speaking of special gifts, our Learning Centers received a wonderful unexpected blessing last week. Richard and Emilio Quadracci Cabrera, parents of Richard, have been so touched by their son's experience in our Early Learning Center program that through their family's foundation, the Windhover Foundation, they made a special gift of \$10,000.00 to our Learning Center ministries!

Already, our Learning Center leadership team have been putting together a list of items that range from new audio-visual equipment to new playground structures to new learning items that we will use these funds for. And beyond the remarkable generosity of the gift, it serves as a wonderful affirmation of the wonderful work that these ministries do. So a big thank you goes to Richard and Emilio for this gift!

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!

Every year at this time, a wonderful thing happens. The western part of our campus that we call the Patch, gets transformed into a magical place, called the Pumpkin Patch. And that transformation begins next Saturday, October 7th at 4 PM as thousands of pumpkins arrive to populate that space with all sorts of autumn magic. But that transformation needs you! Please come out and help us unload the pumpkins, and we will provide the pizza! But more than the pizza, you will discover just how fun it is to be part of this transformation as people of all ages from all sections of our community comes together to make this happen. It is truly an amazing experience. Come out and be part of the magical transformation!

**WE HAVE A NEWLY DESIGNED KIDS NOOK!
FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS (THROUGH CHRISTMAS), WE WILL
BE EXPERIMENTING WITH AN EXPANDED KIDS AREA IN THE SOUTH
PART OF OUR CHURCH LOBBY. EVEN TODAY, YOU WILL NOTICE
SOME CHANGES TO THAT AREA, AND LOOK FOR MORE CHANGES IN
THE WEEKS TO COME, AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.**