

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

December 31, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.



Long-Awaited Gift

Luke 2:22-40

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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December 31, 2017

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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 – *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (#41)

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)

We confess, O God, that we are not ready to come down from the Christmas “high.” So much time was spent in gathering, wrapping, and delivering gifts; in preparing for family gatherings and times with friends; in decorating our homes. But somehow, right after Christmas Day, we feel a letdown. We don’t want that “high” to be over. We want to feel the “peace on earth” feeling, but we let it go. We push it aside when we begin our journey of complaining and blaming others for everything that is going wrong. We ignore the blessing of the gift when we refuse to help those in need. Shake us up, Lord! Get us ready to be people of compassion and hope. Wake us up, Lord! Help us see the beauty and possibilities of peace around us. Fill us up, Lord! Fill us to overflowing with joy. Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions speak of your love for us. 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

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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Luke 2:22-40 (New Testament, Page 86 in pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD James M. Potts
Long-Awaited Gift**

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #37**

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 - Gentle Carols of Bethlehem 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)**

**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. Blessed be God forever. 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 – Good Christian Men, Rejoice! Arr. Gordon Young**

Lay Reader – Dorothy Olive

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Chris Gair
in memory of his parents, Gordon and Isabel Gair.**

**Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with Barbara & Christen Hartley
following the passing on December 20th, of husband and father
Dr. William C. (Bill) Hartley. A memorial service will be held
January 6th in our sanctuary.**

**This morning, we welcome Ann Stewart, CAGO, as guest organist, while
Robert takes some well-deserved time away.**

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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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**Please take a moment to visit the Manger Scene in the west lot.
Our thanks go to Bart Carlisle for his work on this project.**

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**The church and Learning Center offices will be closed
Monday, January 1, 2018, for New Year's Day.**

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BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — January 6th, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

A Deacons Fund offering will be received January 7th.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary -
Today, the children will remain in worship with their parents.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel – A study focusing on the scripture of the day. **The group returns January 7th.**

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel
Friday, January 5th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

HOLLYWOOD C.A.R.E.S for HAITI — **The next meeting of Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. will be on Thursday, January 4th, 7:30 pm, in the Temple Beth El Media Center (library), 1351 South 14 Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting – no obligation. Call Sharon Tanenhaus at 954-920-8225 for information.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Circle I, 5:30 p.m., in the chapel

WORSHIP —

Following the January 7th worship service, please stay and help take down the Christmas decorations.

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

January 12th — 2017 Annual Reports from Committees due
January 28th — Annual Congregation meeting
January 28th — Hollywood Healing Haiti concert

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1 – Happy New Year

Church and Learning Centers’ offices closed

Tuesday, January 2

- Circle 1 – Chapel 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Hollywood C.A.R.E.S – Temple Beth El 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 5

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

Saturday, January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Hope Orthodox Catholic Church – Chapel 5:00 p.m.

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.

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**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!!**