

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

November 19, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

To believe in something, and not to live it is dishonest.

Mahatma Gandhi

**Holding on is believing that there's only a past;
letting go is knowing that there's a future.**

Daphne Rose Kingma

**Faith in God is less apt to proceed from miracles
than miracles from faith in God.**

Frederick Buechner

**If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something,
I can neither give nor receive.**

Dorothee Soelle

**If God is the source of life,
it is self-destructive to put our trust elsewhere.
If giving causes more pain than pleasure,
it is not our money but our faith that is insufficient.**

William Sloan Coffin

**Real Giving
The Power of Proportion**

Luke 21:1-4

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

24st Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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November 19, 2017

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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***Please stand if you are able.**

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

PRELUDE – *Songs of Thanks and Praise* arr. Sharon Elery Rogers
The Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** **# 551**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Richard Harries, b. 1936

O God, you know that we are often filled with fear and foreboding. Forgive us when we let our fears lead us rather than your love. Give us courage and deepen our trust. You are a rock which nothing can shatter, a rock from which the water of life flows. On you we can place the whole weight of our lives. In Jesus' name 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

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Meditation* Dan Edwards
The Handbell Choir

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 – Luke 21:1-4 (New Testament, Page 85 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) John 3:16-17 NRSV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Take My Life and Let It Be** **#391**

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.)*

The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.

Offertory Anthem – For the Autumn Sky Ruth Schram

***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)** from The Liturgy of the Hours

Lord our God, Father of all, you guard us under the shadow of your wings and search into the depths of our hearts. Remove the blindness that cannot know you and relieve the fear that would hide us from your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God** **# 555**

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** – *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* arr. Dennis Eliot

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Lay Reader – E. C. Burluson

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Joan Henry and the Robert Henry family in memory of Bob Henry.

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The church and Learning Centers' office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee. 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; and
our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/>
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org**

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

- Good News Kidz (GNK)** — (Sunday school for children ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary
- Good News Kidz Teachers** — following worship, church office
- Boy Scout Troop 420, November 21st**, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY — A family-friendly, intergenerational event exploring the journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Come out and enjoy food, fun, and make your own Advent wreath to use at home for years to come. This will take place in the chapel on Thursday, **November 30 from 5:00-6:30 pm.** **Space is limited; email James Potts at jpotts@fpcoh.org to let him know you plan to attend.**

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 20th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff, November 20th, Noon, Church office

Team of Chairs, November 20th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Session, November 20th, 7:00 p.m., chapel

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —

Bring your sweet tooth to the patio after church today for the PW cookie sale. There are lots of delicious homemade cookies.

Ladies, please help us make cookie trays and deliver them to the shut ins this afternoon. We will meet in the church kitchen after the cookie sale to make up the trays and then deliver them to the shut ins.

Afghan Raffle:

Amy Rachel has made a beautiful afghan for PW to raffle off in support our mission work. This would make a beautiful shower, graduation, wedding, Christmas or birthday present for someone, or a nice gift to yourself. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after church in the narthex. Tickets are 3 for \$10. We will raffle the afghan on Sunday, **December 10th,** **during our Annual Gift Fair and Cookie Sale.**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

- 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.
- Presbyterian Women’s Cookie Sale – Patio following worship
- GNK Teachers – Church Office following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 20

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office Noon
- Team of Chairs – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Session – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21

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

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

- Church and Learning Centers closed
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 24

- Church and Learning Centers closed

Saturday, November 25

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Hope Orthodox Catholic Church – Chapel 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King 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.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Christmas Journey — November 30th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Pryce Deibele - December 2nd, 11:00 a.m.

Share-A-Meal – December 2nd, 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens & Covered Dish Dinner – December 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Multicultural Christmas lunch – December 3rd, after worship

Presbyterian Women's Gift Fair and Cookie Sale – December 10th, after worship

The Angel Tree gift deadline: December 4th

Christmas food donation deadline: December 4th

A WORD FROM KENNEDY —

THE COMING IS COMING!

As Thanksgiving approaches, it reminds me that with this beloved holiday, an old year nears its end, and a new one will soon begin. In the Christian calendar, the new year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, this year December 3rd. This word, Advent, literally means, the coming - as in Jesus is coming not only at Christmas, but also at the end of time, to bring healing and wholeness to our broken and hurting world. As a church, we will be marking that coming with three special events.

On **Thursday, November 30th from 5 to 6:30 PM**, James Potts, our Director of Family Ministries, will be hosting a special **Christmas Journey** where you will have the opportunity to make your own Advent wreath. If you are not familiar with this Christian tradition, this is a great time to learn. Each week during the four Sundays of Advent, you and your family light one candle on the Advent wreath; and on Christmas Day, you light the Christ candle. During our get-together, you will learn about the season of Advent, and take home your own family Advent wreath! This event is open to families of any age, as well as to younger families in our church and Learning Center community who would like to learn more about Advent.

Saturday, December 2nd at 6 PM, come out to help us **Hang the Greens** as we decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season. Then join us for a **potluck chili supper on the patio**. You can **contribute your own chili** to the cause, or **bring some other side dish or dessert to share**.

And speaking of food, the very next day (**Sunday, December 3rd**), following worship, we are having our first **Multi-Cultural Christmas Food Fair** - an event which includes our Learning Center families, and also our sisters and brothers in the Russian Baptist Church which meets here Sundays and Thursdays. So **bring food to show off your cultural heritage** as we mark the coming of Christmas!

Indeed, the Coming is coming!

Mark your calendars now for any or all of these special Advent kick off events!

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 to 3 PM

(worship and Bible study take up the morning)

Monday – 10:30 to 11:30 and 2:00 to 7:00

(staff mtg. takes 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 – 3 PM to 7:00 PM

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

Thursday and Friday

Office is closed for Thanksgiving

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.

