

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

March 18, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.

Lady Bird Johnson, First Lady

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

Harold S. Hurlburt

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

Dr. Seuss

**God does not give his blessing to those
who think they can do it for themselves.**

Dale Galloway

**With the first light of sun, bless you
When the long day is done, bless you
In your smiles and your tears, bless you
Through each day of your years, bless you.**

An Irish blessing

**The Power of Faith 5
*The Blessing of Blessing***

Numbers 6:22-27

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

5th Sunday in Lent

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Director of Family Ministries: James M. Potts

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March 18, 2018

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Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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WELCOME TO WAUMBA WORSHIP!

PRELUDE – *When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. John Rutter
Mary Jo Remek, digital accordion

IT’S TIME TO BLESS - WAUMBA!

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***OPENING SONG – He’s the King** **Please see screen**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from an Ancient Western Rite for Easter

**May the light of Christ, rising in glory, scatter the darkness of your hearts
and minds; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, rest upon you, and be with you always. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Must Be Done in Love* **Please see screen**

Into the Bible **Please see screen**

INTO THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE READING – Numbers 6:22-27 Old Testament page 124 in pew Bible

THE MESSAGE Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

The Power of Faith 5
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THIS WE BELIEVE Jeremiah 17:7-8, NRSV

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

SPECIAL MUSIC – *My Jesus, He Loves Me* Please see screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.)

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem – *Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door* African-American spiritual

***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.

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** Adapted from St. Columba 521-597

Be thou a bright flame before us; be thou a guiding star above us; be thou a smooth path below us; be thou a kindly shepherd behind us, today, tonight – and forever. This we pray in your name, Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN – Give It Away** Please see screen

***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 - *Boléro de concert L.J.A. Lefébure-Wely

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

You are also invited to our annual
EASTER BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT
in the West Lot Campus, also known as the Pumpkin Patch.

Tickets available at the gate! Adults: \$20 per person Children: \$15 per person

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Lay Reader – Joseph Moniz

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ted and Donna Beutner
in memory of loved ones.

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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.

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: facebook.com/fpcoh/
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

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BOOK CLUB —

Wednesday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m., in the church office. Our next book is *Big Little Lies*, by Liane Moriarty. The discussion is led by retired librarian, Ellen Yamrick.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

Boy Scout Troop 420 — **March 20th**, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — **March 21st**, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — **March 21st**, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

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, March 19th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, March 23rd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

LENTEN FILM SERIES —

On **March 21st**, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel, our final film is the stunning **Praying the Devil Back to Hell**, winner of Best Documentary at the Tribeca Film Festival, and one of the most universally acclaimed films of 2008.

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting, Noon, March 19th, in the church office

Team of Chairs, 6:00 p.m., March 19th, in the chapel

Session meeting, 7:00 p.m., March 19th, in the chapel

WORSHIP —

MINI LENTEN CANTATA — The Westminster Choir will premiere a new work, *Stabat Mater*, by resident composer Dr. Ken Benoit during the **10 AM service next Sunday, March 25th**. The English text reflects on the sorrow of Mary as she stood in the presence of her son Jesus on the cross. This mini-cantata for choir and organ features a soprano solo that will be sung by Kay Hall.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Deadline for ordering Easter lilies: Monday, March 26th

Maundy Thursday service, March 29th, 6:00 pm, chapel

Good Friday service, March 30th, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary

Child Care provided for both services.

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 – 4 to 6 PM

(Bible study, worship, the picnic, and premarital counseling take up the rest of the day.)

Monday – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 5 pm

(Staff Meeting and Session take up the rest of the day.)

Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

(preschool walkaround, Rotary, and movie previewing take up the remaining time.)

Wednesday – 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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

Friday – 10:30 to 12 PM

(sermon work and aftercare chapel 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.

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From the desk of James M. Potts, Director of

Each week brings with it a set of many tasks which help the area of Family Ministries run smoothly. I felt it would be beneficial to let everyone know a bit of my scheduling and how I use my time. I have broken this down below:

Monday: in my office 9 a.m. - Noon; staff meeting and lunch Noon – 2 p.m.; with the After Care school program 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: My day of rest

Wednesday: in my office 9 a.m. - Noon; Meeting with Kennedy 2 – 3 p.m.; with the After Care school program 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: in my office 9 a.m. - Noon; with the After Care school program 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday: in my office 9 a.m. - Noon;

Sunday 9 a.m. - Noon Worship and GNK

Times which are not listed are spent with my own professional development, such as reading or studying; preparing for GNK; meetings with youth/parents; visiting with children/parents in the LC/ELC.

Feel free to stop by and visit during office hours, or feel free to call/email to set up a time to come and visit. My office can be found in the Educational Center on the second floor. You may contact me at: jpotts@fpcch.org or 954-923-8209, ext 115.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18 – Lent 5

- 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.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic – Pumpkin Patch following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Staff meeting – Church office Noon
- Team of Chairs – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Session meeting – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club – Church Office 7:00 p.m.
- Lenten Series Movie – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 22

- 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, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Mini-Cantata - 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.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THIS EASTER, HELP CHANGE LIVES IN HOLLYWOOD AND BEYOND!

Over a decade ago, it all began with an Easter offering. In 2006, our church launched a remarkable mission to care for orphaned HIV children in Haiti. Now, some of those children are beginning college! This Easter, 25% of your Easter gift will go to support that on-going work through Hollywood CARES, our partnership in Haiti with Temple Beth El. Another 25% will go to feed the hungry of Hollywood in our partnership with Broward Outreach called Share-A-Meal, where our church feeds well over a hundred people the first Saturday of every month. The final 50% will support our on-going outreach efforts to families in greater Hollywood. Every dollar you give will be doubled by a challenge gift of \$5,000.00 to enable us to reach our \$10,000 Easter goal. Please give generously! Let's share the transforming power of God's love in Hollywood and beyond!

TODAY, OUR WORSHIP HAS A LITTLE WAUMBA FLAVOR TO IT

This Sunday, as part of our Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic Sunday, worship includes four of the songs that form part of our Learning Center ministries' weekly Waumba Chapel. (*Waumba* is a Swahili word that simply means *Creator God*.) If you have kids, have them come up and join with me when I invite them to the front during our singing and sharing time; and of course, you are welcome to join them, too! Then after our worship, join us in the Patch for our annual Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt. Gates open ten minutes after worship, with the hunt starting twenty minutes after that. This is followed at noon by a picnic lunch catered by Streeter Catering, whose owner is one of our parents. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. All proceeds go to benefit our Learning Center ministries.

INVITATION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!

On Invitation Sunday, anyone wishing to become a member of this church family can meet with a team of elders after worship that day and become official members of First Church. This way, folks don't have to wait for a newcomers' seminar to join. Then the next month on that last Sunday, we will welcome our new members through renewal of baptism or baptism into our family of faith, even as we invite others to join that day. So, if you haven't yet joined, next week you'll get your chance!

THE LENTEN MOVIE SERIES CONCLUDES...

This Wednesday **March 21st**, we conclude our annual *Searching for Shalom*-themed Lenten film series, with the stunning film, *Praying the Devil Back to Hell* - one whose story I highlighted last week in worship. This stunning winner of Best Documentary at the Tribeca Film Festival was one of the most universally acclaimed films of 2008.

The film starts at 7 PM with a brief discussion afterwards, and there will be popcorn and chips available for all attendees. Come out and enjoy!